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Content Note

Wendell Phillips, born to a wealthy and socially prominent Boston family, became a leader in the abolitionist movement in 1837. He was known as an orator, an author, and a frequent contributor to The Liberator, a newspaper devoted to the anti-slavery cause. This collection of Phillips' papers consists of four signed letters to various correspondents, two signed photographs, and an autographed quotation.

Biography

Wendell Phillips was born November 29, 1811, and came from a wealthy and socially prominent Boston family. His father was John Phillips, first mayor of Boston. Phillips first became a leader of the abolitionist movement in 1837. He possessed a private income adequate to enable him to become an orator for the anti-slavery cause. As an associate of William Lloyd Garrison, Phillips frequently contributed to Garrison's periodical, The Liberator.
After the U.S. Civil War, Phillips devoted more time to causes which had interested him before the war, such as temperance, women's rights, penal reform and the labor movement. He died in Boston February 2, 1884.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1 FF 1 Wendell Phillips to unknown addressee. The Mrs. Stanton referred to is Elizabeth Cady Stanton. August 4, 1860.


Box 1 FF 3 Wendell Phillips to Mr. Jenks. November 15, no year given.

Box 1 FF 4 Wendell Phillips to unknown addressee. August 4, no year given.

Box 1 FF 5 Cabinet-sized photograph of Wendell Phillips with signed quotation dated January 7, 1869.

Box 1 FF 6 Carte-de-viste sized photograph of Wendell Phillips.

Box 1 FF 7 Quotation on card written and signed by Wendell Phillips.

Box 1 FF 8 Cabinet card photograph of Phillips.

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