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Collection Summary
Title: Duff Green Papers
Span Dates: 1716-1883
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1827-1845)
Creator: Green, Duff, 1791-1875
Extent: 725 items ; 3 containers plus 1 oversize ; 1.6 linear feet ; 3 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Journalist, politician, entrepreneur, and industrial promoter. Correspondence, writings, maps, and printed matter reflecting Green’s political service and views on Southern culture.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.
Cabell, John J.--Correspondence.
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850--Correspondence.
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866--Correspondence.
Cobden, Richard, 1804-1865--Correspondence.
Crallé, Richard K. (Richard Kenner), 1800-1864--Correspondence.
Dallas, George Mifflin, 1792-1864--Correspondence.
Eaton, John Henry, 1790-1856--Correspondence.
Ellis, Henry, 1777-1869--Correspondence.
Everett, Edward, 1794-1865--Correspondence.
Green, Duff, 1791-1875.
Green, Lucretia--Correspondence.
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841--Correspondence.
Hill, Isaac, 1789-1851--Correspondence.
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845--Correspondence.
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845.
Kendall, Amos, 1789-1869--Correspondence.
MacGregor, John, 1825-1892--Correspondence.
Madison, James, 1751-1836--Correspondence.
Peel, Robert, 1788-1850--Correspondence.
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850--Correspondence.
Tyler, John, 1790-1862.
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862--Correspondence.
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852--Correspondence.

Subjects
Elections--United States.
Free trade.
Freedom of the press.
International trade.
Oregon question.
Presidents--United States.
Slavery--Texas.
Slavery.
States' rights (American politics)
Tariff--United States.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Duff Green, journalist, politician, entrepreneur, and industrial promoter, were given to the Library of Congress by various descendants of Green and by St. George L. Sioussat, 1904-1961.

Processing History
The papers of Duff Green were arranged and described in 1974. The collection was microfilmed in 1975 and the finding aid revised in 2000.

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

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Duff Green 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.

Microfilm
A microfilm edition of these papers is available on three reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Duff Green Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>Married Lucretia Edwards</td>
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1823  Member, Missouri legislature  
Owner, *St. Louis Enquirer*, supporting Andrew Jackson in presidential election of 1824


1827-1832  Printer to Congress

1828-1830  Member, “Kitchen Cabinet” of President Andrew Jackson

1836  Organized Union Potomac Co., Va.  
Founded the *Reformer*, Washington, D.C.

1839  Organized Union Co., Md.

1840  Founded the *Pilot*, Baltimore, Md.  
Established American Land Co., Md.

1840-1844  Unofficial representative of the United States to England and France

1844  Established the *Republic*, New York  
Appointed consul, Galveston, Tex.

1857  Published the *American Statesman*, Washington, D.C.


1861-1865  Operated iron manufacturing plants for Confederacy during the Civil War and acted as adviser on fiscal and foreign policy to Confederate leaders

1865-1875  Organized several railroads, including the Sabine & Rio Grande and the Selma, Rome & Dalton

1867  Organized the Maryland Industrial Agency and the Mississippi American Industrial Agency 1875, June 10  
Died, Dalton, Ga.

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**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Duff Green (1716-1883) span the years 1716-1883, with the bulk of the material in the period 1827-1845. The papers consist largely of correspondence, financial and legal records, speeches and writings, maps, printed matter, and several oversize items.

The correspondence documents Green’s interest in the defense of the political rights of the South in the Union, the retention of a free press, the promotion of industrial enterprise, and the political and economic realities of international trade. Many of Green’s social and political ideas are contained in letters to John J. Cabell, editor of the *Jeffersonian*, Lynchburg, Virginia, and to Richard K. Crallé focusing largely on issues such as states rights, tariff laws, and slavery, and on Green’s support of various presidential candidates. Letters to George M. Dallas, John H. Eaton, William Henry Harrison, and Zachary Taylor reveal Green’s influence in shaping public opinion during the course of several presidential elections.

Correspondence during his tenure as unofficial representative of President John Tyler in England and France from 1840-1844, reflects Green’s free trade ideas and his desire to obtain commercial treaties between the United States and
England and demonstrates his concern over his many business ventures at home. Letters for the period 1842-1859 also cover such topics as the abolition of slavery in Texas, the Oregon question, and what Green saw as the conflict between states rights and the power of the federal government. Among the correspondents for this period are James Buchanan, Lewis Cass, Richard Cobden, Sir Henry Ellis, Edward Everett, John Macgregor, Sir Robert Peel, and Daniel Webster. Typed copies of letters from Duff Green to his wife, Lucretia, are also included for the period August-November 1859.

Important supplements to the correspondence are two letterbooks in the miscellany file. The first contains copies of outgoing letters for the period August 1827-April 1830, during part of which time Green was a member of Andrew Jackson’s "Kitchen Cabinet." An alphabetical index lists correspondents addressed in this volume, the more prominent being John C. Calhoun, Isaac Hill, Andrew Jackson, Amos Kendall, James Madison, and Martin Van Buren. The second letterbook contains copies of letters exchanged by Green and Edward Everett from May to December 1843 concerning Green’s status as unofficial representative in England.

Arrangement of the Papers

Arranged alphabetically by type or topic of material; correspondence is arranged chronologically within.
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