

American Antiquarian Society
Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

Garver, Austin Samuel, Letters, 1884-1907

Location:

Octavo volumes "G"

Size of collection:

7 octavo volumes

N.U.C.M.C. number:

RLIN id:

Sources of information on collection:

For biographical information on Garver, see the obituary in the *AAS Proceedings*, vol. 28 (1918), p. 151-152.

Source of collection:

Gift of the estate of Austin S. Garver, 1931

Collection description:

Austin Samuel Garver (1847-1918), a graduate of Andover Theological Seminary, was the pastor of the Second Parish Church (Unitarian) in Worcester, Mass., for twenty-five years, retiring in 1910. He was active in religious, educational, and philanthropic work in Worcester and taught art classes for many years. In 1881, he married Sarah C. Brackett, of Braintree, Mass.

These volumes are typewritten copies of letters he sent home while traveling with his wife in Europe, Egypt, and the Middle East. Each volume contains the letters from one trip and several volumes have interleaved loose items (tickets, programs, postcards, mementos, etc.). The sixth journal "Europe in 1899 (Bicycle Trip)" includes many photographs taken and developed by Garver. His letters, which are graphic in their descriptions of scenery, art, and architecture, also reflect his political interests, conversations with acquaintances, and impressions of foreign cultures.

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