Collection Summary
Title: Caleb B. Smith Papers
Span Dates: 1841-1862
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1849)
ID No.: MSS40303
Creator: Smith, Caleb B. (Caleb Blood), 1808-1864
Extent: 1,200 items ; 9 containers ; 3.4 linear feet ; 4 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Lawyer, statesman, jurist, and United States representative from Indiana. Principally correspondence from 1849, the last year of Smith's term as a Whig from Indiana in the House of Representatives.

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
Barnett, Theodore J.--Correspondence.
Bruen, Luther B. (Luther Barnett), 1822-1864--Correspondence.
Bundy, Martin L., 1817 or 1818-1910--Correspondence.
Butterfield, Justin, 1790-1855--Correspondence.
Carnan, Robert N.--Correspondence.
Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence.
Corwin, Robert G. (Robert Griffin), 1815-1897--Correspondence.
Corwin, Thomas, 1794-1865--Correspondence.
Cushing, Courtland, 1809-1856--Correspondence.
Davis, John S. (John Steele), 1814-1880--Correspondence.
Defrees, John D. (John Dougherty), 1810 or 1811-1882--Correspondence.
Dowling, Thomas, 1806-1876--Correspondence.
Hannah, Samuel, 1789-1869--Correspondence.
Holloway, David P. (David Pierson), 1809-1883--Correspondence.
King, Rufus, 1814-1876--Correspondence.
McGaughey, Edward W.--Correspondence.
McLean, John, 1785-1861--Correspondence.
Parker, Samuel W. (Samuel Wilson), 1805-1859--Correspondence.
Sample, Thomas Jefferson, 1800-1882--Correspondence.
Smith, Caleb B. (Caleb Blood), 1808-1864.
Smith, John L. (Collector internal revenue)--Correspondence.
Stevenson, Thomas B., 1810-1863--Correspondence.
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850.
Thayer, James S.--Correspondence.
Vallette, Henry, 1807-1879--Correspondence.
Walpole, Thomas D., 1816-1863--Correspondence.
Washburne, E. B. (Elihu Benjamin), 1816-1887--Correspondence.
Watton, William, 1818--Correspondence.
Yaryan, John, 1803--Correspondence.

Organizations
Whig Party (U.S.)

Subjects
Elections--United States--1848.
Presidents--United States--Election--1848.
Places
Indiana--Politics and government.
United States--Officials and employees.
United States--Politics and government--1845-1861.

Occupations
Jurists.
Lawyers.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Indiana.
Statesmen.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Caleb B. Smith, lawyer, statesman, jurist, and United States representative from Indiana, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1898.

Processing History
The papers of Caleb B. Smith were described and prepared for filming in 1983. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Additional Guides
A partial index of the collection is available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room.

Copyright Status
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Microfilm
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Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Caleb B. Smith Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1808, Apr. 16</td>
<td>Born, Boston, Mass.</td>
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<td>1814</td>
<td>Moved with family to Cincinnati Ohio, and later studied law at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio,</td>
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<td>circa 1827-1828</td>
<td>Admitted to the bar and entered law office of Oliver H. Smith, Connersville, Ind.; later married Elizabeth Walton</td>
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1834  Won election to the Indiana house of representatives
1842  Elected to U.S. House of Representatives, the first of three terms
1850  Returned to law practice in Indiana
1851  President, Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad Co.
1859  As leader of the Indiana delegation to the Republican Convention, Chicago, Ill., fought for nomination of Abraham Lincoln for president
1861  Appointed secretary of the interior
1862  Resigned cabinet position and returned to Indianapolis, Ind. Appointed judge, U.S. District Court of Indiana
1864, Jan. 2  Died, Indianapolis, Ind.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of Caleb Blood Smith (1808-1864) span the years 1841-1862, with the bulk of the correspondence and related matter from 1849, the last year of Smith's term as a Whig from Indiana in the United States House of Representatives. Subjects include state and national politics, Smith's opportunities for a cabinet appointment, and Zachary Taylor’s campaign for president and election of 1848. The collection is organized chronologically.


Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged chronologically.
## Container List

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