

# **William Bebb**

## **A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Papers of William Bebb

**Span Dates:** 1705-1849

**Bulk Dates:** 1812-1849

**ID No.:** MSS80901

**Creator:** Bebb, William, 1802-1873

**Extent:** 140 items; 1 container; .2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** Educator, lawyer, and governor of Ohio. Autograph letters and clipped signatures from an album started for Bebb by his father, Edward Bebb, and Samuel Roberts, Welsh political reformer and founder of a settlement in Tennessee. Includes autographs of British politicians, military leaders, authors, and missionaries. Letters collected by William Bebb himself include those from prominent Americans including John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun, William Henry Harrison, and Thomas Jefferson. Bebb's own correspondence relates to Ohio and Whig politics.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Personal Names

Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848--Correspondence.

Bebb, Edward.

Bebb, William, 1802-1873.

Bright, John, 1811-1889--Correspondence.

Brough, John, 1811-1865--Correspondence.

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850--Correspondence.

Corwin, Thomas, 1794-1865--Correspondence.

Dallas, Alexander James, 1759-1817--Correspondence.

Ewing, Thomas, 1789-1871--Correspondence.

Ford, Seabury, 1801-1855--Correspondence.

Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence.

Hammond, Charles, 1779-1840--Correspondence.

Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841--Correspondence.

Hull, William, 1753-1825--Correspondence.

Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845--Correspondence.

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826--Correspondence.

Macaulay, Thomas Babington Macaulay, Baron, 1800-1859--Correspondence.

McLean, John, 1785-1861--Correspondence.

Palgrave, Francis, Sir, 1788-1861--Correspondence.

Peel, Robert, Sir, 1788-1850--Correspondence.

Richard, Henry, 1812-1888--Correspondence.

Roberts, Samuel, 1800-1885.

Vinton, Samuel Finley, 1792-1862--Correspondence.

Whitcomb, James, 1795-1852--Correspondence.

Winchester, James, 1752-1826--Correspondence.

Worthington, Thomas, 1773-1827--Correspondence.

Wright, John C. (John Crafts), 1783-1861--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Whig Party (U.S.)

### Subjects

Authors, English--Autographs.

Autographs.  
Missionaries--Great Britain--Autographs.  
Politicians--Great Britain--Autographs.  
Statesmen--United States--Autographs.

#### **Locations**

Great Britain--Armed Forces--Officers--Autographs.  
Ohio--Politics and government--19th century.

#### **Occupations**

Educators.  
Governors--Ohio.  
Lawyers.

## **Administrative Information**

#### **Provenance:**

The papers of William Bebb, educator, lawyer, and governor of Ohio, were given to the Library of Congress by Hellen Bebb in 1990.

#### **Processing History:**

The papers of William Bebb were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2007. A description of the William Bebb Papers appears in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1990*, pp. 7-9.

#### **Copyright Status:**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William Bebb is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

#### **Preferred Citation:**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, William Bebb Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of William Bebb (1802-1873) span the years 1705-1849, with the bulk of the material dating from 1812 to 1849. The papers consist of pages from a dismantled autograph album containing approximately 140 letters and clipped signatures. Portions of an appraisal containing a partial description of the album is available in the Manuscript Reading Room. The album appears to have been started for Bebb by his father, Edward Bebb, and Samuel Roberts (1800-1885), Welsh political reformer and founder of a Welsh settlement in Tennessee. The first part of the collection contains letters and signatures of British politicians, military figures, authors, and missionaries in India, China, and Africa. Included are letters from John Bright (1811-1889), Thomas Babington Macaulay, Francis Palgrave, Robert Peel (1788-1850), and Henry Richard (1812-1898).

The second part of the collection consists largely of letters from prominent Americans addressed to or collected by William Bebb. Included among the collected items is a letter from Thomas Jefferson in 1807 concerning the use of volunteer forces against Indian attacks west of the Mississippi, a letter from Andrew Jackson concerning a Creek uprising on the southern frontier in 1813, and a letter from William Henry Harrison regarding his victory against combined British and Indian forces on the banks of the Thames River in southeastern Ontario in 1813. Bebb also acquired letters written by John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun, Alexander J. Dallas, Charles Hammond (1779-1840), William Hull (1753-1825), James Winchester (1752-1826), and Thomas Worthington (1773-1827), among others. Bebb's own correspondence includes letters from John Brough, Thomas Corwin, Thomas Ewing (1789-1871), Seabury Ford, Horace Greeley, John McLean, Samuel Finley Vinton, James Whitcomb, and John C. Wright (1783-1861). Whig and Ohio politics are discussed in many of these letters.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The original order of the album's pagination has been maintained.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Autograph album, 1705-1849, n.d. (3 folders)