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# Albert and Jan Jacob Schultens Manuscripts Collection

## Collection Summary

**Creator:** Schultens, Albert, 1686-1750; Schultens, Jan Jacob, 1716-1778  
**Dates:** 1755, undated  
**Extent:** 1 archives box, .5 linear foot  
**Language(s):** Latin  
**Repository:** Princeton Theological Seminary Library. Special Collections.

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## Biographical Information

Albert Schultens (1686-1750) was the first of three generations of Dutch Orientalists. Born at Gröningen, he believed study of Arabic would enhance exegesis of obscure Biblical passages. He trained at Leiden and wrote his dissertation on *The Use of Arabic in the Interpretation of Scripture* in 1706. He received a theology degree in 1709. In 1729 he was awarded the first appointment of *Interpres Legati Warneriani* or “interpreter of the Warner Bequest,” named for the 17th century Orientalist Levinus Warner. Albert Schultens was professor of Oriental languages at Leiden from 1732 until his death in 1750.

Albert Schultens’ son, Jan Jacob Schultens (1717-1778) has been considered among the most learned Arabists of his time, along with J.J. Reiske. He was appointed professor at Herborn in 1742 before succeeding to the chair at Leiden. Jan’s son Hendrik Albert Schultens (1749-1793) focused his scholarly pursuits on Arabic literature and poetry. All three served as rector magnificus of Leiden University and chaired the Leiden-based Society of Netherlands Literature.

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## Scope and Content

The collection consists of 3 manuscripts bound separately. A letter dated August 6, 1850, from George Bush to Archibald Alexander has been tipped into Dictata in Zachariam.

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## Subjects

Schultens, Albert, 1686-1750

Schultens, Jan Jacob, 1716-1778

Old Testament studies (Leiden, Netherlands)

Theology--Early works to 1800.

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

The following is the acceptable citation for publication: Albert and Jan Jacob Schultens Manuscripts Collection, Special Collections, Princeton Theological Seminary Library.

### Provenance

The collection was given to Princeton Theological Seminary by George Bush (1796-1859), 19th century scholar of Hebrew and Oriental languages and author of *The Life of Mohammed*.

### Access

There are no special restrictions to access of this collection. It may be examined by library patrons under the normal rules and conditions of Special Collections.

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## Arrangement

Arranged as bound.

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## Contents

### Box 1

1:1 Schultens, Albert. Dictata in Zachariam ex ore viri incomparabilis undated, 1850

- 1:2 Schultens, Albert. Prologomena in epistolam Pauli ad Ephesios:  
prologomena in epistolam ad Philippenses.
- 1:3 Schultens, Jan Jacob. Institutiones, theologiae dogmaticae ad ductum  
elench. Controv. cl. Spanhemÿ/Tomus I. 1755
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