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Guide to the Jonathan Young Scammon Papers 1839-1890



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract Jonathan Young Scammon (1812-1890), pioneer Chicago lawyer and businessman and benefactor of Chicago cultural institutions including the old University of Chicago. The Papers contain correspondence sent and received by Scammon from 1838 to 1890, most related to his law practice. Also in the collection are the drafts for two speeches by Scammon and a miscellany of material among which is an address by General E. P. Scammon and pamphlets with brief reference to Scammon.

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

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Biographical Note

Jonathan Young Scammon (1812-1890), was born in Whitefield, Maine. He received an EL. D. from Waterville College in 1869 and subsequently studied law in Maine. In 1835, he moved to Chicago, where he practiced law and was active in both commercial and civic affairs. Scammon died in 1890.

Scope Note

The correspondence includes 80 letters dating from 1838 to 1890. The letters deal almost exclusively with matters which arose in connection with Scammon's law practice. There are occasional personal notes and individual items relating to Scammon's political, business, humanitarian, and religious activities. Probably the single letter of the most general interest

in the collection is that which Scammon received from Aug. Harlé of Paris dated January 24, 1865. Also in the collection are the drafts for two speeches of Scammon. The first is a welcoming speech to Lyman Trumbull; the second is a speech denouncing Carl Schurz. Also included is a miscellany of material among which is an address of General E. P. Scammon, a couple of pamphlets with brief reference to J. Young Scammon, etc.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Scammon, J. Young (Jonathan Young), 1812-1890
- Lawyers

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Correspondence, 1838-1842

- 1838 April 3, C[harles] V[olney] Dyer, [n.p.] to J. Young Scammon, Chicago ALS 1p.
- 1840 July 29, W[alter] L. Newberry, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1840 August 27, Geo[rge] Constantine Collins, [Chicago] to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ANS 1p.
- 1840 Sept., George Manierre [n.p.] to J. Young Scammon, Present [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1840 Sept. 4, Samuel Charles Paine Freer, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Present [Chicago], ALS 1p.
- 1840 Sept. 20, Perry Smith, Van Buren Harbor, N. Y. to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1841 Feb. 4, W[illiam] H. Brown, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1841 March, J[ustin] Butterfield, [n.p.] to J. Young Scammon, [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1841 April, Perry Smith, Van Buren Harbor, N. Y. to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1841 April 18, J[ohn] D[ean] Caton, Plainfield to N[orman] B. Judd, [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1841 May 31, S[amuel] Lisle Smith, Buffalo, N. Y. to Samuel F. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa. (j. Young Scammon [lower left corner]) [A note of introduction for Scammon.], ALS 1p.
- 1841 August 27, N[orman] B. Judd, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, New York, ALS 2pp., attached to following copy-1841 July 5, R. & I. Woodworth, Marseilles to Scammon & Judd, [Chicago], ALS copy 1p.
- 1841 Sept. 15, J[ohn] D[ean] Caton, Plainfield to N[orman] B. Judd, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1841 Nov. 22, W[illiam] M. Larrabee, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, [Chicago], ALS 1p.

- 1841 Dec. 7, John M. Wilson, [place name illegible] to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1841 Dec. 21, H[ugh] T. Dickey, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1842 May 16, Lyman Trumbull, Springfield to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1842 June 13, Isaac N. Arnold, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1842 June 20, Isaac N. Arnold, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1842 July 5, Arnold & Ogden, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 2p.

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Correspondence, 1842-1848

- 1842 Dec. 6 Mark Skinner, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1842 Dec. 10, J. Young Scammon, Springfield to B. S. Morris, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1842 Dec. 19, B. S. Morris, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p. (Attached to preceding letter)
- 1842 Dec. 19, N[orman] B. Judd, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 2pp.
- 1843 Jan. 27, S. C. Paine Freer, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1843 Feb. 17, E. S. & J. Wadsworth, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1843 Aug. 3, Thomas Hoyne, Galena to Messers. Scammon and Judd, Chicago, ALS 2pp. (Attached to preceding letter)
- 1843 Aug. 13, Thomas Hoyne, Galena to Messers. Scammon and Judd, Chicago, ALS 2pp.
- 1844 Feb. 7, M. D. Ogden, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Springfield, ALS 1p.
- 1844 June 6, B. S. Morris, Illinois River to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 2p.
- 1844 June 8, J. L. Clarke, Bristol to Scammon & Judd, Chicago ALS 1p.
- 1844 Oct. 5, Thomas Hoyne, Galena to J. Young Scammon, Chicago ALS 1p.
- 1844 Oct. 9, Thomas Hoyne, Galena to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1844 Dec. 28, Ogden & Jones[?] Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Present (Chicago), ALS 1p.
- 1846 May 1, E. Scammon, New York to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1847 Jan. 19, H[enry] W. Blodgett, Little Fort to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1847 April 4, Thomas Hoyne, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Present (Chicago), ALS 1p.
- 1847 Sept. 3, W. L. Whiting, Chicago to W[illiam] B. Ogden [n.p.] ALS 3p.
- 1847 Sept. 4, William B. Ogden, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, [n.p.], ALS 2p.
- 1847 Sept. 21, W[illiam] B. Ogden, New York to J. Young Scammon, Boston, ALS 1p.
- 1847 Oct. 20, H[enry] W. Blodgett, Littlefort to J. Young Scammon, [n.p.], ALS 2p.
- 1848 April 27, H[enry] W. Blodgett, Little Fort to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.

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Correspondence, 1848-1890

- 1848 May 22 S[amuel] Lisle Smith, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, [Chicago], ALS 1p.

- 1848 July 19, H[enry] W. Blodgett, Little Fort to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1848 July 29, Horace Eveely[?] Neuburgh to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 2p.
- 1848 August 21, T[homas] Drummond, Galena to J. Young Scammon, [Chicago], ALS 1p.
- 1849 June 8, T[homas] Drummond, Galena to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1849 Sept. 2, T[homas] Drummond, Galena to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1849 Oct. 9, William H. Brown, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Present (Chicago), ALS 1p.
- 1849 Oct. 31, Ebenezer Peck, Springfield to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1851 May 6, H[enry] W. Blodgett, Waukegan to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1851 June 20, E. K. Rogers, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, [Chicago], ALS 1p.
- 1851 July 18, J. D. Webster, Fort Dearborn (Chicago) to J. Young Scammon, Present (Chicago), ALS 1p.
- 1851 August 8, Peter Page [n.p.] to J. Young Scammon, [Hugh T.] Dickey & Clark, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1853 March, Charles Edwards, [New York] to [J. Young] Scammon and [E. B.] McCagg, [Chicago], LS (Copy) 4pp.
- 1853 May 6, Theophilus Parsons [n.p.] to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1860 August 23, Luther Haven, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, [Chicago], ALS 1p.
- 1860 Oct. 17, Isaac N. Arnold, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1860 November, Richard Edward, Chicago to [J. Young Scammon] [Chicago], ALS 1p.
- 1860 Nov. 24, C. B. Farwell, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, [Chicago], ALS 1p.
- 1860 Dec. 6, John Worcester, Martinville[?] to J. Young Scammon [Chicago], ALS 1p.
- 1860 Dec. 24, J. B. Blackstone, Chicago to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1861 June 2, W. S. Gurnee [n.p.] to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ANS 1p.
- 1861 July 1, W[illiam] S. Meeker, New York to Scammon & Forsythe, Chicago, ALS 1p.
- 1861 Sept. 30, Mark Skinner, Manchester to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 2p.
- 1861 Nov. 9, H. E. Seelye, Chicago to J. Young Scammon [Chicago], ALS 1p.
- 1863 Feb. 26, R. White Caste[?] Providence, R. I. to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1863 May 29, M. G. H., [n.p.] to [J. Young Scammon] [Chicago], ALS 3pp.
- 1864 Jan. 7, Rich Yates, Springfield to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 2pp.
- 1864 Jan. 27, J. Young Scammon and F. Scammon to Rev. Cyrus Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p., (Notary document attached, signed John Forsythe, Notary Public, July 16, 1866)
- 1865 Jan. 24, Aug. Harlé, Paris to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 4pp.
- 1867 May 3, A. A. Howard, Washington to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1868 Jan. 11, N[orman] B. Judd, Washington to Jo Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1872 April 18, Homer Henderson, Rock Island to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 2p.
- 1872 April 18, Thomas Hoyne, Chicago to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1872 April 22, Rich Yates, Jacksonville, Missouri to J. Young Scammon, Chicago, ALS 2p.

- 1877 Nov. 15, A[lvin] E[dmond] Small, Chicago to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 1p.
- 1882 Nov. 8, James Leewan Clarke, Jamaica Plain to J. Young Scammon [n.p.], ALS 2pp.
- 1888 August 2, J. Young Scammon, London to Lillie [Arianna Evans Scammon] [n.p.], ALS 3pp.
- 1890 March 17, F. E. Ogden, Hyde Park, Ill. to Mrs. J. Y. S. Merrill, Chicago, telegram 1p.
- undated W. B. Egan [n.p.] to J. Young Scammon, Present [n.p.], ALS 1p.

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Clippings and Correspondence, 1860-1888

- 1860 May 23, C. B. Blair, LaPorte, to J. Young Scammon, Chicago telegram 1p.
- 1860 July 24, Amos T. Hall, Chicago to Stockholders in the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company [n.p.]
- meeting notice 1p.
- Winter 1871-72 "The Great Fire of Chicago; A full Account of its Origin and Progress as seen by eye witnesses, and compiled from Authentic Reports." (Slight reference to J. Young Scammon on page 47)
- 1881, Wentworth, Hon. John, LL.D., "Early Chicago; Fort Dearborn" an address, Chicago, Fergus Printing Company, 1881. (a few references to J. Young Scammon in one of the index sections)
- 1888 Aug. 22 General E. P. Scammon, "Address of General E. P. Scammon, 23d Regiment O. V. V. I. at Annual Reunion, Lakeside, O[hio], August 22, 1888."
- Undated, Manuscript text for a speech given before a group of philanthropists
- Newspaper clipping relating to the disagreement between J. Young Scammon and Lyman Trumbull over the question of the impeachment of Andrew Johnson.
- Newspaper clipping relating to the disagreement between J. Young Scammon and Lyman Trumbull over the question of whether Grant or Greeley should be elected President.

Box 2

"Design for the arrangement [sic] of grounds of J. Y. Scammon, esq. Hyde Park, Ill., May, 1870," by H. W. S. Cleveland, Landscape Designer