

**THE NOTABLES COLLECTION ,
ca. 1757-1954**

**SKILLMAN LIBRARY
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Notables Collection was derived from materials that were once part of the Kirby Museum, formerly housed in the Kirby Hall of Civil Rights, as well as from materials that were held by Special Collections in Skillman Library. The Notables Collection is comprised of autographs, signed letters, and photographs of various individuals who are noteworthy for their contributions in the realm of social and political change in the United States and abroad.

Letters and documents of particular interest within the Notables Collection include: John Sullivan (IV:13) and his correspondence with John Jay regarding troop movement and supplies during the American Revolution; Washington Irving (I:28a) and his decision not to speak before Lafayette College's Washington Literary Society due to his shyness and discomfort with strangers; Woodrow Wilson (II:30a) and his note "To Lafayette, from a fellow servant of liberty," upon arriving in France in 1918; and James Whitcomb Riley (II:15a) and his handwritten copy of the poem "The Way the Baby Slept."

CALENDAR

Box 1

I:1a Adams, John - to the Honorable Thomas Pinckney - October 27, 1800, ALS,

4 pages

-Provenance: Walter Cady Crane Collection

I:1b Photocopies

I:2a Adams, John Quincy - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:2b Photocopies

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I:3a Bancroft, George - to B.F. Butler - March 23, 1836,

ANS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Frederick B. Peck

I:3b Photocopies

I:4a Benton, Thomas Hart - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:4b Photocopies

I:5a Brandeis, Louis - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:5b Photocopies

I:6a Brown, David Paul - to Eli Kirk Price - 1841, ANS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:6b Photocopies

I:7a Brown, John and John Brown, Jr. - February 4, 1858, ADS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:7b Photocopies

I:7.1a Buchanan, James - to Thomas C. Porter – March 9, 1853, ALA, 1 page

-Provenance: removed from the T. C. Porter Papers

I:7.1b Photocopies

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Butler, B.F. -- Cross-reference, see I:3a Bancroft, George
-- Cross-reference, see II:23a VanBuren, Martin

I:8a Carlisle, George William Frederick Howard, Seventh Earl of,

-to Dr. Hayward, AN, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:8b Photocopies

I:9a Choate, Rufus - ANS and frank, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:9b Photocopies

I:10a Clay, Henry - to W.T. Peters, Esq., April 10, 1840, ANS,

1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Frederick B. Peck

I:10b Photocopies

I:10.5a Coetzee, J.M. – to Ingmar Björkstén, December 21, 1983,

TLS, 1 page

I:10.5b Coetzee, J.M. – to Jeff Schaire, November 30, 1983, TLS, 1 page;

and February 25, 1984, TLS, 1 page

I:10.5c Photocopies

I:11a Coolidge, Calvin - to J. Royal Kinney, February 11, 1924,

TLS, 1 page

I:11b Coolidge, Calvin - engraving

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I:11c Photocopies

I:12a Coolidge, Calvin - to Mr. J.R. Kinney, April 2, 1924, TLS,
1 page

I:12b Photocopies

I:13a Coolidge, Calvin - to Hon. Earle S. Kinsley, June 18, 1924, TLS, 1 page
-Response, June 20, 1924, TLS, 1 page

I:13b Photocopies

I:14a Coolidge, Calvin - to Hon. David T. Montague, September 24,
1923, TLS, 1 page

I:14b Photocopies

I:15a Coolidge, Calvin - to Hon. David T. Montague, March 14,
1929, ALS, 2 pages

I:15b Photocopies

I:16a Coolidge, Calvin - to Louis Seibold, March 5, 1925, TLS,
1 page

I:16b Photocopies

I:17a Cornell, Alonzo B. - to Hon. G. Hilton Scribner, February
25, 1880, ALS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:17b Photocopies

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I:17.5a Crane, Stephen – to Lucius L. Button, November 2, 1894, ALS, 1 page;

and postcard 1894, ANS, 1 page

-Lowenthal gift

I:17.5b Photographs (2) Pendennis Club Scenes – Crane with medical students, skeleton,
and banjo

I:17.5c Printed ephemera: “The time has come, the walrus said to talk of many things”--
honoring Stephen Crane, with autograph and date, December 19, 1895

-From the James J. Wolf Collection at Lafayette

I:17.5d Photocopies

I:18a Crane, W.M. - September 20, 1897, ANS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:18b Photocopies

I:19a Dickens, Charles - to Miss Georgiana Dennet, November 13,
1852, ANS, 1 page

-Gift of Mr. John K. Detwiller

I:19b Photocopies

I:20a Dickens, Charles - to Milner Gibson, July 20, 1868, ANS,
1 page

I:20b Photocopies

I:21a Dickens, Charles - to C.J. Marshall, March 1, 1850,

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ALS, 2 pages

I:21b Dickens, Charles - Engraving

I:21c Photocopies

I:22a Douglas, Stephen - ANS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:22b Photocopies

I:23a Farragut, D.G. - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:23b Farragut, D.G. - engraving

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:23c Photocopies

I:23.1a Flagg, James Montgomery – signed and inscribed photograph, to Mr. Scott,

November 5, 1925

- Provenance: Gift of Paul and June Schlueter, October, 2010

I:23.1b Photocopies

I:24a Gallatin, Albert - to Joseph B. Boyd, November 21,

1837, ALS, 2 pages

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:24b Photocopies

I:25a Grant, Ulysses S. - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

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I:25b Grant, Ulysses S. - engraving

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:25c Photocopies

I:25.1a Grant, U.S. – business card

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:25.1.b Photocopies I.25.1a & museum notecard

I:25.2a Harding, Warren G. to Fred M. Kirby, October 14, 1921, TLS, 1 page

- Provenance: Kirby Library

I:25.2b Photocopies

I:26a Harrison, Benjamin - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

I:26b Photocopies

I:27a Holmes, Oliver Wendell - October 16, 1932, TLS, 1 page

-taken from Kirby Hall classroom

I:27b Holmes, Oliver Wendell - signed photograph, May 9, 1929

-taken from Kirby Hall classroom

I:27c Photocopies

I:28a Irving, Washington - to Washington Literary Society,

Lafayette College, February 24, 1839, ALS, 2 pages

I:28b Photocopies

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Box 2

II:1a Jackson, Andrew - March 11, 1813, ADS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:1b Photocopies

II:2a Johnson, John G. - to Jarvis Mason, Esq., February 17,

1891, ALS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:2b Photocopies

II:2.1a Jay, John – February 18, 1800, ADS, 1 page

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:2.1b Photocopies

II:2.2a Jefferson, Joseph - Nov. 28, 1897, LS and engraving

II:2.2b Photocopies

II:3a Kean, Charles - to unknown, March 8, 1849, ALS, 1 page

-In Lafayette College Library prior to 1955

II:3b Kean, Charles - engraving

-In Lafayette College Library prior to 1955

II:3c Photocopies

II:4a Lansdowne, Charles Keith Petty-Fitzmaurice, Fifth Marquis of, - to

Mr. Kemble, ALS, 3 pages

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II:4b Photocopies

II:5a Macready, W.C. - AN with engraving

-In Lafayette College Library prior to 1955

II:5b Photocopies

II:6a Madison, James - March 18, 1816, ADS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:6b Photocopies

II:7a Madison, James - to W.B. Sprague, September 15, 1834,

AN, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:7b Photocopies

II:8a Mitchell, Donald G. - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Edwin G. Heath

II:8b Photocopies

II:9a Monroe, James - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby museum

II:9b Photocopies

II:10a Monroe, James - to John Taliaferro, July 24, 1821,

ADS, 1 page

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-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:10b Photocopies

II:11a Morse, Samuel Finley Breese - to the Rev. Morse,

October 10, 1803, ALS, 3 pages

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:11b Photocopies

II:11.1a Mott, Dr. John R. - signed photograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:11.1b Photocopies

II:12a Napoleon (Order of one of Napoleon's generals,

"**Alexandre**"), March 20, 1811, Countersigned by Napoleon,

ADS, 2 pages

-Provenance: Walter Cady Crane Collection

II:12b Photocopies

II:12.1a Pierce, Franklin (Act granting bounty land), October 2, 1854, DS, 1 page

II:12.1b Photocopies

II:12.2a Pierce, Franklin (General Land Office grant), September 15, 1854,

DS, 1 page

II:12.2b Photocopies

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II:13a Penn, Thomas - to James Sheel, October 27, 1737, ADS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Edwin G. Heath

II:13b Photocopies

II:14a Pennypacker, Samuel W. - to Hon. F.A. Osbourne, January

9, 1891, ANS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:14b Photocopies

II:14.1a Pinckney, Charles Cotesworth, January 6, 1784, ADS, 1 page

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:14.1b Photocopies

II:15a Riley, James Whitcomb - August 24, 1895, handwritten poem ("The Way the

Baby Slept") -Gift of John K. Detwiller

II:15b Riley, James Whitcomb - signed photograph

-Gift of Mr. John K. Detwiller

II:15c Photocopies

II:16a De Yoe, Luther - to **Edwin A. Robinson** - November 5, 1928,

ALS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:16b Photocopies

II:17a Roosevelt, Theodore - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

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II:17b Photocopies

II:18a Roosevelt, Theodore - to Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart,

October 26, 1906, TLS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:18b Photocopies

II:18.1 Roosevelt, Theodore – signature on White House note card and photograph

(matted together) – Provenance: Gift of Thomas Grimm '61 (2001)

II:19a Rumford - to the President and Secretaries of the French

National Institute, September 3, 1802, ALS, 3 pages

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:19b Photocopies

II:19.1a Salisbury, Frank O. - ANS, 1 page

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:19.1b Photocopies

II:20a Schuyler, George S. - to "My dear friend Jones," January

11, 1933, ANS, 1 page

II:20b Schuyler, George S. - photograph

II:20c Photocopies

II:21a Smith, John Cotton - clipped autograph

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-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:21b Photocopies

II.21.1 Stevenson, Adlai E. – AS photograph

-Inscribed to John H. Ball, 1954

-Provenance: Paul and June Schlueter, December 7, 2001

II:22a Story, Joseph - October 17, 1834, ANS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:22b Photocopies

II:23a Sumner, Charles - to J.M. Thompson, January 23, 1856,

ALS, 2 pages

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Frederick B. Peck

II:23b Photocopies

II:24a Taft, William Howard - to Prof. Miller D. Steever, November

10, 1926, TLS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:24b Photocopies

II.24.1a Taylor, George - Will, January 6, 1781 (Photostat)

- Provenance: Gift of Irwin Mayer

II:24.1b Photocopies

II:25a VanBuren, Martin - to **B.F. Butler**, February, 1842, ANS, 1 page

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-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:25b Photocopies

II:26a VanBuren, Martin - to J.M. Thompson, December 24, 1865,

ALS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Frederick B. Peck

II:26b Photocopies

II:27a Washington, George - to Robert Cary and Co., June 3, 1762,

ALS, 1 page

-Provenance: Essex County (NJ) Country Club

II:27b Photocopies

II:27.1a Washington, George - card of invitation from the

Committee of Arrangement to the Rev. Mr. Doddridge

for the funeral oration in memory of George

Washington, December, 1799

II:27.1b Photocopies and envelope (that the card was stored in)

-Provenance: Mr. Ethan Allan Weaver

II:27.2a Washington, George - silk ribbon commemorating

the centennial of the birth of Washington, February

22, 1832

II:27.3a 3 images

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II:28a Webster, Daniel - January 21, 1841, AN, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Frederick B. Peck

II:28b Photocopies

II:29a Webster, Daniel - August 9, 1841, ADS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:29b Photocopies

II:29.1a Wilson, Woodrow – to Walter L. McCorkle, may 11, 1903, TLS, 1 page

- Provenance: Phi Kappa Psi, Pennsylvania Theta Chapter, Lafayette College

II:29.1b Color scans and appraisal

II:30a Wilson, Woodrow - December, 1918, ANS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Edwin G. Heath

II:30b Photocopies

II:31a Wirt, William - clipped autograph

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

II:31b Photocopies

II:32a Woolsey, T.D. - January 30, 1857, ALS, 1 page

-Provenance: Kirby Museum, gift of Mrs. Frederick B. Peck

II:32b Photocopies

II:33a Autograph Book

-Includes signatures of notables: **John Wanamaker;**

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Charles Foster; and John W. Noble, among others.

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

Oversize Box 3

III:1 Lafayette administrators with Fred Morgan Kirby

- at the dedication of Kirby Hall of Civil Rights

- signed by all in photograph

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:2 Adams, George B. – photograph

- inscribed to F.M. Kirby

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:3 Babcock, E.V. – photograph

- inscribed to F.M. Kirby

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:4 Beale, Joseph H. – photograph

- signed

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:4.1 King Carol of Romania – 2 photographs

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:4.2 Cleveland, Grover – photogravure, March 5, 1908

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- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:5 Coolidge, Calvin – photograph

- inscribed to F.M. Kirby

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:6 Davis, James J. – photograph

- inscribed to F.M. Kirby

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:7 Fisher, John S. – photograph

- inscribed to F.M. Kirby

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:7.1 Fiske, Haley – photograph

- signed

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:8 Foch, F. – photograph in frame

- signed

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:8.1 Foch, F. – photograph, Prague 1925

-Provenance: Kirby Museum

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III:9 Greeley, Horace – to Mr. Dusenberry, May 8, 1853, ALS, 2 pages

- fused together with original letter from Mr. Dusenberry
- Provenance: Kirby Museum
- Gift of Mrs. Katherine Winton Murray of Scranton, PA.

III:9.1 Hemingway, Ernest – envelope addressed by Hemingway to Bill Davis from Habana, Cuba 1959. Matted with photograph of Ernest and Mary Hemingway, Annie and Bill Davis and Rupert Belleville in Madrid

- Provenance: Gift of Thomas Grimm '61 (2001)

III:10 Hoover, Herbert – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:11 Hughes, Charles Evans – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:12 Hughes, Charles Evans – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

III:13 Hyde, Charles Cheney – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

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III:13.1 Longfellow, Henry W. – Holograph Verse signed, Feb. 15, 1854

and Photograph (framed)

- Provenance: Anonymous Gift, October 6, 1994

III:14 Lowell, A. Lawrence – (photograph of portrait)

- signed

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:1 Madero, Francisco Indalecio – photograph

- signed

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

Oversize Box 4

IV:1.1 Madison, James – 20 September 1813, DS,

1 page (also signed by James Monroe) as Secretary of State

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:2 March, Peyton – photograph of portrait

- inscribed to the Kirby Museum

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:2.1 Masaryk, Tomas – 2 photographs

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IV:3 Matsudama, T. – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:4 McCartan, Edward – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:5 McIlwaine, Charles H. – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:6 Miro, Joan – to unnamed correspondent, July 27, 1937, ALS, 1 page

- matted with small reproduction of “Person Looking at the Sun”
- Gift of Wilson E. Hughes ‘38
- cross reference – Monroe, James see III.1.1 Madison, James

IV:6.1 Pepper, George Wharton – photograph

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:7 Pershing, John J. – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:8 Roberts, Owen J. – photograph

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- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:9 Roosevelt, Franklin Delano – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:10 Root, Elihu – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:11 Schwab, C.W. – photograph

- inscribed to F.M. Kirby
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:12 Stimson, Henry L. – photograph

- signed
- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:13 Sullivan, John – to John Jay, July 21, 1779, ALS, 4 pages

- Bound in a volume with **Jay, John** – to Governor Clinton, October 25, 1779, ALS, 1 page
- Gift of E.M. Mills, Class of 1891

IV:14 Sullivan, John – engraving

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IV:15 Duplicates of letters of Sullivan and Jay

IV:16 Wakefield of Hythe, Lord Mayor of London – photograph (hand-colored)

- signed

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

VI:17 Wilson, George Grafton – photograph

- signed

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:18 Willoughby, W.W. – photograph

- signed

- Provenance: Kirby Museum

IV:19 Miscellaneous/Unidentified – 9 photographs, 1 autograph clipped

Oversize Box 5

[contains items which relate to George Washington only]

V:1 Green glass flask - (one side of flask has image of

Washington, other side is image of Zachary Taylor)

-See Gardner file for provenance

V:2 Statuette of bust and wooden stand - bust of Washington

V:3 Two identical copies of oversize medals - image of

Washington bust on front of medal - across the front, center of medal reads

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"Pater-Patriae - MDCCLXXXIX" - issued for inauguration of Washington
-Provenance: Grahame Smallwood, Phila., 1972 (?)

V:4 See **IV:3** for description

V:5 Piece of porcelain - with portrait of Washington -
probably fragment of pitcher or jug - broken and reglued