Collection Summary

Title: Edmund Burke Papers
Span Dates: 1821-1881
ID No.: MSS14340
Creator: Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882
Extent: 400 items ; 5 containers ; 1.0 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Lawyer, newspaper editor, and U.S. representative. Correspondence, drafts of newspaper editorials, speeches, committee reports, resolutions, commissions, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Burke's career as a newspaper editor in New Hampshire and as a congression.

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.
Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882.
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866--Correspondence.
Clifford, Nathan, 1803-1881--Correspondence.
Cox, Samuel Sullivan, 1824-1889--Correspondence.
Dickinson, Daniel S. (Daniel Stevens), 1800-1866--Correspondence.
Dorr, Thomas Wilson, 1805-1854--Correspondence.
Forney, John W. (John Wien), 1817-1881--Correspondence.
Hubbard, Henry, 1784-1857--Correspondence.
Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869--Correspondence.
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849--Correspondence.
Ritchie, Thomas, 1778-1854--Correspondence.
Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878--Correspondence.
Wood, Fernando, 1812-1881--Correspondence.
Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851--Correspondence.

**Organizations**

**Subjects**
American newspapers--New Hampshire.
Dorr Rebellion, 1842.

**Places**
New Hampshire--Politics and government--1775-1865.
Rhode Island--History--1775-1865.
United States--Politics and government--1815-1861.

**Occupations**
Editors.
Lawyers.
Representatives, U.S. Congress.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Edmund Burke, lawyer, newspaper editor, and U.S. representative, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. George H. Dana in 1924.

Processing History
The Edmund Burke Papers were processed by the Library after being received in 1924. The finding aid was created in 2016.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edmund Burke is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Edmund Burke 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, Edmund Burke Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1809, Jan. 23</td>
<td>Born, Westminster, Vt.</td>
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<td>1826</td>
<td>Admitted to the bar and commenced law practice, Colebrook, N.H.; assumed editorial management of the New Hampshire Argus</td>
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<td>1834</td>
<td>Moved to Newport, N.H.; united the New Hampshire Argus with the Spectator</td>
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<td>1837</td>
<td>Commissioned adjutant in New Hampshire state militia</td>
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<td>1839-1845</td>
<td>U.S. representative</td>
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<td>1846-1850</td>
<td>Commissioner of patents</td>
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<td>1882, Jan. 25</td>
<td>Died, Newport, N.H.</td>
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Scope and Content Note
The papers of Edmund Burke (1809-1882) span the years 1821-1881. The collection consists of correspondence, drafts of newspaper editorials, speeches, committee reports, resolutions, commissions, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Burke's career as a newspaper editor in New Hampshire and as a congressman. The correspondence is chiefly incoming and relates primarily to the United States Patent Office and to the Dorr Rebellion in Rhode Island (1842). Included are numerous letters from Franklin Pierce. Other correspondents include James Buchanan, Lewis Cass, Nathan Clifford, Samuel Sullivan Cox, Daniel S. Dickinson, Thomas W. Dorr, John W. Forney, Henry Hubbard, James K. Polk, Thomas Ritchie, Gideon Welles, Fernando Wood, and Levi Woodbury.
Arrangement of the Papers

The papers are organized chronologically in four bound volumes, with unbound material of mostly printed matter filed in a container at the end of the collection.
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