

**R. R. Bowker**

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

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Papers of R. R. Bowker

**Span Dates:** 1831-1931

**ID No.:** MSS13433

**Creator:** Bowker, R.R. (Richard Rogers), 1848-1933

**Extent:** 2,200 items; 11 containers plus 1 oversize; 2.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Abstract:** Editor, publisher, bibliographer, author, literary promoter, and industrial director. Correspondence, certificates, clippings, international copyright law material, literary manuscripts, and miscellaneous items relating chiefly to Bowker's activity as an organizer of the Independent Republican movement. Included are literary manuscripts by European and American authors and correspondence with writers, politicians, and inventors.

## 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.

### Names:

Bowker, R.R. (Richard Rogers), 1848-1933

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey, 1836-1907

Bell, Alexander Graham, 1847-1922--Correspondence

Clay, Henry, 1777-1852--Correspondence

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Correspondence

Dobson, Austin, 1840-1921

Fawcett, Edgar, 1847-1904--Correspondence

Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928

Marble, Manton, 1834-1917--Correspondence

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )

### Subjects:

American literature

European literature

United States--Politics and government--1865-1900

### Occupations:

Authors

Bibliographers

Editors

Publishers

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of R. R. Bowker, editor, publisher, bibliographer, author, literary promoter, and industrial director, were received by the Library of Congress from Bowker's estate in 1938 and 1940.

### Processing History:

Part of the R. R. Bowker Papers were bound in 1947. A finding aid was created in 2005.

**Copyright Status:**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of R. R. Bowker is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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, R. R. Bowker Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Richard Rogers Bowker (1848-1933) span the years 1831-1931. The papers chiefly relate to Bowker's activity as an early organizer of the Independent Republican movement in 1879, but also include literary works of European and American authors such as Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Austin Dobson, and Thomas Hardy. Also included is correspondence of Alexander Graham Bell, Henry Clay, Grover Cleveland, Edgar Fawcett, and Manton Marble. The collection also contains international copyright law material, autographs, printed matter such as "Star of Delta Alpha" lyrics and sheet music, and other printed matter. Bound volumes of letters and writings are arranged alphabetically by name of author.

A file on international copyright contains surveys of authors' views on the law as well as signed petitions urging Congress to enact legislation. Miscellaneous clippings, correspondence, Independent Republican campaign matter, pamphlets, photographs and drawings, a passport and birth certificate, and other printed matter are also included among Bowker's papers. The oversize items consist of a map of England and various certificates given to Bowker.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material.

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| BOX 11           | Correspondence, 1875-1895, 1909, n.d.<br>(2 folders)                  |
| BOX 11           | Independent Republican campaign, 1879-1884, 1917, n.d.<br>(2 folders) |
| BOX 11           | Map of England, n.d. <a href="#"><i>See Oversize</i></a>              |
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