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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	American Philosophical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882
<b>Title</b>	Charles Darwin Papers Editorial Project Collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1821-1882
<b>Call number</b>	Mss.Ms.Coll.28
<b>Extent</b>	48.0 Linear feet
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<b>Location</b>	LH-B-39-3
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Container</b>	1-107
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The project to publish the complete correspondence of the British naturalist Charles Darwin began in 1974 under the editorial guidance of Frederick Burkhardt with the assistance of Sydney Smith. Drawing heavily on the 9,000 letters located at Cambridge University and 950 at the American Philosophical Society, the project has made efforts to locate, transcribe, and publish every known letter written by Darwin. Over 200 institutions in 20 countries have contributed to the project, yielding a total of 15,000 letters.</p> <p>The Darwin material was assembled in photocopy by the Darwin Papers Editorial Project, and includes a copy of nearly every letter known to have been written by Darwin and many written to him. These are arranged alphabetically by correspondent, and are inventoried thoroughly in</p>

Burkhardt, *A Calendar of the Correspondence of Charles Darwin, 1821-1882.*

**Preferred Citation**

Materials should be cited as requested by the institution holding the original.

## Background note

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## Scope & content

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In addition to correspondence, the collection includes over 3 linear feet of manuscripts written by Darwin held at Cambridge University and described in the *Handlist of Darwin Papers at the University Library Cambridge* (Cambridge, 1960). Some of the manuscripts listed in this handlist are not present at the APS.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society 2003

## Restrictions

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### Restrictions on Use

Materials may be consulted at the APS, but photocopies must be obtained through the institution holding the original. Permission to publish must be obtained from the institution holding the original.

## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

Gift of the Darwin Papers Project, 1984.

### Processing Information

Recatalogued by rsc, 2003.

### Original Location

The location of the originals from which these photocopies were made is listed on the item itself or can be ascertained by reference to Burkhardt, *A Calendar of the Correspondence of Charles Darwin, 1821-1882*.

## Related Materials

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### Related Material

The APS [Charles Darwin Papers](#) contain approximately 950 letters written by and to Darwin.

All of the letters written by Darwin have been or will be published in Burkhardt, Frederick, ed., *Correspondence of Charles Darwin*.

See also the website for the Darwin Papers project at Cambridge University ( <http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/Departments/Darwin/>, ), which includes a searchable online database ( <http://darwin.lib.cam.ac.uk/>).

## Indexing Terms

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### Subject(s)

- Beyond Early America
- Evolution (Biology)

## Other Finding Aids

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Burkhardt, Frederick, *A Calendar of the Correspondence of Charles Darwin, 1821-1882* (New York, 1985).

## Other Descriptive Information

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This manuscript collection falls outside the geographic scope of the Early American guide (British North America and the United States before 1840). It may be of interest to scholars interested in global history, international relations, imperialism, or the U.S. in the world.