

## H.G. Marquand Papers (New York, Met Museum Art Archives)

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Dear colleagues,

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Archives is pleased to announce that a newly processed collection is now open for scholarly research:

Henry Gurdon Marquand Papers, 1852-1903 (bulk, 1868-1903)

New York financier Henry Gurdon Marquand (1819-1902) was a member of the Provisional Committee to establish a museum of art in New York City (1869), an early Trustee of The Metropolitan Museum of Art (1871-1902), Treasurer (1883-1889), and its second President (1889-1902). For over three decades Marquand spent his fortune carefully acquiring artwork to decorate his Madison Avenue mansion and to enlarge the Metropolitan's then modest holdings. The Henry Gurdon Marquand Papers contain correspondence with artists and dealers, receipts, inventories, and notes that document his activity as an art collector and patron of The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The bulk of the correspondence is with the British artists George Henry Boughton and Frederic Leighton, and dealers, Martin Colnaghi, Charles W. Deschamps, Wolfgang Helbig, Robert Jenkins Nevin, John Charles Robinson, H. Herbert Smith, and Thomas Humphry Ward. Most dates from 1868-1898, Marquand's most active period of commissioning and collecting works of art for his home and for eventual donation to the Metropolitan.

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