

Brotherhood of the Union Collection

Lippard, George, 1822-1854. Collection of printed and manuscript material pertaining to the Brotherhood of the Union, a service society founded by Lippard, 1852-1980. This collection includes 2 bound volumes. "Lippard's diary," which contains Lippard's manuscript records of the Brotherhood, was continued by Lippard's successors as a record-book for the Supreme Washington. "Records" served as a record-book for the order itself, including minutes, resolutions, and financial records of the Supreme Circle, kept by the "Supreme Scroll Keeper." The unbound materials include writings by and about Lippard and the Brotherhood, correspondence, and photographs.

The Brotherhood was a secretive service organization, similar to Freemasonry, based on the ideals of Democracy. Each officer was named after a famous American politician, such as Washington and Jefferson. Included in the collection are keys to various group ceremonies, and descriptions and instruction on the use of regalia.

See also the Rare Book Catalogue, under Brotherhood of the Union.

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Contents of the gift of the Brotherhood, 1994

I. Manuscript Volumes

Volume 1: "Lippard's Diary"[spine title]: Ms. records of the Brotherhood, with ms. and printed leaves laid in. 4to. 1852-1869. 277, [156] p. Printed leaves tipped in include Proceedings, circular letters, and the announcement of Lippard's death. This volume was continued by Lippard's successors as a record-book for the Supreme Washington.

Volume 2: "Records" [spine title]: Ms. record book of the order, 1859-1877, with printed ephemera laid in. Includes minutes of meetings, resolutions, and financial records, mostly of the Supreme Circle. Fol. [650] p. Kept by the "Supreme Scroll Keeper."

II. Single Manuscript items (unbound)

Series A: Writings

<u>Folder:</u>	<u>Contents:</u>
1	Bilbrough, Sarah Lippard. "A Leaf from Grandfathers' Bible," and "These few lines -were written..." [ca. 1890?] 14 leaves, ms. in ink on yellowlined paper. [Sarah Lippard Bilbrough was George Lippard's sister.]
2	Brotherhood of the Union. Charter, Circle 142 [Pawtucket, RI]. Brs; Signed by Lippard. Sep 11, 1850.
3	"Just when and how George Lippard instituted..." 12 leaves; in pencil on brittle paper, [ca. 1920?].
4	"Key to figure [216] of the B. G. C." Stitched ms. folio, 10 p, paper wrappers, in pencil and ink. [185-?].
5	"Key to figure [231] of the B. G. C." Stitched ms. folio, 35 p., paper wrappers, in pencil and ink [185-?].
6	Prospectus for <i>The White Banner</i> . Signed by Lippard. Folded brs., Jan 28, 1851.

Series B: Correspondence

7	Envelope bearing letterhead of Brotherhood, in unknown ms. hand, "withdrawal card, Chas. S. Abel," 1860.
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- 8 Autograph letter, signed. George Lippard to Brother [William] Macfarlane, Oct 30, 1850. [1] p.
- 9 Autograph letter, signed. George Lippard to W[illia]m Macfarlane, Mar 3, 1851. [1] p.
- 10 Autograph letter, signed, on printed newsletter. George Lippard to W[illia]m Macfarlane, Jan 20, 1852. [4] p.
- 11 Autograph letter, signed, on printed newsletter. George Lippard to W[illia]m Macfarlane, Oct 18, 1852. [4] p.
- 12 Autograph letter, signed, on printed newsletter. George Lippard to W[illia]m Macfarlane, May 17, 1853. [4] p.
- 13 Autograph letter, signed. George Lippard to W[illia]m Macfarlane, May 19, 1853. [1] p.
- 14 Printed circular letter, signed. George Lippard to W[illia]m Macfarlane, Aug 4, 1853.
- 15 Autograph letter, signed. George Lippard to James M. Stevens. May 30, 1851
- 16 Printed broadside, signed, George Lippard to James Stevens. Aug 25, 1852. [1] p.
- 17 Printed letter, signed, John H. Wilson to W[illia]m Macfarlane, Feb 22, 1851. [1] p.

Series C: Photographs

- 18 G.J. Ehmann conferring the G. E. W. Degree, 1973.
- 19 Homes of Lippard, 8 x 10, [1930s?] [4 items].
- 20 Snapshots of Lippard's grave, with transcriptions, 1980. [4 items].