

The Shapell Manuscript Foundation's Online Museum

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The Shapell Manuscript Foundation is an independent educational organization dedicated to the collection of original manuscripts and historical documents. The Foundation is engaged in original research based on its archives for use in publications and films, and is continually expanding its comprehensive and user friendly website. The focus is on the United States and the Holy Land, with an emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries. Its collection includes original manuscripts and documents of leading political figures and world-renowned individuals, including several American presidents, Mark Twain, Albert Einstein, Custer and the Battle of Little Big Horn, and Theodor Herzl. The Foundation exhibited original documents at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., in 2009, on the occasion of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition. The Foundation is cooperating with the Smithsonian Institute in an exhibit opening in December 2012, and has in hand a number of exhibitions jointly with American presidential libraries. Elsewhere, the Foundation has exhibited with the Tsarkoye Selo State Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. It has a permanent display area at the National Library of Israel, Safra Campus, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for themed exhibitions, the first of which explore the complex relationship between American travelers and the Holy Land in the 19th century.