

A Guide to the Benjamin Penhollow Shillaber Collection

Benjamin Penhollow Shillaber Collection 1857-1890
1857-1890

A Collection in the Clifton Waller Barrett Library of American Literature 7493-a
Special Collections Department, University of Virginia Library
1997

History

Processed by: Special Collections Department Staff
Date Completed: 1997
Encoded by: Courtney Boissonnault

Title Statement

A Guide to the Benjamin Penhollow Shillaber Collection

Subtitle: Shillaber, Benjamin Penhollow.

Collection: 7493-a

Author: Processed by Special Collections Dept. staff; machine-readable finding aid created by Courtney Boissonnault

Sponsor: Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Publication Statement

File size: 15 Kilobytes

Date: © 1997 By the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia. All rights reserved.

Publisher: University of Virginia Library

[Conditions of Use](#)

Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Profile Description

Creation: Machine-readable finding aid derived from WordPerfect. [Date of source: 1997.]

Language Usage: Description is in English.

Revision Description

Feb 16, 2004 PUBLIC "-//University of Virginia::Library::Special Collections Dept.//TEXT (US::ViU::00460::Benjamin Penhollow Shillaber Collection)//EN" "ViU00460.sgm" converted from EAD 1.0 to 2002 by v1to02.xsl (sy2003-10-15).

Feb 27, 2004 converted to conform to eadVIVA.dtd by vivastrict.xsl

Descriptive Summary

Collection Number
7493-a

Language
English

Extent

21 items

Repository

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
USA

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

See the [University of Virginia Library's use policy](#).

Acquisition Information

Deposit [1963 Dec 17] 1965 Oct 15

Funding Note

Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities

Preferred Citation

Benjamin Penhollow Shillaber Collection, Accession 7493-a, Special Collections Department, University of Virginia Library

Item Listing

Manuscripts

Page concerning "Mrs. Partington"

Unit Date 1859 Apr 6

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Poem, beginning "Of all the projects . . ."

Unit Date 1874 Sep 17

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Poem, " A Golden Epithalamium"

Unit Date [1875]

Extent

AMsS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Dedicated to Governor and Mrs. Elston Stoneon their golden anniversary.]

Poem, " A Few Feeble Lines"

Unit Date 1881 Mar 10

Extent

AMsS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Dedicated to the Siloan Lodgeon its anniversary.]

Quotation from " Ruth Partington"

Unit Date [1890] Apr 5

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Signed by Benjamin Penhallow Shillaber.]

Autobiographical sketch

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMs,
2 p.

Letters

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto L. W. Burnham

Unit Date 1857 Dec 19

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Hopes to meet him on Tuesday or Wednesday when he will be in Chicago.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto Mrs. Ashby

Unit Date 1864 Feb 17

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Believes his contribution went to a good cause.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto [Charles Follen] Adams

Unit Date 1874 Mar 24

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Introduces William E. Ford to Adams; says that Ford wishes to engage Adams for a lecture; promises him a quality audience with reporters present.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto F. S. Wood

Unit Date 1874 Dec 25

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Apologizes for delayed reply to letter.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto William Winter

Unit Date 1877 Oct 30

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Asks him to introduce Shillaber's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shillaber, to celebrities such as [Joseph] Jefferson, William Cullen Bryant, etc.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto "My Dear young Friend"

Unit Date 1882 Jan 13

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Compliments and encourages young autograph seeker on his pursuits; hopes he will make a name for himself so one day he too will be approached by autograph seekers.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto "My dear old friend"

Unit Date 1884 Jul 31

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he is moved by the correspondent's letter and poem on the occasion of his 70th birthday; comforts him on the recent bad crop; says he is irritated by the common view that disasters are sent by God to test people's patience and endurance; comments on his birthday and the attention he received; believes James G. Blaine's political fortunes locally are not good because of changing political affiliations of the electorate.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto W. P. Young

Unit Date 1889 Jan 28

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Gives the names of publishers of out of print Partington books; inquires about the effect of a liniment.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto Mrs. Morris P. Ferris

Unit Date 1889 Apr 3

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Tells life story even though he is unsure what motivates him; says he has turned down all similar requests; discusses his relationship with the press and his contribution to newspapers; says he is presently a weekly correspondent of the Hartford Evening Post.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto "My dear friend"

Unit Date 1889 Jun 25

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Apologizes for his late note of thanks for a satirical piece on the inauguration anniversary; comments on its style; discusses his poor health and his present circumstances; encloses his "production" for this year's celebration of Bunker Hill Day.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto Mrs. Morris P. Ferris

Unit Date 1889 Jul 11

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Praises a poem she sent him; discusses his writing ability; tells her about his family, his health, and his plans for the immediate future.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto "My dear friend"

Unit Date 1890 Jun 12

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Gives his regards; says he has returned from a trip with his son; comments on the heat.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto "My Dear Sir"

Unit Date Jul 13

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Asks him to listen to the interesting idea of Mr. Page.]

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaberto Bro[ther] Orr

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

ALS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Regard his literary contributions to the [magazine]; wants the proofs sent to him.]

Photograph

Benjamin Penhallow Shillaber, profile, signed

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Photograph

Special Collections, University of Virginia Library, #7493-a