

**RECORDS OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS  
OF LAFAYETTE, 1930 -**

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**HISTORICAL SKETCH**

The American Friends of Lafayette has its origins at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. This society, dedicated to the memory of the Marquis de Lafayette and devoted to the study of his life, was founded during the college's centennial celebration in 1932. A group of avid Lafayette enthusiasts and scholars met at the college on May 20, the anniversary of Lafayette's death. Fifty-two people from the United States and France convened at the invitation of Lafayette College president William Mather Lewis. The society was initially envisioned as early as 1931 by Stuart Wells Jackson of Gloucester, Virginia, who then suggested his idea to other Lafayette admirers. This included Judge Walter Pennett Gardner of New Jersey. Both these men were the country's leading Lafayette collectors at that time. Jackson and Gardner were to become the official founders of the society.

Of the fifty-two charter members who met at Lafayette College in 1932, thirteen were selected to name the society, draw up the by-laws, and elect officers. The first officers of the American Friends of Lafayette became: President, Judge Walter Pennett Gardner; Vice-President, Stuart Wells Jackson; Secretary, Theodore Eli Norton; Honorary Vice-Presidents, Mr. Brand Whitlock, Mr. Walter Evans Edge and M. Paul Claudel.

During the first six years, the society flourished as a non-dues paying organization with a membership of over one thousand people. This was due mainly to the enthusiasm and dedication of Judge Gardner, who constantly sought out Lafayette enthusiasts to join their enrollment. The American Friends of Lafayette attempted to further Lafayette-related scholarship by publishing articles during these early years.

Over the years, the American Friends of Lafayette have participated in a number of Lafayette-related activities. Besides their annual and executive meetings, the society has taken part in the Yorktown Day Celebration at Yorktown, Virginia and is a constituent member of the Yorktown Day Association. Representative members annually attend the Fourth of July ceremony held at Lafayette's grave in Picpus Cemetery, Paris. In 1942, The Gazette of the American Friends of Lafayette was initiated by Dr. Frank Monaghan of Yale University. This publication is issued periodically to the membership as well as to many universities, libraries, and historical societies throughout the country.

Besides acting as official headquarters for the American Friends of Lafayette, Lafayette College is also the repository of the society's collection since 1940. Many materials in this collection were contributed by members and include books, pamphlets, prints, manuscripts, and memorabilia connected with the Marquis de Lafayette.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The records of the American Friends of Lafayette (10.5 linear feet – 13 boxes) are organized into the following series arrangement:

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|-------|---|
| Box 1 | I. Early Correspondence: 1932-47 - A to Fa  |
| Box 2 | I. Early Correspondence: Fe to Jackson, Stuart W.                                 |
| Box 3 | I. Early Correspondence: Jackson, Stuart W. to Ri                                 |
| Box 4 | I. Early Correspondence: Roa to Z<br>II. Later Correspondence: 1938-59 - A to Car |
| Box 5 | II. Later Correspondence: Cas to Kendall, Messmore                                |

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Box 6	II. Later Correspondence: Kendall, Messmore to Z III. Officer Files: Amyot to Panaggio
Box 7	III. Officer Files: Panaggio to Cieslicki
Box 8	III. Officer Files: Cieslicki to Evans
Box 9	IV. Stuart Wells Jackson Papers: 1930-53 - A to Z
Box 10	V. Subject Files: 1932- - A to I
Box 11	V. Subject Files: L to P
Box 12	V. Subject Files: Q to Z
Box 13	Oversize

Series I (Box 1-4) contains early correspondence of the American Friends of Lafayette dating from 1932-47. These records are arranged alphabetically by member's name and chronologically within each member's correspondence. Early records were maintained by American Friends of Lafayette secretary Theodore E. Norton and include original letters received and carbon copies of letters sent to every member associated with the society. This early correspondence of the American Friends of Lafayette mainly reflects the officers attempts to build a membership of Lafayette admirers and scholars. Many carbon copies of this series are invitations to join the society, with resulting correspondence indicating the extent to which every member was interested and involved with the group.

Later correspondence of Series II (Box 4-6) dates 1938-59 and follows the same arrangement as the early correspondence of Series I. Despite the fact that the records of this series cover more years, this later correspondence is much less extensive and reflects a slow diminishment in correspondence between the American Friends of Lafayette secretary and the society's membership.

Officer files of Series III (Box 6-8) are organized into the following arrangement: president, secretary, and treasurer. Within each grouping, files are arranged alphabetically by officer's name and chronologically within each officer's records. These files date from 1951 to the present, with the bulk of the officer records dating from the 1970's and 1980's.

American Friends of Lafayette founder Stuart Wells Jackson maintained various records dealing with the society. These papers can be found in Series IV (Box 9) and date 1930-1953. Records are organized alphabetically by subject matter. Jackson's papers are valuable as a record of the early discussions with other avid Lafayette enthusiasts who were interested in the formation of the American Friends of Lafayette. Extensive records containing correspondence between Jackson and Louis Gottschalk, long-time American Friends of Lafayette member and Lafayette historian, exists within this series and most often deals with questions Jackson had regarding materials in his private Lafayette collection. Many of these materials eventually came to the Lafayette College Marquis de Lafayette Collections.

Subject files of Series V (Box 10-12) include a wide range of records relating to the American Friends of Lafayette society. These files are organized alphabetically by subject headings and date 1932 to the present. Records here deal with the activities of the American Friends of Lafayette and include the Minute Book (1932-59) of the society, which contains the minutes of both annual and executive meetings. Detailed membership records are maintained in this series as well.

All oversize materials are filed in Box 13.

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**INVENTORY**

**Box 1**

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I.	Early Correspondence: 1932-47	
	A-Bou	1-9
	Boyd, Julian P.	10
	Bov-Cal	11-14
	Cameron, A. Guyot	15
	Camp-Chab	16-17
	Chambrun, R.A. de	18-19
	Chan-Chil	20
	Chinard, Gilbert	21
	Cho-Coll	22-24
	Columbia, Curtis F.	25
	Com-Fa	26-37

**Box 2**

I.	Early Correspondence (cont.)	
	Fe-Farb	1-2
	Ford, Allyn K.	3
	Ford, Jeremiah D.M.	4
	For-Gar	5-7
	Gardner, W.P.	8-16
	Gardner, W.P. Mrs.-Gou	17
	Gen-Gil	18
	Girondie, A.	19
	Githens, H.	20
	Gl-Glo	21
	Godfrey, C.E.	22
	Goo-Gor	23
	Gottschalk, L.	24
	Gou-Haig	25-28
	Haines, E.I.	29
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I.	Early Correspondence (cont.)	
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	Jackson, S.W. Mrs.-Jon	6
	Jon-Len	7-13
	Leon, M.	14
	Leu-Lew	15
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	Lie-Ml	17-27
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Nolan, J.B.	34
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Paris, W.F.	39
Park-Phillips, Mrs. T.	40-42
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Pi-Ri	44-48

**Box 4**

I.	Early Correspondence (cont.)	Roa-Shre	1-7
		Shriver, J.A.	8
		Si-Stra	9-13
		Strong, A.	14
		Strow-Z	15-28
II.	Later Correspondence: 1938-59	Ames, L.A.	29-31
		A-Car	32-38

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II.	Later Correspondence (cont.)	Cas-Cal	1
		Chambrum, J.	2
		Chand-Che	3
		Chinard, G.	4
		Chu-Deyo	5-7
		Deyoe, W.L.	8
		Di-Forb	9-11
		Ford, A.K.	12
		Fas-Fr	13
		Furst, J.H.	14
		Ga-Gill	15
		Gilmer, A.H.	16
		Gilmer, J.C.-Gor	17
		Gottschalk, L.	18
		Gough, J.F.	19-20
		Gough, Mrs. J.F.-I	21-23
		Jackson, H.E.	24
		Jackson, S.W.	25-38
		Jam-Kea	39-40
		Kendall, M.	41-42

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II.	Later Correspondence (cont.)	Kendall, M.	1-3
		Kenn-Lz	4-6
		McAllister, T.	7
		Ma-MacIntire, J.	8-12

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Na-Ne	17
Nolan, J.B.	18-20
Norton, L.H.	21
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III.	Officer Files: A to Z	
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	1957-59	41
	-Rotberg:	42
	-Panaggio: 1991-96	43
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III.	Officer Files (cont.)	
	-Panaggio (cont.)	
	1988-89	1
	1987 (Jan-Apr)	2
	1987 (May-Dec.)	3
	1986 (Jun-Dec)	4
	1986 (Jan-May)	5
	1985 (Jun-Dec)	6
	1985 (Jan-May)	7
	1984 (Aug-Dec)	8
	1984 (Jan-Jul)	9
	1983 (Aug-Dec)	10
	1983 (Jan-Jul)	11
	1982 (Jun-Dec)	12
	1982 (Jan-May)	13
	1981	14
	1980	15
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	1977	19
	1974-76	20
	-Secretary-Anderson: 1971-73	21
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1987	25-26
1986	27-28
1985	29-32

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III.	Officer Files (cont.)	-Cieslicki	1985	1-2
			1984	3
			1981-83	4
		-Gennett:	1972-73	5
		-MacIntire:	1968-72	6
			1968-71	7
			1965-67	8
		-Thompson:	1956-57	9
		-Treasurer-Boston:	1955-57	10
			1951-54	11
		-Spear:	1969-88	12
			1985-88	13
		-Evans:	1987-88	14
			1989	15
			1990	16
			1991	17
			1992-93	18
			1994-95	19
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			(No date)	21

**Box 9**

IV.	Stuart Wells Jackson Papers: 1930-1953			
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	-Annual Meeting:	1943		2
		1944		3
			1950	4
			1951	5
			1953	6
	-Book Plate			7
	-Colleges			8
	-Correspondence: 1936			9
	-Flag and Colors			10
	-Institute Francais de Washington:	1943-50, 1942		11-12
	-Lafayette Centenary Medal:	1934		13
	-Acknowledgements			14
	-Correspondence			15-17
	<u>-Lafayette &amp; Slavery</u>			18-19
	-Letters to Gottschalk:	1940-43		20
		1938-39		21
		1936-37		22

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	1934-35	23
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-Letters from Gottschalk:	1941-48	26
	1939-40	27
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-Miscellaneous AFL:1941-44		33
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-Tara		35
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**Box 10**

V.	Subject Files: 1932 -	
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	-AFL Collection-Accession Book:	1933-74 2
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	-Copyrights	4
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	-Cur Non Bookplates (1934)	8
	-Annual Meetings:	1932-1938 9
	-AFL Collection-Stevens Facsimiles	10
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		1944 12
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	-Blank envelopes with printed return addresses	18
	-Cassette tapes (2 meetings, 1975 & 1978)	19
	-Correspondence-Form Letters	20
	-French Ambassadors	21
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	-Financial Records:	1934-35 23
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	-PA Commission on Charitable Organizations	30
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**Box 11**

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	-Lafayette Postage Stamp:1952	1
	-Lafayette Preventorium, Chavaniac	2
	-Letterhead / Forms	3
	-Maps	4
	-Medal-AFL Commemorative 1934	5
	-Membership -General	1932-53 6
		1932 7
	-Active Members:	1949- 8
	-Associate Members:	1953 9
	-Charter Members:	1932 10
	-Deceased:	1939-56 11
	-Executive Council:	1952 12
	-Honorary Members:	1952-53 13
	-Prospective Members:	1932-50 14
	-Resignations:	1943-56 15
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**Box 12**

V.	Subject Files (cont.)	
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