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Collection Summary
Title: Herman K. Crofoot Collection of Francis Elias Spinner Papers
Span Dates: 1792-1908
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1825-1891)
ID No.: MSS37705
Creator: Spinner, Francis Elias, 1802-1890
Collector: Crofoot, Herman K.
Extent: 750 items ; 4 containers ; 1.6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Merchant, banker, United States representative from New York, and United States treasurer. Correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, autographs, printed matter, and clippings relating to Spinner's political, financial, and personal activities. Includes a diary of John Peter Spinner.

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
Allison, John, 1812-1878--Correspondence.
Boutwell, George S. (George Sewall), 1818-1905--Correspondence.
Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence.
Conkling, Roscoe, 1829-1888--Correspondence.
Cooke, Jay, 1821-1905--Correspondence.
Crofoot, Herman K. Herman K. Crofoot collection of Francis Elias Spinner papers. 1792-1908.
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881--Correspondence.
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.
Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804--Correspondence.
Logan, John Alexander, 1826-1886--Correspondence.
Morgan, Edwin D. (Edwin Denison), 1811-1883--Correspondence.
Morrill, Justin S. (Justin Smith), 1810-1898--Correspondence.
Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912--Correspondence.
Spinner, Francis Elias, 1802-1890.
Spinner, John Peter, 1768-1848. John Peter Spinner diary. circa 1839.
Windom, William, 1827-1891--Correspondence.

Organizations
Mohawk Valley Bank.
United States. Office of the Treasurer.

Subjects
Banks and banking--New York (State)
Finance, Public--United States.

Places
New York (State)--Commerce.
United States--Politics and government--1849-1877.

Occupations
Bankers.
Merchants.
Public officials--United States.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--New York (State)
Administrative Information

Provenance

The Herman K. Crofoot Collection of the papers of Francis Elias Spinner, merchant, banker, United States representative from New York, and United States treasurer, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Herman K. Crofoot in 1970.

Processing History

The Herman K. Crofoot Collection of Francis Elias Spinner Papers was arranged and described in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Francis Elias Spinner is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Francis Elias Spinner

Date       Event
1802, Jan. 21  Born, German Flats, Herkimer County, N.Y.
1826        Married Caroline Caswell
1834-1837   Sheriff, Herkimer County, N.Y.
1838        Appointed one of the commissioners for the construction of the New York State Lunatic Asylum, Utica, N.Y.
1845-1849   Auditor and deputy naval officer, Port of New York
1855-1861   United States representative from New York
1861-1875   Treasurer of the United States
1890, Dec. 31  Died, Jacksonville, Fla.

Scope and Content Note

The Herman K. Crofoot Collection of the papers of Francis Elias Spinner (1802-1890) spans the years 1792-1908, with the bulk of the material concentrated in 1825-1891. The collection is composed primarily of correspondence and scrapbooks supplemented by a portion of a diary, a letterbook, and miscellaneous items.
The correspondence includes letters from national political leaders relating to Spinner’s service as a congressman from New York and United States treasurer as well as his financial and personal affairs. The letterbook consists of letters sent by Spinner while he was cashier of the Mohawk Valley Bank, Mohawk, New York. Included in the collection is a diary, circa 1839 of his father, John Peter Spinner.

Correspondents include John Allison, George S. Boutwell, Schuyler Colfax, Roscoe Conkling, Jay Cooke, James A. Garfield, Ulysses S. Grant, John Alexander Logan, Edwin D. Morgan, Justin S. Morrill, Whitelaw Reid, and William Windom. Also in the collection is a letter of Alexander Hamilton dated 1792.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material.
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