Collection Summary

Title: John C. Calhoun Papers
Span Dates: 1818-1850
ID No.: MSS14787
Creator: Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850
Extent: 70 items ; 1 container ; 0.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Vice president of the United States, U.S. secretary of state and secretary of war, and U.S. senator from South Carolina. Chiefly correspondence, a manuscript of Calhoun's last senate speech, and other papers relating to his career in government.

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
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850.
Mathewes, John R. (John Raven), 1788-1867--Correspondence.
Tazewell, Littleton Waller, 1774-1860--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Congress. Senate.

Subjects
Compromise of 1850.
Indian Removal, 1813-1903.
Indians of North America--Government relations.

Places
South Carolina--Politics and government--1775-1865.
United States--Politics and government--1815-1861.

Titles
John Caldwell Calhoun papers

Occupations
Cabinet officers.
Senators, U.S. Congress--South Carolina.
Vice-Presidents--United States.

Administrative Information

Provenance
Material was received by the Library of Congress through gifts and purchases between 1901 and 1956, in 2006, and in 2015.

Processing History
Material was arranged by Manuscript Division staff. An addition was added in 2019 and the finding aid was written by Katie Duvall at that time.
Additional Guides

A microfilm edition of John C. Calhoun materials in this and other collections in the Library of Congress Manuscript Division was made in 1957 by the National Archives under the auspices of the National Historical Publications Commission; cataloged as the John C. Calhoun papers in the Library of Congress.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John C. Calhoun is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John C. Calhoun Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1782 Mar. 18</td>
<td>Born, Abbeville, S.C.</td>
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<td>1811</td>
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<td>1811-1817</td>
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<td>1850 Mar. 31</td>
<td>Died, Washington, D.C.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of John C. Calhoun span the years 1818 to 1850 and chiefly consist of correspondence with John R. Mathewes and Littleton Waller Tazewell; a manuscript of Calhoun's last senate speech (1850 March 4) pertaining to the Compromise of 1850; a list of rules (1828) for the U.S. Commissioner of Public Buildings; and other papers.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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