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## Bristol, (Cyrenius C.) papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation
<b>Creator:</b>	Bristol, C. C. (Cyrenius C.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872
<b>Creator:</b>	Patti, Adelina, 1843-1919
<b>Creator:</b>	Rogers, Maria Bristol
<b>Title:</b>	Cyrenius C. Bristol papers
<b>ID:</b>	A.B86
<b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>	/repositories/2/resources/576
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1840-1899
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.25 cubic feet (1 container)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical/Historical note

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Cyrenius C. Bristol was a descendant of one of the earliest families of Buffalo, NY. A well-known chemist and druggist, he was the maker of the famous extract of sarsaparilla. In 1838 he published Bristol's Gazette and Herald of Health, a monthly that was discontinued in 1842. The following year he published Bristol's Free Almanac, first in Batavia, NY, and then in Buffalo. In 1848 it became Bristol's Sarsaparilla Almanac. From 1854 to 1861 C.C. Bristol was owner and publisher of the Buffalo Republic.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Cyrenius C. Bristol Papers contain 9 autograph manuscript letters from Horace Greeley to C.C. Bristol, dated 1840-1868, including 1 letter from Greeley to C.C. Bristol's daughter, Maria Bristol (who later became Mrs. Lafayette Rogers). During this time, Greeley was involved with several small newspapers, including the New Yorker, Brother Jonathan, New World, and The Log Cabin (several advertisements for "Bristol's Sarsaparilla Extract" appear in the 1840 weekly issues of The Log Cabin). The letters from Greeley to Bristol deal largely with problems of newspaper publishing, but also reflect a personal friendship between the two men. There are also 2 autograph manuscript letters written to C.C. Bristol by Charles A. Dana, who in 1846 became the city editor of the New York Tribune, a publication launched by Horace Greeley in 1841.

The Cyrenius C. Bristol Papers also contain 6 autograph manuscript letters written to Mrs. Maria (Bristol) Rogers from Adelina Patti, dated 1893-1899, including 1 letter to Mrs. Rogers from Adelina's goddaughter Mabel Woodford. Adelina Juana Maria Patti (1843-1919), a brilliant soprano, was born in Italy and as a young child moved to the United States with her family, where she received her musical training. Adelina was married three times; first to Henri, Marquis de Caux, in 1868 (they divorced in 1885); then to tenor Ernest Nicolini (d.1898); finally to Swedish Baron Rolf Cederström in 1899. The letters to Mrs. Rogers deal with Adelina Patti's highly successful concert tours, the state of her health, and her social life at her home, Craig-y-Nos Castle in South Wales. Additional Adelina Patti ephemera is also found in the collection, including personalized printed greeting cards, a theater program, and photographs of Adelina Patti.

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## Administrative Information

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## Access

The Cyrenius C. Bristol Papers is open for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Rare Books Special Collections & Preservation Department prior to visiting. Upon arrival, researchers will also be asked to fill out a registration form and provide photo identification.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Newspaper publishing
- Correspondence
- Bristol, C. C. (Cyrenius C.)
- Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872
- Patti, Adelina, 1843-1919
- Rogers, Maria Bristol

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence (Greeley + Dana), 1840-1874	Box 1	Folder 1
H[orace] Greeley to C.C. Bristol, February 13, 1840		
H[orace] Greeley to C.C. Bristol, May 9, 1840		
Horace Greeley to C.C. Bristol, August 7, 1840		
Horace Greeley to C.C. Bristol, November 9, 1842		

Horace Greeley to C.C. Bristol, November 24, 1842		
Horace Greeley to C.C. Bristol, December 30, 1846		
Charles A. Dana to C.C. Bristol, October 4, 1849		
Horace Greeley to C.C. Bristol, November 6, [18]54		
Horace Greeley to C.C. Bristol, May[?] 22, 1868		
H[orace] G[reeley] to [C.C.] B[ristol], June 10, 1868		
Horace Greeley to Maria Bristol, October 8, 1868		
C[harles] A. Dana to C.C. Bristol, October 6, 1874		
Correspondence (Patti, etc.)	Box 1	Folder 2
Adelina Patti Nicolini to [Mrs. Maria (Bristol) Rogers], March 6, 1893		
Adelina Patti Nicolini to Mrs. [Maria (Bristol)] Rogers, August 20, 1893		
Mabel Woodford to Mrs. [Maria (Bristol)] Rogers, January 11, 1895		
Adelina Patti Nicolini to Mrs. [Maria (Bristol)] Rogers, October 6, 1896		
Adelina Patti Nicolini to Mrs. [Maria (Bristol)] Rogers, February 27, 1898		
Adelina Patti Nicolini to Mrs. [Maria (Bristol)] Rogers, April 25, 1898		
Adelina Patti [Nicolini] Cederstrom to Mrs. [Maria (Bristol)] Rogers, February 24, 1899		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Enclosure: menu for wedding breakfast celebrating the marriage of Madame Patti Nicolini to Baron Rolf Cederström.		
Autograph manuscript: "Plant Trees!" by Horace Greeley, [circa 1854?]	Box 1	Folder 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Autograph manuscript signed, 3 pages. Also includes typescript copy, 2 pages.		
3 calling cards: Miss Millard Fillmore; Mary Van Buren; and Mr. and Mrs. James Van Buren	Box 1	Folder 4

## Scope and Contents

Enclosed in envelope addressed to Mr. and Mrs. C.C.  
Bristol

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6 Christmas and New Year's personalized printed greeting cards from Adelina Patti and husbands Ernest Nicolini and Baron Rolf Cederström	Box 1	Folder 5
2 photographs of Adelina Patti; 1 photograph removed from magazine	Box 1	Folder 6
Miss. Patti items	Box 1	Folder 7

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2 cards with Adelina Patti's manuscript autograph: (signed "Adelina Patti") and (signed "A.P.N."), November 3, 1882

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5 empty envelopes: 4 addressed to Mrs. [Maria (Bristol)] Rogers; 1 addressed to Miss Kate Rogers, 1894-1900

## Scope and Contents

All envelopes are addressed in autograph manuscript in Adelina Patti's hand.

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Theatre program: "The Broken Melody, A Musical Comedy-Drama in Three Acts", December 5, 1895

## Scope and Contents

Program by Herbert Keen and James T. Tanner.  
Special Matinee performance at the Patti Theatre at Craig-y-Nos Castle, featuring M. Auguste Van Biene.