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Guide to the

**Louis D. Carman collection**

1828-1923

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## Summary

**Collector:** Carman, Louis D. (Louis Dale), 1860-

**Title:** Louis D. Carman collection

**Date:** 1828-1923

**Size:** 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by Louis D. Carman, 1936.

**Abstract:** Louis D. Carman (1860-1936) was a medical examiner in the United States Bureau of Pensions and a collector of Lincolnia. His father, Ezra Ayer Carman, was a Civil War officer. The Louis D. Carman collection dates from 1828 to 1923 and consists of items accumulated by Louis D. Carman, specifically correspondence and autographs; a friendship album containing poetry; and handwritten excerpts transcribed from books about fishing. A variety of documents bear the signatures of politicians and federal government officials; military generals; and businessmen. Some of the letters reference the Civil War and government and politics during the Reconstruction period. Other correspondence pertains to the Cosmos Club in Washington D.C.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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**Language of the Material:** English

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## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Autograph albums

Autographs (manuscripts)

Correspondence

**Occupations**

Collectors.

**Geographic Names**

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

United States -- Social life and customs -- 1865-1918

**Names**

Carman, Louis D. (Louis Dale), 1860-

Cosmos Club (Washington, D.C.)

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 **Autographs 1864-1923**  
Includes documents and partial documents with the signatures of Ulysses S. Grant; Confederate General Eppa Hunton; pension bureau officials from the Department of the Interior; writer Julian Hawthorne, prominent businessman; and politicians.
- b. 1 f. 2-3 **Correspondence 1828-1912**  
Over 70 pieces of correspondence, with many mentioning the Civil War and government and politics in the Reconstruction period. Some were exchanged between individuals and families in the Baltimore and Washington D.C. areas. Later material (1906-1912) consists of routine correspondence sent to the Cosmos Club regarding dues and membership.
- b. 1 f. 4 **Friendship Album 1828-1832**  
Album contains poetry written by several people. Name on cover appears to be Mrs. [Illegible] Wright.
- b. 1 f. 5 **Transcribed Excerpts**  
Handwritten and transcribed from published works including *The Complete Angler: Or, The Contemplative Man's Recreation* by Izaak Walton and Nicholas Breton's *Dream of an Oyster and a Crab*.