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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Cole, Timothy, 1852-1931
Title:	Timothy Cole Papers
Dates:	1914-1938
Quantity:	1 cubic foot (3 boxes)
Abstract:	Bookplates and letters to Henry Kimball Prince, ca. 1931-1938; portraits and book illustrations; and 32 prints of a drawing of Vassar College Library.

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Biographical Note

Born in 1852 in London, Timothy Cole is an American artist and engraver. In 1915, he designed a wood-engraving of the Vassar College Library based on a painting by his son, Alphaeus P. Cole. The engraving commemorated the 50th anniversary of Vassar College. Timothy Cole died in May, 1931 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

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Related Material

- [Vassar College Biographical Files](#)
- The Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library holds a biographical file on Timothy Cole, which includes reproductions of correspondence, a published essay on Cole's bookplates and reproductions of newspaper articles.
- Cole, Alphaeus Philemon, and Margaret Ward Cole. Timothy Cole: wood-engraver. New York: Pioneer Associates, 1935.
- Smith, Ralph Clifton. The wood engraved work of Timothy Cole. Washington, D.C.: Priv. Print. [Press of Gibson Brothers, inc.], 1925.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Prince, Henry Kimball
- Cole, Alphaeus Philemon, 1876-1988

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Anniversaries, etc.
- Vassar College. Library

Subjects:

- Library bookplates
- Wood-engraving

Document Types:

- Bookplates
- Prints (visual works)

VCL Categories

- Art and Artists

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Encoding Information

Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 3 Feb 2009.

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Administrative Information

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Timothy Cole Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Finding aid created by Rachel Schles, 8 Jan 2007.

Updated by Laura Streett, August 2012

Acquisition Information

Acquisition information relating to the Kimball materials in box 1 is currently unknown. Other correspondence in box 1 was removed from the Autograph File in June 2009. In 2012, the sonnet typescripts were removed from the Rare Book Collection, where they were cataloged with other Dewey material. The materials in boxes 2 and 3 were presumably transferred to Special Collections from the main library.

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Container List

Box 1	Bookplates and Letters to Henry Kimball Prince, ca. 1931-1938
Box 1	Miscellaneous Correspondence from Cole, 1914-1922
Box 1	Sonnets by Timothy Cole, undated (typescripts)
Box 2	Portrait Prints and Book Illustrations, undated
Box 3	Prints of the Vassar College Library, 1915

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