SOL FEINSTONE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION
COLLECTION #16

SCOPE AND CONTENTS
This collection consists primarily of manuscripts and correspondence donated to St. Lawrence University by Sol Feinstone. Included in this collection are manuscripts signed by many noteworthy persons including: George Washington, Charles Dickens, Albert Einstein, James Garfield, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Louis Phillipe of France, Cosimo de Medici, Cardinal Richelieu, Talleyrand and Kaiser Wilhelm to name but a few. It also consists of documents and manuscripts which date to the Elizabethan era, as well as a collection of correspondence from Sidney Lee and other Shakespearean scholars.

Also included in the collection are materials by Mr. Feinstone, information on his connection with St. Lawrence University, and copies of several lectures on freedom by noted scholars. Mr. Feinstone funded these annual lectures at a number of institutions.

BIOGRAPHICAL
Sol Feinstone was born in Lida, originally a town in Lithuania, later part of Poland. He was the son of a Torah scribe. The family was very poor and he dreamed of a better life.

He came to the United States in 1902 when he was fourteen. His ticket was paid for by his brother and sister who had come six months earlier and were working in New York City sweatshops. They bought the ticket for $40, which was to be paid off in $2.00 installments each payday. Passports at that time were issued only for temporary visits involving business, health, or education for those favored by the Czarian government. Therefore, most emigrants left illegally. Feinstone hid in a peasant's cart under a load of hay and was carried to the man's barn, where thirty-five other emigrants, mostly young men trying to escape the Czar's army, were hiding. An agent took them to the German border and gave them passage money to Antwerp for the price of thirty-five rubles.

In New York, he worked in a sweatshop making sleeves for coats. He worked from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and earned $6.00 per week.

He had no elementary or high school education, save fifteen months at a night preparatory school. He began his schooling at the university level, at Syracuse University in 1911 and received his B.A. in 1915. In 1916, he became one of the first Americans to earn an M.A. in Forestry at Syracuse. Then, he went on to spend two years at the University of Pennsylvania in their graduate chemistry department.

He had careers as a teaching fellow in chemistry and as a gentleman farmer, but his fortune came from real estate investments and construction projects. He believed that our economic system was faulty, for it permitted people to profit from inflation. He felt that he should return his "unearned" income to his adopted country in the form of scholarships and contributions for popular education and also by collecting for posterity, meaningful originals of Revolutionary documents. Therefore, he set up several libraries on the American Revolution, one of which is our Sol Feinstone Collection.

He was always a socialist, but he felt very strongly that the repression practiced by Lenin and the Communists who followed after him was wrong. He saw problems with the American economic system, but he loved his adopted country dearly for the freedom it offered to its citizens.
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I. Sol Feinstone's Collections

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26  Howells, William Dean.  Letter to "My dear Edwin".  April 12(?), 1900.
27  Hubbard, Elbert.  Letter to "Dear Friend".  Dec. 1, year 9 [from founding of Roycroft].
28  Hubbard, Elbert.  Letter to Mr. Van Wormer.  Dec. 6, 1902.
29  Lind, Jenny.  Engraving of a bust by F. Roffe.
31  Louis Philippe, King of the French.  Envelope with his seal; newspaper clipping of his death.
34  Mann, Thomas.  Letter to Rudolf Voigt.  29 IX '34.
35  Mann, Thomas. Postcard to Rudolf Voigt. 7 VIII '35.
36  Maugham, Wm. Somerset.  Letter to "Dearest Beatrice".  [Sept. '35].
37  Medici, Cosimo De.  Signature on small note.  Feb. 17, 1536.
38  Medici, Cosimo De.  Signature on small mss.  Feb. 17, 1536.
40  Millet, Jean Francois.  Letter to "Mon cher Francois".  April 7, 1870.
41  Mitford, Mary Russell.  Autograph on printed drawing entitled "The author of Our Village".
55  Shelley, Percy Bysshe. Check to Jeff. Mar. 21, 1816.
57  Talleyrand-Perigord, Charles Maurice de. Letter to M. Dupentuis (?). July 18, 1833.
58  Talleyrand-Perigord, Charles Maurice de. Engraved portrait with account of his career attached.
59  Tarkington, Booth. Letter to "Dear Cavaliere (?)". June 1910.
60  Thackeray, William. Engraved portrait.
61  Thackeray, William. Note to Mr. Hawes.
63  Undset, Sigrid. Autograph.
64  Verdi, Giuseppe. Letter to M. Bagier. May 5, 1863.
64a  Voltaire, J.F. Arouet de. Letter to "Mon cher Abbe" [Moussinot]. Also, engraved portrait and drawer #6 metal medal with bust portrait. [stored in RBR flat drawer #6]
65  Wallace, Alfred R. Letter to Girdlestone (?). Aug. 11, 1889.


Whittier, John Greenleaf. Letter to (?). Ninth month 4, 1876.


Wilhelm, Kaiser. Proclamation heading: "Wir Wilhelm/ Von Gottes Gnaden/ Konig von Preussen, etc."

Zangwill, Israel. Letter to Bernstingl (?).

Zola, Emile. Photograph inscribed to Robert Fischhof (?).

Unidentified Items:
Letter. To Mr. White.
Letter to "Monsieur le duc". July 19, 1810.
Envelope found in folder with Sigrid Undset Autograph.
Engraved portrait found in folder with material by Hubbard, Harte, Howells, Grimm & Stowe.

B. Shakespeare-Related Material

1. Elizabethans


Document. 1575.


Document. Testimonials by her neighbors that Winifred Holman is not a witch.

2. Shakespeare Oxford Society Material

3. Shakespearean Authorship Society Material

4. Articles on Shakespeare
Lee, Sidney. “Shakespeare’s Handwriting”
“Shakespeare’s Handwriting”
Speaight, Robert “Shakespeare and Politics; a lecture delivered before the Royal Society of Literature on May 21, 1946.”
Miscellaneous clippings on Shakespeare.

5. Shakespeare Scholars

a. Sidney Lee material
Postcard to Dr. E.A. Abbott inside envelope addressed to F.J. Payne. Nov. 19, 1897.
Letter to Dr. E.A. Abbott. Nov. 15, 1897.
Photograph and description of *A LIFE OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.*
Obituary.

b. Forbes-Robertson material

C. Robert Walpole material

Document heading: "Sir Robert Walpole--1713, two autographs".
Document beginning: "The annual provision in the Estimate of the ordinary of the Navy".
Document directed to "The Honourable Mr. Walpole".
Document. Concerning a pension granted to Mr. Priestman. Also rough draft--probably in Walpole's hand.
Xerox copies of some correspondence within folders 1-102.

D. Miscellaneous Bound manuscript volumes [shelved between containers 1 & 2]
Cooper, G. Danforth. Autograph album containing about 24 signed letters.
Richelieu, Cardinal. *The Life of Cardinal Richelieu.* Folio volume containing printed biographies of Richelieu; engraved portraits of Richelieu and Urban de Maille, Marquis de Breze; and two a.l.s. : Louis [XIII] of France to Mons. de Montiguy, and (?) to (?).

II. Material by and Concerning the Feinstone Family.
A. Writings of Family Members.

3 104  *Two Revolutions: The Liberty Bell vs the Black Wagon* by Sol Feinstone. 1969 (2 copies).

105 "My Credo - Dedicated to.... and My Definition of Freedom..." by Sol Feinstone. (2 copies).


107 "A letter to My Grandchildren and to all Grandchildren" by Sol Feinstone. Mimeograph copy. 6 leaves. Talks of communism, his experience with America, of his arrival at Ellis Island, his education, American leaders such as Lincoln, Wilson, T. Roosevelt, FDR, Eisenhower and Johnson, the Bay of Pigs and Kent State.

B. Photographs

3 109 Sol and Rose in 1913 reproduced for Rose's 80th birthday. 10/23/1977. (2 copies)
[Sol Feinstone with grandson?].
[2 men at dinner].
[2 men, one of whom is in uniform].
[Sol Feinstone]. 4 photos.
[2 men and Sol Feinstone(? ) receiving a medal].
[Sol Feinstone at a desk working].

C. Piskor Material on Feinstone

3 110 1974, September 25. Dedication Program for the Sol Feinstone Room in Herring-Cole Hall at St. Lawrence University.

[n.d.] "Dr. Sol Feinstone's Contributions" - a list of contributions in areas such as: Libraries, Library Rooms, Annual Lectures, and Awards. (2 copies of a later version and one of an earlier)

1976 Abstracts of New Jersey Manuscripts in the Sol Feinstone Collection of the American Revolution compiled by Joseph J. Felcone. [was attached to the above two items].

1978, June 19. a copy of a check for $25,000.00 payable to St. Lawrence University from Sol Feinstone with note "Here is a surprise" - for the maintainence of the Library Room

1978, June 23, "Dear Sol" from "Frank P. Piskor" - thanking him for his gift of $25,000 to the University.

1978, September 20. "F. Piskor" from"C. Randall" - giving him the income figures on the Feinstone account plus a list with dates called "Giving Record" (2 copies).

1978, November 7. "Dr. Piskor" from "D. Howison" talks of the Sol Feinstone Lecture Workshop Series that is being planned.

1978, November 9. "Dear Sol and Rose" from "Frank P. Piskor" - note telling Sol about the Lecture Workshop Series that is being planned.

1978, November 16. Gifts from Frank and Anne Piskor to the Sol Feinstone Room, St. Lawrence University, also a similar list dated 3/21/77.

1978, November 20. "Dear Sol" from "Frank P. Piskor" - pursing the Oxfordian proposal with the St. Lawrence University English Professors.

1978, November 28. "Dear Sol and Rose" from "Frank P. Piskor" - thanking them for their gift of $1,000.

1978, December 21. Memo to David Howison from Frank P. Piskor - sent with a commentary on the copy of *Lafayette In America* that he gave to the Feinstone Room.


1978, December 28. "Dear Mr. Ramage" from "Clarence B. Randall" - telling Ramage [Vice President of the Syracuse Savings Bank] to reinvest the Feinstone account money in a new time deposit.


1979, January 6. "Dear Frank" from "Sol" tells of the bridge over canal and who it was built by.


1979, January 29. "Dr. Piskor" from "Ed Blankman" sent the clipping from Ann Wells on Feinstone to him.

1979, January 31. "Dear Mrs. Wells" from "Frank P. Piskor" - thanking her for the clipping and for thinking of St. Lawrence University.

1979, February 2. "Dr. Piskor" from "D. Howison" - sending him information on new exhibits added to the Feinstone room.

1979, April 3. "Dear Sol" from "Frank P. Piskor" - telling him his article titled "Nonagenarian's Advice for the Survival of Freedom has been placed in the Feinstone Room.

1979, June 8. "Dear Frank" from "Sol" - tells of receiving the DAR Gold Medal.

1979, July 11. "Dear Sol" from "Frank P. Piskor" - congratulating him on receiving the DAR medal.

1979, July 30. Memo "Mr. Randall" from Mr. Beckman" - concerning the re-upholstery of the Salisbury sofa in the Feinstone Room.

1979, August 21. "Mr. Randall" from "Bill Beckman" - informing him that the sofa from the Feinstone Room has been re-upholstered and the project is complete.


1979, November 7. "Dear Frank" from "Lloyd B. Cox Jr." - asking for a decision on behalf of his parents as to where and how the desk they donated to the University will be used.

1979, November 8. "Bob Buehler" from "Bill Beckman" - asking that Judge Appleton's desk be placed in the Feinstone Room and included directions on how to place it.
1979, November 20. "Wm. Beckman" from "R. Buehler" informing him that Judge Appleton's desk was moved.

1979, November 30. "Dr. Piskor" from "Bill Beckman" - informing him that the display case was moved in the Feinstone Room and is being used for display purposes.

1980, April 17 "Dear Sol" from "Frank P. Piskor" - thanking him for his generosity.

1980, May 1. "Dr. Piskor" from "Mary Mallam" - concerning cataloging of the Feinstone Collection.

1980, May 1. "Dr. Piskor" from "Mary Mallam" - giving the cost estimate for cataloging the Feinstone collection.

1980, June 5. A note with the name of Miriam Golub (Mrs. Nathan) stating that she is Dr. Feinstone's daughter.

1980, June 11. "Dear Dr. Sol" from "Ann Kray" - informing him that the 1980 lecture will be published before the end of summer and that she will send him 50 copies.

1980, April 23. [attached to above] A St. Lawrence University News Release on the upcoming Feinstone Lecture by Frances FitzGerald.

1980, September 3. "Dear Sol" from "Frank" - telling him that the Feinstone Room continues to be a joyous learning place for all.


1980, October 8. "Dear Ann Kray" from "Ezra Stone" thanking her for the expression of sympathy concerning the death of his father.


1980, October 22. "Dear Mrs. Feinstone" from "H. Sargent Whittier" - expressing his condolences on Sol's death.

1980, October 22. Memo to C.B. Randall from Frank P. Piskor - turning over a check to the University in memory of Sol Feinstone and asking that the rug in the Feinstone room be replaced before Commencement.

1980, October 22. "Dear Friend" from "The Family" - Note that accompanied Sol's "Last Letter". [The Last Letter is quite humorous, inviting them to "see me burn" and reminding his friends to be good to themselves and to their fellow men.
1980, October 27. "Dear Mrs. Feinstone" from "Robert N. Wells" - expressing his condolences on Sol's death.

1980, October 30. "Dear Mrs. Feinstone" from "David Howison" - expressing his condolences on Sol's death.


1980, November 6. "Dear Anne and Frank" from "Miriam" - thanking them for their gift to the Feinstone Room fund in memory of her father.

1980, November 6. "Dear Ezra" from "Frank P. Piskor" - sending press coverage related to his father's death. Article with picture of Master Sergeant Ezra Stone and Corporal Ronald Reagan with the caption "This Is The Army".

1980, November 6. "Dear Rose" from "Frank P. Piskor" - telling her that they are adding volumes of the Deane Papers to the [Feinstone Collection] in Sol's memory - attached is Sol Feinstone's obituary from the St. Lawrence Plaindealer 10/22/80.

1980, December 1. "Dear Anne and Frank" from "Miriam" - thanking them for the flower arrangement at Thanksgiving time.

1980, December 28. "Dear Mrs. Stark" from "Ezra Stone" - apologizing for computer error in their address and saying that she does have the correct address.

1980, December 28. "Dear Frank" from "Ezra" - a note thanking him for assuring them that his father's award program at St. Lawrence University will continue as they both wanted it to.

1981, January 5. [A group of letter paper clipped together.]
"Dr. Piskor" from "Dave Howison" - asking for his decision on the Sol Feinstone Early American Program Series.
Copy of the program for the Early American Program Series for 1979 and 1980.

1980, November 23. "Dr. Piskor" from "David Howison" - inviting him to participate in the 1981 Sol Feinstone Early American Program Series and suggesting the topic of "Collecting Rare Books.

1980, December 11. "Dear Mrs. Golub" from "Theresa Stark" - asking her to forward Ezra's letter, as the one sent to Hollywood, CA. was returned.


1981, January 26. "Dear Rose" from "Frank" - telling her of the birth of their first granddaughter and that Sol's and her influence at St. Lawrence continues.

1981, April 28. "My Dear Anne & Frank" from "Rose" - a short note bringing them up to date on her and her family.
1981, August 14. "George Gibson" from "Frank P. Piskor" - wanting an explanation as to why there was not a Sol Feinstone lecture.

1985, October 14. "Dear Frank" from "W. Lawrence Gulick" - asking for a meeting with him to discuss the refurbishing of the Sol Feinstone Room.

1985, October 23. "Dear Lawry" from "Dr. Frank P. Piskor" - giving his suggestions, insights, and names of people who would help with refurbishing the Feinstone Room. Advises him not to contact the Feinstones at this time due to the death of Mrs. Feinstone.


### D. Feinstone Libraries

Abstracts of New Jersey Manuscripts in the Sol Feinstone Collection of the American Revolution (2 copies)

- flyer telling about the library: what it is, brief description of its contents and its location and hours.
- flyer telling about the library with a U.S. Bicentennial 10 cent stamp. Cancelled April 19, 1975 - First Day of Issue, (2 copies along with envelope).
- flyer advertising the library’s award for playwriting. 2 copies.
- "The United States: Our Leaders and the People" by Sol Feinstone (9 copies).
- "A Nonagenarian's Advice for the Survival of Freedom" by Sol Feinstone (2 copies).

"The Library at Sol Feinstone Elementary School". Postcard of library in color (2 copies)
E. Miscellaneous

A keepsake presented to Sol Feinstone entitled "General George Washington To The Friends of America In New Jersey" at a dinner honoring him in Philadelphia 2/13/1974. Detail sketch of North Glass (Stained Glass window) in Herring-Cole Building at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 22" x 34"


The American Revolution: A "Divertion" - copy with transcript of an original Manuscript in The Sol Feinstone Collection of the American Revolution (2 copies)

III. Feinstone Lectures

114 The Dropsie University - Philadelphia, Pa.
(1st lecture)

Adler, Dr. Selig. "The Present Crisis in Freedom", April 5, 1970. (1st Annual lecture)

116 The Jewish Theological Seminary of America - New York, NY
Greenberg, Simon. "Some Affinities Between the American and the Jewish Historical Experiences", April 24, 1975. (2 copies)
Konvitz, Milton R. "Life and Liberty for the Pursuit of Happiness", October 12, 1976

117 St. Lawrence University - Canton, NY
Commager, Henry Steele, "The Meaning of Freedom", May 2, 1974. (3 copies)
Piskor, President Frank P., "The Fragility of Freedom", May 7, 1972. (3 copies)
Flyer "Sol Feinstone Early American Program Series" - a list of five programs. (2 copies)

118 Syracuse University - Syracuse, NY
3  119  Temple University - Philadelphia, PA  

120  United States Military Academy - West Point, NY  

4  Patrick Henry buys a Slave  
   Eight Autograph letters of John Ruskin to Henry Richie  
   “Portions fo transcripts… “  
   Correspondence  
   Washington Irving  
   Scrapbook  
   The Life of Cardinal Richieru

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