

# A. M. (Allyn Mather) Colegrove:

## An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Colegrove, A. M. (Allyn Mather), 1826?-1895?
<b>Title:</b>	A. M. (Allyn Mather) Colegrove Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1883-1889, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	1 document box (.42 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Incoming correspondence and legal agreements of A. M. (Allyn Mather) Colegrove, an American theater manager at the McDonough Opera House in Middletown, Connecticut in the late nineteenth century. Colegrove's collection was formerly part of the Ransom Center's Theater Arts Manuscripts Collection, but now forms a separate, discrete collection.
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- Acquisition:** Acquired as a segment of the Messmore Kendall Collection, 1958. The A. M. Colegrove Collection was formerly a part of the Center's Theater Arts Manuscripts Collection, but now forms a separate, discrete collection.
- Processed by:** Joan Sibley and Richard Workman, 2021. Note: This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
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**Recipient:****Container**  
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Aborn, Milton, 1864-1933. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 9 December 1887.

Adams, George H. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 1886.

Allen, W. L. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 17 November 1887.

Arden, Edwin Hunter Pendleton, 1864-1918. 3 telegrams to Colegrove, A. M., 14, 20 and 23 October 1885.

Atkinson, Charles. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 27 October 1884. Written by amanuensis.

Atkinson, Charles. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 3 April and 29 May 1886.

Bacon, Charles R. FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 3 May 1887.

Barrington, Will A. 2 AL to Colegrove, A. M., 22 and 27 August 1887.

Barry, Tom. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 11 August 1887.

Blaisdel, William B. 3 ALS, FL to Colegrove, A. M., 25 August 1885, 25 April and 28 May 1886.

Bothner, Gus. FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 16 August 1887.

Broaker, Frank. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 16 January 1888.

Brock, R. H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 25 February 1885.

Brooks, J. E. ALS, FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 22 September and 17 November 1883.

Brotherton, George C. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Burgess, Fred. 2 telegrams to Colegrove, A. M., 29 November and 10 December 1884.

Burke, Charles. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 23 September 1887.

Burke, Charles. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 24 October 1887.

Canby, A. H. 3 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 19 and 21 June 1885, 15 July no year.

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Canning, M. W. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 8 October 1886.

Carroll, J. W. 3 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 4 April, 4 and 18 June 1887.

Carroll, Richard Field, 1865-1925. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 3 and 27 November 1885.

Chapman & Sellers. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 8 March 1887.

Chappell, W. J. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 15 March 1884.

Chase, Charles W. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 21 November 1887, 3 January 1888.

Clark & Raymond. FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 29 December 1883.

Clarke, W. H. FL to Colegrove, A. M., 11 December 1883.

Clayburgh, Edward. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 21 December 1887.

Cline, Carver B. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 30 August 1884.

Cokefair, R. H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 12 July 1883.

Colby, George W. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 30 August 1884.

Coley, A. B. ALS, telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 5 and 27 April 1886.

Collier, J. W. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 1 May 1883.

Comley, W. J. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 12 November 1883.

Corbyn, Sheridan. 3 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 4 and 22 January, 5 February 1886.

Crawford, Walker. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 14 May 1886.

Curtis, George J. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 9 July 1883.

Curtis, M. B. 3 telegrams to Colegrove, A. M., 4 and 5 February 1887.

D'Arcy, Hugh Antoine, 1843-1925. ALS, 2 FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 23 April 1883, 1886, 1887.

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Davidson, Dore, 1850-1930. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 16 November 1885.

Davis, Thomas H. 2 ALS, FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 3 July and 4 September 1887, 6 February 1888.

Day, Wilson. 3 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 2 January, 3 March, and 12 May 1887.

DeLydston, Frank. FL to Colegrove, A. M., 11 September 1887.

Dingess, John A. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 15 November 1884.

Dixon, A. J. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 1886.

Draper, S. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 7 September 1886.

Duffy, Will J. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 4 May 1885.

Dunn, Frank V. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 11 August 1887.

Edwards, W. A. FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 1883.

Edwards, W. P. FL to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Ellis, H. I. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 14 March 1887.

Falls, William R. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 21 April 1888.

Favor, Ed. M. ALS, telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 15 March 1887, undated.

Felton, Fred. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 29 March 1885.

Foote, Richard. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 17 May and 1 June 1886.

France, George. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 9 March 1887.

Friday, William H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Froom, Harry A. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 28 May 1883.

Gardiner, C. R. TLS to Colegrove, A. M., 29 October 1887.

Gardiner, E. M. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Gardner, Frank L. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 23 June 1885.

Gausman, J. H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 14 November 1886.

Gayler, Frank C. FL to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Grover, Leonard, 1835- . Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 13 December 1885.

Hanson, J. H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 3 April 1888.

Hassenforder, C. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 17 November 1887.

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Haynes, E. G. 2 ALS, FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 6 August, 14 and 19 October 1886.

Henry, John J. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 10 January 1884.

Hicks, Carl H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 11 September 1887.

Hildebrand, C. D. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 3 July and 24 September 1886.

Hill, J. M. Telegram, ALS, FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 24 March and 25 April 1885, undated.

Hinds, John T. FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 24 September 1886.

Hine, Henry. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 3 and 14 August 1885.

Hofman, W. B. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 7 November 1885.

Holloway, W. H. FL to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Hopkins, J. D. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 7 December 1885.

Howard, Charles L. AL to Colegrove, A. M., 29 November 1886.

Howard and Warde. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 12 November 1885.

Hoyt, A. E. FL to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Humphrey & Crossley. AL to Colegrove, A. M., 2 March 1888.

Jack, Sam T. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 22 November 1886.

Jennison, W. R. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 1 December 1887.

Johnson, L. P. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 8 March no year.

Jones, Frank. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 4 March 1885. With enclosure.

Jones, George. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 16 October 1885.

Joyce, J. F. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 11 December 1885.

Keffer, Wallace P. FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 1887.

Kelly, W. W., 1853-1933. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 6 November 1884.

Keyes, D. A. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 11 March 1887.

Kinnard & Huxtable. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 20 May 1886.

Krumm, Nelson, Mrs. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 20 April 1886.

Lang, Edwin R. 3 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 20 February, 15 and 21 June 1886.

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Leavitt, Michael Bennett, 1843-1935. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 20 October 1885.

LePetrie, W. C. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 24 January 1887.

Lester & Allen. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 4 May no year.

Lewis, J. C. FL to Colegrove, A. M., 9 May 1886.

Lignon, J. H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 14 December 1883.

Lucier, C. N. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 16 and 19 December 1884. Writing for the Lucier Family act.

McCloy, Fred. 3 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 17, 22 and 27 June 1887.

MacGeachey, Charles, -1921. TL to Colegrove, A. M., 26 June 1886.

Mack, Robert. 4 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 16 June, 30 August, and 9 September 1887, 19 March 1888.

McKinney, J. W. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 7 September 1884.

Maguire, J. T. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 29 December no year.

Mann, Harry W. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 9 January 1888.

Matlack, \_\_\_\_\_. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 26 October 1885.

Maynard, H. W. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 5 and 9 February 1886.

Meldon, Percy. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 16 October 1885.

Miller, George. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 16 October 1885.

Milliken, James F. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 22 September 1885.

Monti, E. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 29 November 1886.

Moore & Vivian. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 27 January and 4 February 1887.  
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Morris, George O. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 10 August 1887.



Mortimer, H. H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 23 April 1888.

Morton, George. AL to Colegrove, A. M., 3 February 1887.

Mudge, H. T. 2 ALS, telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 15 January, 5 February, and 5 May 1887.

Mullay, J. C. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 7 November 1887.

Mumford, Charles. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 24 December 1887.

Nason, Frank W. ALS, FL to Colegrove, A. M., 15 November 1887, 4 February 1888.

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Neville, R. L. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 16 October 1886.

Nichols, G. D. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 6 November 1883.

Nixon, J. V. 3 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 21 27, and 31 July 1885.

Norcross, Joseph M., -1925. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 11 January 1887.

O'Connor, James Owen. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Operti, Fred. AL to Colegrove, A. M., 11 June no year.

Palmer, Albert Marshman, 1838-1905. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 5 August 1885.

Parker, E. J. TL to Colegrove, A. M., 18 October 1887.

Patrick, John C. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 20 October 1886.

Peck, George Bacheler, 1843-1934. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 18 May 1887.

Phillips, Gus P. 2 telegrams to Colegrove, A. M., 18 March 1886.

Poole, George. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 1 November no year.

Power, W. H. TLS to Colegrove, A. M., 28 July 1887.

Redmund, William. 5 ALS, FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 3, 13, and 17 December 1883, 10 January, 1 and 9 February 1886.

Reed, W. D. AL to Colegrove, A. M., 24 May 1886.

Reynolds, Joseph P. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 12 January 1886.

Rice, M. B. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 25 October 1887.

- Rice, Monroe. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 2 November 1886.
- Rice, Peter. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 6 January 1887.
- Rich & Harris. ALS, telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 16 October 1886, 13 February no year.
- Robinson, Harry. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 14 November 1886.
- Rogers, Katherine, -1891. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., undated.
- Rosenbaum, E. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 16 March 1886.
- Ross, Willis. FL to Colegrove, A. M., undated.
- Rush, F. C. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 9 September 1887.
- Sampson, Samuel. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 26 October 1887.
- Scammon, A. Q. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 1885.
- Seabrooke, E. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 28 January 1886.
- Shea, William J., -1918. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 5 March 1885.
- Simmonds, Phil. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 6 and 8 March 1884.
- Slavin and Smith. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 24 September 1883.
- Sloan, Will P. 3 telegrams to Colegrove, A. M., 15 and 16 October 1885.
- Stevens, R. E. FL to Colegrove, A. M., 6 October 1887.
- Strakosch, Max. 7 ALS, 2 telegrams to Colegrove, A. M., 1884-1887.
- Thayer, Charles H. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 12 February and 3 March 1885.
- Theatrical Printing, Engraving and Lithographic House of A. S. Seer. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 7 January 1885.
- Thomson, Charles A. Telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 15 October 1886.
- Thurber, H. L. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 18 July and 15 August 1887.
- Thurnaer, Edw. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 20 December 1886.
- Tillotson, James K. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 8 and 15 November 1884. With enclosures.

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Trail, Ed. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 16 December 1883.

Truss, D. W. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 29 May 1888.

Ulmer, George T. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 7 April 1885, 3 September 1886.

Villa, Sam B. 3 ALS, telegram to Colegrove, A. M., 18 November 1885, 8 April 1886, 1 August 1887, undated.

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Wall, Horace. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 8 February 1884.

Washburn, L. W. AL to Colegrove, A. M., 26 April 1886.

Washburne, J. H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 31 January 1888.

Waterman, B. Frank. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 13 March 1885. Included with this: ALS F. L. Higgins to Colegrove, 16 March 1885.

Watkins, Harry, 1825-1894. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 19 January 1885.

Webster, William P. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 23 and 26 October 1887.

Welch, William. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 18 April 1887.

Wheeler, H. E. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 18 January no year.

Wheeler, P. L. 3 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 9 and 22 November 1887.

Wheeler, W. O. 3 telegrams to Colegrove, A. M., 14 and 15 December 1885.

Wilber, A. R. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 17 February 1887.

Wilbur, A. L. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., undated.

Wills, John B. 3 telegrams to Colegrove, A. M., 4 and 5 February 1887..

Wilson, H. T. FLS to Colegrove, A. M., 7 April 1888.

Winnett, Tom H. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 28 March 1885.

Winterburn, W. J. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 6 February 1888.

Woodward, H. A. 2 ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 20 February and 12 March 1888.

Wynne, Fred. ALS to Colegrove, A. M., 12 October 1887.

**Miscellaneous:**

Colegrove, A. M.:

Agreement with Chase, Charles W., FDS, 1 page, 3 January 1888. For Hettie Bernard-Chase in Rags, The Wild-Cat. **Container 1.9**

Agreement with Cokefair, R. H., FDS, 1 page, 12 July 1883. For Miln Dramatic Company

Agreement with Durant, C. W., FDS, 1 page, 15 June 1885. For Estelle Clayton in Favette.

Agreement with Ellis, H. I., FDS, 1 page, 14 March 1887. For Harrigan's Double Irish and American Tourists Co..

Agreement with Macguinnis, Dan, FDS, 1 page, 23 August 1883.

Agreement with Redmund, William, FDS, 1 page, 9 February 1886.

Agreement with Redmund, William, FDS, 1 page, 19 July 1886. For William Redmund and Mrs. Thomas Barry and company.

Agreement with Ryan, J. J., FDS, 1 page, 3 September 188\_. For Myra Goodwin's Sis Company.

Agreement with Simmonds, Phil, FDS, 1 page, 1 March 1884. For Henderson Dramatic Co.

Article of agreement with Bolton & Foote, FDS, 1 page, 1 December 1884. For the McGibney Family.

Articles of agreement with Banks, Will J., FDS, 1 page, 12 May 1883. For Howorth's Hibernica.

Articles of agreement with Carroll, J. W., FDS, 1 page, 18 June 1887. For J. S. Murphy Company.

Articles of agreement with Hill, J. M., FDS, 1 page, 25 June 1884. For Margaret Mather.

Articles of agreement with Hill, J. M., 2 FDS, 1 page each, 11 April and 14 May 1885. For Murray & Murphy and company.

Articles of agreement with Hill, J. M., FDS, 1 page, 24 June 1886. For Murray & Murphy Company

Articles of agreement with Joyce, J. F., FDS, 1 page, 18 December 1884. For J. S. Murphy Combination.

Articles of agreement with Lehnen, Philip H., FDS, 1 page, 2 June 1884. For John Murphy Combination.

Contract with Aborn, Milton, FDS, 1 page, 25 September 1885. For Tourists Combination.

Contract with Andrews, Charles L., FDS, 1 page, 1 June 1887. For Michael Strogoff Co.

Contract with Balabrega, J. M., FDS, 1 page, 1 April 1887. For Balabrega's Modern Miracles.

Contract with Benton, Z. N., FDS, 1 page, 21 December 1886. For Dick Gorman's Dramatic Comedy Company.

Contract with Collier, J. W., FDS, 1 page, 19 May 1883. For Lights O'London Company.

Contract with Daniels, Win W., FDS, 1 page, 6 February 1886. For Haviland's Magical & Novelty Company.

Contract with Day, Wilson, FDS, 1 page, 21 March 1887. For Wilson Day's Theatre Co.

Contract with Ferree, Owen, 18 July 1997. For Mlle. Rhea and company.

Contract with Fowler, W. W., FDS, 1 page, 15 February 1886. For Skipped by the Light of the Moon Company.

Contract with Goodwin, Frank L., FDS, 1 page, 9 September 1884. For Campbell's Galley Slave Co.

Contract with Hildebrand, C. D., FDS, 1 page, 3 July 1886. For Cryptogram of Prison Life.

Contract with Lang, Edwin R., FDS, 1 page, 21 June 1886. For Lang's Comedy Comiques.

Contract with Ligon, J. H., ADS, 1 page, 14 December 1883. For May Western Dramatic Co.

Contract with Litt & Davis, FDS, 1 page, 22 October 1887. For Human Nature Company.

Contract with Maeder, Fred G., FDS, 1 page, 1 November 1884. For Carrie Swain Dramatic Co.

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Contract with Maeder, Frank, FDS, 1 page, 7 March 1887. For Salsbury's Troubadours.

Contract with Maggie Mitchell Combination, FDS, 1 page, 5 June 1883.

Contract with Nixon, J. W., FDS, 1 page, 30 July 1885. For Peoples Comic Opera Company.

Contract with Peterson, W. G., FDS, 1 page, 10 June 1887. For A Night Off Company.

Contract with Shea, William J., ADS, 1 page, 2 September 1886. For Shea Comedy Company.

Contract with Slocum, C. T., FDS, 1 page, 2 November 1886. For Power Brothers' Carr and Tourjee's Royal Artesian Troubadours and Comedy Company.

Contract with Stetson, John, FDS, 1 page, 9 March 1886. For John Stetson's Mikado Company.

Contract with Stewart, J. C., FDS, 1 page, 25 January 1887. For J. C. Stewart's Two Johns Comedy Company.

Contract with The Carrolls, FDS, 1 page, 2 December 1885. For The Carrolls and their company.

Contract with Thorne, Edwin, FDS, 1 page, 27 March 1884. For Thorne's Black Flag Company.

Contract with Tompkins, W. C., FDS, 1 page, 16 January 1888. For Myra Goodwin.

Contract with Waterman, A. R., FDS, 1 page, 29 October 1884. For Tayleure's Combination.

Contract with Waterman, B. Frank, FDS, 1 page, 2 March 1885. For Nora Lytton Company.

Contract with Webster, William P., FDS, 1 page, 23 December 1887. For the Katie Hart Company.

Contract with Wood, G. M., FDS, 1 page, 15 December 1887. For Marguerite St. John and her company.

Contract with Woods, H. B., ADS, 1 page, 21 November 1884. For Woods' All Star Specialty Company.

Hall contract with Lillian Kennedy Co., FDS, 1 page, 25 November 1887.

Hall contract with Waite's Comedy Company, FD, 1 page, 1888.

License receipts for theatrical attractions, 5 FDS, 4 pages, 9 November 1885; 13, 14, and 15 January 1887; 6 March 1888.

Memorandum agreement with Dr. Sawtelle's St. Bernard Galaxy, FDS, 1 page, 14 January 1887.

Memorandum agreement with Sampson, Samuel, FDS, 1 page, 14 November 1887. For Pat Maloney Company.

Memorandum agreement with Ward, W. R., FDS, 1 page, 26 May 1887. For Kittie Rhoades Combination.

Memorandum of agreement with Blaisdell, William B., FDS, 1 page, 28 May 1886. For Sir Perkins, or The Girl I Left Behind Me Company.

Memorandum of agreement with Durban, C. L., FDS, 1 page, 18 November 1884. For Lynwood Company.

Memorandum of agreement with Lewis, J. C., FDS, 1 page, 1886. For Abe Zekener, or I. & U. Co.

Memorandum of agreement with Stevens, R. E., FDS, 1 page, 12 October 1887. For Parsloe & Vincent's Grass Widow Co.

Memorandum of agreement with Villa, Sam B., FDS, 1 page, 1 August 1887. For Villa Comedy Company.

Middletown, Connecticut. City Clerk. Eight receipts for permit fees to A. M. Colegrove, 8 items, 1885-1888.

Neil, Ed. H. FL to City Bill Poster, Middletown, Connecticut, 2 January 1883.

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- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

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- **S** = signed
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- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date