

**William George Spencer letters,
1839-1849, to Caroline Watts
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Mss.B.Sp32**

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Summary Information

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Abstract	<p>In these letters to Caroline Watts, a young friend and teacher in Durham, England, Spencer writes principally about the teaching of geometry and astronomy. He also comments on current political and literary events in England, including John Bright's defeat, the Corn Laws, and theories about health and religion. There is frequent mention of his brother Thomas Spencer, and his son Herbert Spencer.</p>

Background note

William George Spencer was a mathematician.

Administrative Information

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Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- General Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Great Britain -- Politics and government -- 1837-1901.

Personal Name(s)

- Bright, John, 1811-1889
- Spencer, Herbert, 1820-1903
- Spencer, Thomas, 1796-1853
- Watts, Caroline

Subject(s)

- Astronomy -- Study and teaching.
- Beyond Early America

- Corn laws (Great Britain)
- Geometry -- Study and teaching.
- Health.
- Religion.

Other Descriptive Information

This collection consists of letters from William Spencer to Caroline Watts about a range of topics, most of which relate to affairs in England during the nineteenth century. He discusses current affairs, like the Corn laws, and scientific and pedagogical issues.

Other Descriptive Information

There are typed transcripts for the first six letters.