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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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## Scope and Content Note

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## Access and Use

### Access

This collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

### Restrictions on Use

Permission to quote (publish) from unpublished or previously published material must be obtained as described in the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#).

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## Related Material

### Related Materials

- [The Vassar College Biographical Files contain 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:

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

### Organizations:

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

### Subjects:

- Library bookplates
- Wood-engraving

### Document Types:

- Bookplates
- Correspondence
- Prints (visual works)

### VCL Categories:

- Art and Artists

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## Encoding Information

Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 3 Feb 2009. Updated by Emma Gronbeck, October 2025.

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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 Files in June 2009. In 2012, the sonnet typescripts were removed from the Rare Book Collection, where they were cataloged with other Dewey materials. 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, circa 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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