Collection Summary
Title: Millard Fillmore Papers
Span Dates: 1839-1925
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1839-1870)
ID No.: MSS20537
Creator: Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874
Extent: 35 items ; 1 container ; 0.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: U.S. President, vice president, and representative, lawyer, and educator. Chiefly correspondence of Fillmore relating to slavery; the Compromise of 1850; the Fugitive Slave Law (1850), John Brown's Raid, 1859, Harpers Ferry, W. Va.; the Whig Party; and congressional politics. Includes several letters of and an obituary notice for Fillmore's daughter, Mary Abigail Fillmore, as well as a detailed index to volumes 1-44 of the Millard Fillmore papers in the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo, N.Y.

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
Benton, Thomas Hart, 1782-1858.
Brown, John, 1800-1859.
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850.
Fendall, Philip Ricard, 1794-1868--Correspondence.
Fillmore, Mary Abigail, 1832-1854--Correspondence.
Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874.
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841.
Haven, Solomon G. (Solomon George), 1810-1861--Correspondence.
Marshall, Humphrey, 1812-1872--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Congress.
United States. Fugitive slave law (1850)
Whig Party (U.S.)

Subjects
Antislavery movements--United States.
Compromise of 1850.
Fugitive slaves--United States.
Slavery--New York (State)
Slavery--United States.

Places
Harpers Ferry (W. Va.)--History--John Brown's Raid, 1859.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Causes.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.

Occupations
Educators.
Lawyers.
Presidents--United States.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--New York (State)
Vice-Presidents--United States.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Millard Fillmore, educator, lawyer, president of the United States, U. S. representative, and vice president of the United States, were acquired by gift, purchase and transfer during the years 1909-2013.

Processing History
The papers of Millard Fillmore were arranged in 1981. Subsequent additions were arranged in 2014. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Related Material
Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the microfilm edition of the Millard Fillmore Papers, 1809-1874, held by the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society in Buffalo, N.Y. A guide to the collection is available in the Library of Congress Manuscript Division, and online through the website of the Buffalo History Museum, http://www.buffalohistory.org/.

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Biographical Note

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<td>1800, Jan. 7</td>
<td>Born, Locke (now Summerhill), Cayuga County, N.Y., to Nathaniel Fillmore and Phoebe Millard Fillmore</td>
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<td>1818</td>
<td>Taught school, Scott, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1818-1821</td>
<td>Studied law under Judge Walter Wood, Montville, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1821</td>
<td>Moved to Aurora, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1822</td>
<td>Clerked at law firm of Asa Rice and Joseph Clary, and taught school, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1823</td>
<td>Admitted to practice law by the Court of Common Pleas, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1823-1830</td>
<td>Practiced law, East Aurora, N.Y.</td>
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1826  Married Abigail Powers (1798-1853), daughter of Lemuel Powers and Abigail Newland, Moravia, N.Y.

1828  Birth of son Millard Powers Fillmore, Aurora, N.Y. (died 1889)

1828  Elected to the New York state assembly as Anti-Masonic Party candidate; served three one-year terms

1830  Formed law partnership with Joseph Clary, and moved to Buffalo, N.Y.

1832  Birth of daughter Mary Abigail (“Abbie”) Fillmore, Buffalo, N.Y. (died 1854)

1833-1835  Served in the U.S. House of Representatives

1834  Formed law firm of Fillmore & Hall with Nathan K. Hall

1836  Formed law firm of Fillmore, Hall & Haven with Solomon G. Haven

1837-1843  Served in the U.S. House of Representatives; declined to be renominated in 1842

1844  Defeated in New York gubernatorial election

1846-1874  Chancellor, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.

1848-1849  Comptroller of the State of New York; resigned Feb. 1849

1849  Inaugurated vice president of the United States

1850  Sworn in as president of the United States following death of Zachary Taylor, July 9, 1850

1852  Failed to win nomination of Whig Party as presidential candidate

1853, Mar. 30  Death of wife Abigail at City Hotel, Washington, D.C.

1854  Tour of southern and western United States

1855-1856  Tour of Europe; attended International Exposition, Paris, France

1856  Defeated in presidential election as the American Party candidate

1858  Married Caroline Carmichael McIntosh (1813-1881), daughter of Charles Carmichael and Tempe W. Blachly, Albany, N.Y.

1862  Chairman, Buffalo Committee of Public Defense, Buffalo, N.Y.

1862-1867  President, Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N.Y.

1866  Second tour of Europe

1870  President, Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y.
1874, Mar. 8  Died, Buffalo, N.Y.; interred Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Millard Fillmore (1800-1874) span the years 1839-1925, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1839-1870. Fillmore’s correspondents during this time include Philip Ricard Fendall, Solomon G. Haven, and Humphrey Marshall, and the subject matter focuses primarily on political issues such as slavery, the Compromise of 1850, and congressional politics. The correspondence also includes several letters from Fillmore’s daughter Mary Abigail Fillmore to Susan E. Johnson, and an 1854 obituary notice for Fillmore's daughter. The remainder of the papers consists of a detailed index compiled in 1925 to volumes 1-44 of the Millard Fillmore papers in the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo, N.Y.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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