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Dorr Family
Papers, 1781-1943 (bulk 1835-1895)

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Scope and Content Note

Personal correspondence and other papers of the Dorr and related families. Consists primarily of the papers of Elizabeth Chipman Hazen Dorr and her son Samuel Dorr but also represents their parents, siblings, and descendents. Many letters detail life in Massachusetts and New York in the early- to mid-nineteenth century. Others describe living abroad in England and France. Includes some legal papers and scrapbooks regarding the Louisville Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. Also contains some genealogical materials.

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Historical Note

The Dorr family lived in Massachusetts and New York in the antebellum era. They were mostly merchants. Samuel Fox Dorr and Elizabeth Chipman Hazen married in 1835 and soon had two children, Samuel and Hazen. Samuel F. Dorr died in 1844, and Elizabeth Dorr moved to France shortly thereafter. Hazen Dorr died in the 1850s while a student at Harvard. Samuel Dorr, the son of Samuel F. and Elizabeth Dorr, moved to Louisville after the Civil War. In Kentucky, he married into the Meriwether family and practiced law. William Meriwether Dorr, the son of Samuel and Hannah Travilla Meriwether Dorr, was a banker and seems to have been a prominent member of the Louisville Chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

See enclosed genealogical material for Dorr and Hazen family trees.

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