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CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS OF ROBERT DALE OWEN

Folder 1  
1831-1850

- 1831  
5 Aug. Robert Dale OWEN. Certificate of Naturalization. RDO.1.1  
Single sheet, printed form filled in on one side; ~~Endorsement~~  
~~noted~~ in ink on other side.  
*Photostat as well as microfilm in 10-Hi. Former  
filed in Owen's Correspondence.*
- 1832  
12 Apr. Robert Dale OWEN and Mary Jane ROBINSON. RDO.1.2  
Marriage Contract. 2 pp.  
  
In ink, with envelope attached. Document  
in very poor condition. *In an unidentified hand.*
- 1843  
29 Aug. Robert Dale OWEN. Certificate of election to RDO.1.3  
the 28th Congress of the U.S. as Represent-  
ative for the 1st Congressional District of  
Indiana. Signed by Samuel BIGGER, Governor,  
and W[illiam] [MEKKS ?], Secretary of State.  
1 p.  
*Docketed*  
~~Indexed~~ on back in Robert Dale Owen's hand.  
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- 1848  
27 Nov. Robert Dale OWEN. Certificate of election as RDO.1.4  
one of the electors of the President and  
Vice President of the U. S. for the State  
of Indiana. Signed by Ja[mes] WHITCOMB,  
Governor. 1 p.  
  
On back : addressed to Robert Dale Owen  
at New Harmony, and labeled in the latter's  
hand.
- 1850  
4 Jan. A. L. GREEN, Secretary of the Iowa Historical RDO.1.5  
and Geological Institute, Burlington, Iowa.  
To Robert Dale OWEN, New Harmony, certifying  
the latter's election as an honorary member  
of the Institute. 1 p.  
*Docketed*  
~~Indexed~~ on back in Robert Dale Owen's hand.  
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Folder 2

1863  
Sept. 30

ROBERT DALE OWEN. The Pardoning Power  
as an element of reconstruction. MS.  
on legal size paper, written on one  
side, bound together with blue ribbon  
at the top. 51 pages, as follows:  
titlepage, pp. 1-17, 18.1, 18.2, 18.3,  
18.4, 18.5, 19-46.

RDO.2.1

The titlepage, in author's hand,  
reads: "The Pardoning Power / as an  
element of reconstruction / Robert Dale  
Owen / September 30, 1863."

The first page begins: "The Pardoning  
Power, / in its relation to reconstruction. /  
To the President. / Sir: "

The manuscript ~~manuscript~~ is in the hand  
of a copyist, with corrections and  
interlineations (some on the back of the  
sheet) in Owen's hand. His signature is  
on the last page, where the date (in the  
copyist's hand) is New York, September 30,  
1863, corrected in pencil to ~~Sept~~ Dec. 13th.

Preserved in an envelope, on which is  
written, in Owen's hand: "(Corrected Copy.) /  
The Pardoning Power: / in connection with  
Reconstruction. / September 30, 1873." Also  
on the envelope is the note: "Examine, in  
connection with this, Lincoln's proclamation  
of Amnesty, soon after issued, & Carpenters  
"Inner Life of Lincoln -- p. 98." This <sup>note</sup> appears  
likewise to be in Owen's hand.

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Folder 3  
1866-1874  
and  
undated

11 letters to Robert Dale Owen, from:

Ellinor Davidson, 19 Sep. 1870.

Rich[ar]d R. Coningworth, Sec. New Orleans Academy of Sciences,  
certifying Owen's election as a corresponding member,  
6 Nov. 1871.

Henry James, 19 Nov. 1871.

Ros[amond Dale Owen], 10 Jun. 1872.

J. Thomas, 27 Jul. 1872.

Robert C. Foster, Secretary Indiana University, informing Owen  
that he has been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of  
Laws, Aug. 1872.

Anna Maria Goldsmid, 23 Nov. 1872.

Henry James, 20 Dec. 1872.

Isaac L. Given, 2 Mar, 1873.

Helen L. Palmer, 27 Jul. 1873.

Kate L. Bunnell, 24 Feb. [ ? ]

7 letters from Robert Dale Owen to Della Mann Owen, dated:

1873: Sep. 11,17,19; Oct. 23. 1874: Jan. 9; Feb. 22; Apr. 2.

Robert Dale Owen. "Letter from the Hon. Robert Dale Owen", (on  
Mexico and the Monroe Doctrine); offprint from the Washington  
Daily Morning Chronicle for 3 Jul. 1866.  
*Photostat in 10-Hi. Not microfilmed. Filed in Owen's Correspondence.*

Robert Dale Owen. Autobiographical notes; MS in ink, endorsed by  
Owen: "Sent to Miss T. A. Brock, October 3, 1869, with the  
1st scene of the 5th Act of Pocahontas."

Robert Dale Owen. Power of attorney to Ernest Dale Owen, 20 Oct. 1871

Robert Dale Owen. "Qualities put down in the order of (what I con-  
ceive to be) their relative importance". MS in ink, 2 pp.  
Undated.

4 documents giving specifications for house; one dated 3 March 1871, another March 1877.

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Folder 4  
Letters and papers on spiritualism  
1871-1873

25 letters to Robert Dale Owen, from:

- J. Thomas, 24 May 1871.  
Fanny Hallock, 20 Nov. 1871.  
Saidie L. Warner, 10 Dec. 1871.  
Lizzie Dodge, 11 Dec. 1871.  
Jesse H. Jones, 15 Dec. 1871.  
Mattie Brownes, 15 Dec. 1871.  
James Freeman Clarke, 20 Dec. 1871.  
Charles W. Elliott, 29 Dec. 1871.  
J. Thomas, 10 Jan. 1872.  
V. L. Maxwell, 21 Jan. 1872.  
Lizzie [Mary Elizabeth] Dodge, 31 Jan. 1872.  
M. D. Wellcome, 1 Feb. 1872.  
Mrs. Andrews, 1 Feb. 1872.  
Fanny M. Samson, 25 May. 1872.  
Frederick Rowland Young, 12 Jun. 1872.  
Leo Miller, 14 Jun. 1872.  
Alexandre Aksakof, 11 Sep., (30 Aug. O.S.), 1872.  
S. C. Hall, 31 Oct. 1872.  
H. Shlarbaum [?], 23 Oct. 1872.  
T. G. Appleton, 15 Jan. 1873.  
H. D. Jencken, 19 Mar. 1873.  
"Kate", 21 Mar. 1873.  
H. Schlarbaum [Tehlar baum ?], 22 Mar. 1873.  
H. D. Jencken, 28 Apr. 1873.  
"Kate", 28 Apr. 1873.

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Folder 4  
Letters and papers on spiritualism  
1871-1873  
(continued)

3 letters from Robert Dale Owen, to:

Thomas W. Mitchell, 9 Dec. 1871.

Thomas W. Mitchell, 3 Feb. 1872.

Alexandre Aksakof, undated, but apparently in reply to Aksakof's  
letter of 11 Sep. 1872. (The present letter is a pencil copy)

Robert Dale Owen: Notes on seances, and similar material:

"Narrative. Miss Juliana Fawcett. Obtained in London - 1859-60."  
(MS in Owen's hand, apparently ca. 1872.)

F. J. Lippincott: Singular experiences noted down for Mr. Owen;  
A singular dream of my wife at San Francisco in or about the  
year 1857. MSS dated 9 Jul. 1872.

"Sitting with Mrs. Hardy." 17 Feb. 1873. MS in Owen's hand.

"With Mrs. Hardy, 4 Concord Square". 21 Mar. 1873. MS in Owen's  
hand.

"With Mrs. Davis". 26 May 1873. MS in Owen's hand.

Robert Dale Owen: Samples of direct 'spirit writing' from his papers:

26 Apr. 1873 and 30 Mar. 1873.

*Photograph of Camilla* [not microfilmed]

Robert Dale Owen's The Debatable Land: 4 reviews and 2 leaflets:

Reviews: Christian Union, Mrs. Stowe's review.  
New York Times.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell's review.

(3 newspaper clippings, contained in a single  
envelope, labeled as above.) 1871-2.

New York Tribune

(Newspaper clipping in envelope labeled as above)  
2 Dec. 1871.

[none of the reviews have been microfilmed]

Leaflets: 1. Contains brief extracts from reviews of the book.  
2. Advertisement of Threading my Way or Twenty-Seven  
Years of Autobiography, and of a new edition of  
The Debatable Land.