

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Brigham, Clarence Saunders, Papers</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Mss. boxes "B" Special Stack Room</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>3 mss. boxes in Manuscripts Room; 138 folders, 2 cardboard boxes, 2 wrapped folders, and 3 mss. boxes in Special Stack Room</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>None. For biographical information, see Clifford K. Shipton's obituary of Brigham in the AAS <u>Proceedings</u>, vol. 73, part 2 (October 1963), pp. 328-338.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gifts of Clarence S. Brigham</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u> X </u></p> <p>Microfilm <u> X </u></p> <p>No copies <u> </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>Clarence Saunders Brigham (1877-1963) began his distinguished library career while a student at Brown University. After graduation in 1899 he was appointed librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society and in 1908 he left that position to accept the offer of the librarian's post at AAS. He was named director of the Society in 1930 and was made its president in 1955. He resigned fifty-one years after he began working in Worcester. Brigham was a dedicated librarian and bibliographer, and many important collections at AAS are almost entirely his gathering. In addition to his efforts as a collector, he produced, after 35 years of research, a valuable history and bibliography of American newspapers, 1690-1820. He also published <u>Paul Revere's Engravings</u> (1954) and a memoir of his work at AAS entitled <u>Fifty Years of Collecting Americana</u> (1958).</p> <p>The bulk of this collection was generated by Brigham's work on American newspapers and Revere's engravings. For the newspaper project there are 138 folders, arranged geographically, of correspondence and notes. There are also two cardboard boxes of page proofs and two folders of page proofs. For the Revere project there are three boxes of notes and correspondence, arranged by topic, and one folder in the first box of reviews and letters sent to Brigham praising the work. Box three also contains a folder of letters praising <u>Fifty Years of Collecting Americana</u>. All these materials are stored in the Special Stack Room.</p>	

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The first box in the Manuscripts Room holds personal and library correspondence written to Brigham, 1899-1908, arranged by writer. The second box has Brown University memorabilia, typewritten college papers and articles, newspaper clippings dated during Brigham's tenure at the Rhode Island Historical Society, and a few personal photographs (most of them unidentified). The third box has printed booklets and articles, Rhode Island photographs evidently gathered in connection with a printed guide to the state, and miscellaneous notes and papers, as well as a folder of Brigham family genealogical material.

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