

## H. B. Taylor Autograph Collection

MSS 190

.50 In. ft.

### Scope and Content

This collection contains signatures, letters and images of several notable Americans of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Many of the items are marked “presented by H. B. Taylor”, although we have no information on who Mr. Taylor was. The collection also includes a document signed by Louis XVI, king of France.

### Provenance

The collection was found in the former archives room in Herring Cole Hall wrapped in paper and marked “Autographs of famous political figures”. No other documentation has been found.

List of autographs in the collection:

R. P. Hobson—hero of the Merrimac, Naval Captain, M.C.  
George Clinton—Governor of New York & Vice President of U.S.  
James G. Blaine—U.S. Rep. and Senator from Maine; Secretary of State, Presidential candidate  
John Hay—Assistant to Abraham Lincoln; Secretary of State  
Phillips Brooks—Episcopal preacher “Greatest of his time”  
Alex Stephens—Confederate vice president  
Richard Henry Savage—Military officer and author  
P.T. Barnum—“Greatest Show on Earth”  
Henry Cabot Lodge—Senate Majority Leader, Author & historian  
Alexander Hamilton—Signer of Declaration of Independence; Sec. of Treasury  
Cyrus W. Field—co-founder of Atlantic Telegraph Company  
Chauncey M. Depew—Humorist; Senator, Railroad President  
Jefferson Davis—President of Confederacy  
Henry Clay—U.S. Representative & Senator; Statesman  
Thomas Carlyle—Scottish philosopher, satirist, historian  
George Washington—“Father of our Country”  
Robert E. Peary—first to reach the North Pole in 1909  
Louis XVI—King of France