

**Adam Gurowski Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Count Adam G. de Gurowski Papers

**Span Dates:** 1743-1898

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1848-1898)

**ID No.:** MSS24364

**Creator:** Gurowski, Adam, 1805-1866

**Extent:** 4,000 items

**Extent:** 4 containers

**Extent:** 1.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English and French

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78024364>

**Summary:** Polish scholar and author and advocate of Panslavism. Correspondence, notes and writings, printed matter, photographs and other papers relating mainly to de Gurowski's scholarship. Includes biography of Gurowski by Julius Bing and a draft of Bing's autobiography.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Bing, Julius. Julius Bing writings.

Gurowski, Adam, 1805-1866.

Japheth (Biblical figure)

### Subjects

Civil law--France.

Crimean War, 1853-1856.

Ethnology.

History--Philosophy.

Panslavism.

Roman law.

Slavery.

### Places

America.

Hungary.

New York (N.Y.)

Poland.

Russia.

### Occupations

Authors.

Scholars.

## Provenance

The papers of Adam Gurowski, Polish scholar and author and advocate of Panslavism, were given to the Library of Congress by Frances G. Cumming in 1917.

## Processing History

The papers of Adam Gurowski were processed prior to 1950 and rehoused and described in 1957. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Adam Gurowski is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Adam Gurowski are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Adam Gurowski Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Adam G. De Gurowski was born the son of a Polish count in Kalisz, Poland, on September 10, 1805. After having his estates confiscated because of his objection to Russian influence in the area, he was later pardoned by Czar Nicholas I and invited to St. Petersburg. A graduate of the University of Heidelberg in Germany, Gurowski went on to teach political economics at the University of Bern in Switzerland. In 1849, he arrived in New York and later lectured at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and joined the editorial staff of the *New York Tribune*. Ever interested in politics, Gurowski made his way to Washington, D.C., where he supported the Union war effort and translated newspaper articles for the secretary of state. His diary was printed in 1862. Gurowski died in Washington, D.C., on May 1, 1866, and is buried in the Congressional Cemetery.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Count Adam G. de Gurowski (1805-1866) span the years 1743-1898, with the bulk concentrated in the period 1848-1898. The collection consists of correspondence, notes and drafts of books and articles, lectures, printed matter, photographs, and other papers relating primarily to Gurowski's study of America; Code Napoléon (French civil law); Crimean War; ethnology; the philosophy of history; Hungary; Japhetians; New York, New York; Poland; Roman law; Russia; and the history of slavery. Includes manuscripts of Julius Bing's autobiography and his biography of Gurowski. Some material is in French.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by topic or type of material.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1743, 1848-1898, undated
BOX 1	“Dix Chapitres sur la Pologne” (2 folders)
BOX 1	Hommes et Caractères de mon Temps
BOX 1	“Migration of the Japhetians”
BOX 1	Notes of “Sketches of New York”
BOX 1	Notes for <i>Year of the War</i> (Crimean), circa 1855
BOX 1	“Notes for Hungary and America”
BOX 1	Notes for articles and miscellaneous notes
BOX 1	Notes on ethnology and the philosophy of history
BOX 1	Notes on Russia
BOX 1	Notebooks, 1846, undated
BOX 1	Photographs
BOX 2	<i>Slavery in History</i> , circa 1860 (7 folders)
BOX 2	Lectures on Roman law, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
BOX 2	Code Napoléon
BOX 2	Barbarians
BOX 2	Canon law
BOX 2	Common law
BOX 2	Feodality
BOX 3	History of Roman law (2 folders)
BOX 3	French exercises
BOX 3	Printed matter
BOX 3	“Life of Gurowski,” by Julius Bing (3 folders)
BOX 4	“Strange Experiences,” autobiography of Julius Bing (2 folders)