

**Martin Van Buren Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Martin Van Buren Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1787-1910

**Bulk Dates:** 1820-1850

**ID No.:** MSS43828

**Creator:** Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862

**Extent:** 6,000 items

**Extent:** 72 containers plus 1 oversize

**Extent:** 18 linear feet

**Extent:** 37 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm78043828>

**Summary:** United States president, vice president, secretary of state, and senator from New York. Correspondence, drafts of writings, speeches, and messages to Congress, autobiographical material, notes, certificate, legal record book, estate record book, and other papers pertaining to slavery and the antislavery movement, banking and the Second Bank of the United States, party politics in New York State and at the national level relating to the Federalist, National Republican, Whig, and Democratic parties, particularly during the Jackson and Van Buren administrations.

**Online Content:** The papers of Martin Van Buren are available on the Library of Congress website at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000042>. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the online edition as available.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Bancroft, George, 1800-1891--Correspondence.  
Benton, Thomas Hart, 1782-1858--Correspondence.  
Blair, Francis Preston, 1791-1876--Correspondence.  
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.  
Butler, Benjamin F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1795-1858--Correspondence.  
Butler, Harriet Allen--Correspondence.  
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850.  
Cambreleng, Churchill Caldorn, 1786-1862--Correspondence.  
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852.  
Clinton, DeWitt, 1769-1828.  
Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879--Correspondence.  
Fairfield, John, 1797-1847--Correspondence.  
Flagg, Azariah C. (Azariah Cutting), 1790-1873--Correspondence.  
Gilpin, Henry D. (Henry Dilworth), 1801-1860--Correspondence.  
Hamilton, James, 1786-1857--Correspondence.  
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841.  
Hoyt, Jesse--Correspondence.  
Ingersoll, Charles Jared, 1782-1862--Correspondence.  
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845--Correspondence.  
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845.  
Kendall, Amos, 1789-1869--Correspondence.  
Marcy, William L. (William Learned), 1786-1857--Correspondence.  
McLane, Louis, 1786-1857--Correspondence.  
Parker, Richard Elliot, 1783-1840--Correspondence.  
Paulding, James Kirke, 1778-1860--Correspondence.

Poinsett, Joel Roberts, 1779-1851--Correspondence.  
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849--Correspondence.  
Ritchie, Thomas, 1778-1854--Correspondence.  
Rives, William C. (William Cabell), 1793-1868--Correspondence.  
Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866.  
Stevenson, Andrew, 1784-1857--Correspondence.  
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850.  
Tyler, John, 1790-1862.  
Van Buren, John, 1810-1866. John Van Buren correspondence and a travel journal. 1838-1839.  
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862--Homes and haunts.  
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862.  
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852.  
Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851--Correspondence.  
Wright, Silas, 1795-1847--Correspondence.

### **Organizations**

Bank of the United States (1816-1836)  
Democratic Party (U.S.)  
Federal Party (U.S.)  
Free Soil Party (U.S.)  
National Republican Party (U.S.)  
Whig Party (U.S.)

### **Subjects**

Dwellings--New York (State)--Kinderhook.  
Indians of North America--Government relations.  
Mexican War, 1846-1848.  
Slavery--United States.  
Tariff--United States.

### **Places**

Canada--Boundaries--United States.  
England--Description and travel.  
Europe--Description and travel.  
France--Foreign relations--United States.  
Great Britain--Foreign relations--United States.  
New York (State)--Politics and government--1775-1865.  
Northeast boundary of the United States.  
Texas--Annexation to the United States.  
United States--Boundaries--Canada.  
United States--Boundaries.  
United States--Foreign relations--France.  
United States--Foreign relations--Great Britain.  
United States--History--1815-1861.  
United States--Politics and government--1815-1861.

### **Titles**

*Martin Van Buren Papers at the Library of Congress*

### **Occupations**

Cabinet officers.  
Presidents--United States.  
Senators, U.S. Congress--New York (State)  
Vice-Presidents--United States.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Martin Van Buren were acquired by the Library of Congress through gift and purchase beginning in 1902. The largest group of papers was given to the Library in 1904-1905 by Henrietta Van Buren and Stuyvesant Fish Morris. There have been numerous additions to the collection since 1906, most of which were acquired through purchase. The 2023 addition includes gifts from Peter and Susan Van Buren, and Nathan Raab.

## Processing History

The papers of Martin Van Buren were arranged and described in 1980. Additional material was processed and the finding aid revised in 1985, 1986, 1996, 2014, and 2023. Additional revisions to the finding aid unrelated to additions occurred in 2009 and 2014. Archivists who arranged and described the papers include Mary Wolfskill, John McDonough, David Mathisen, Nan Ernst, Karen Linn Femia, and Nate Scheible.

## Additional Guides

[Series 2, General Correspondence](#) of the collection is listed and indexed in *Calendar of the Papers of Martin Van Buren* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1910); this publication is available online at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc/gdc/gdclccn.10035009>.

## Related Material

An edition of fifty-five reels of positive microfilm reproducing the papers of Martin Van Buren from the originals in the Library of Congress and in over 260 other repositories and private collections was produced in 1987 by Chadwyck-Healey, Inc. It is available for consultation in the Manuscript Division Reading Room with accompanying reel notes and item index. A related collection in the Manuscript Division, featuring correspondence of Martin Van Buren and matters of the Van Buren family, is the papers of the Lawrence Van Buren family (see <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2023086620>).

## Copyright Status

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

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Martin Van Buren 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.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on thirty-seven reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. *To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.*

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## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Martin Van Buren Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

| Date                       | Event  |
|----------------------------|--|
| 1782, Dec. 5<br>circa 1796 | Born, Kinderhook, near Albany, N.Y.<br>Concluded education in village schools of Kinderhook, N.Y.; became law clerk in office of Francis Silvester |
| 1801                       | Clerk, law office of William P. Van Ness, New York, N.Y.   |
| 1803                       | Licensed to practice law<br>Returned to Kinderhook, N.Y.; became law partner of James I. Van Alen, his half-brother                                |
| 1807                       | Married Hannah Hoes (died 1819)  |
| 1808                       | Appointed surrogate of Columbia County, N.Y.   |
| 1809                       | Moved to Hudson, N.Y.  |
| 1812-1820                  | Served in New York State Senate  |
| 1815                       | Appointed regent of the University of the State of New York  |
| 1815-1819                  | Attorney general of New York   |
| 1816                       | Moved to Albany, N.Y.; formed law partnership with Benjamin F. Butler  |
| 1821-1828                  | Member from New York, United States Senate   |
| 1829                       | Governor of New York<br>Appointed secretary of state   |
| 1831                       | Appointed United States Minister to Great Britain; nomination rejected by the Senate, 1832   |
| 1833-1837                  | Vice president, United States  |
| 1837-1841                  | President, United States   |
| 1840                       | Defeated in presidential election  |
| 1841                       | Returned to Kinderhook, N.Y.; rebuilt home there, naming it "Lindenwald"   |
| 1844                       | Unsuccessful candidate for Democratic party presidential nomination  |
| 1848                       | Unsuccessful candidate for presidency, Free Soil party; retired to Kinderhook, N.Y.  |
| 1853-1855                  | Traveled and lived abroad  |
| 1862, July 24              | Died, Kinderhook, N.Y.   |

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Martin Van Buren (1782-1862) extend from 1787 to 1910, although they principally relate to the period from 1820 to 1850. The papers are organized in eight series: [Autobiography](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Additional Correspondence](#), [Messages](#), [Legal Record Book](#), [Estate Record Book](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Addenda](#), as well as [Oversize](#). Letters received by Van Buren constitute the bulk of his papers, but many drafts, contemporary copies, and original letters sent are also preserved, as well as transcripts and photocopies of letters written by Van Buren. The collection includes notes, drafts, and typescripts for some of Van Buren's writings, notably his autobiography; drafts of his messages to Congress, 1837-1838; drafts and notes for other addresses and speeches; a legal record book, 1807-1813, relating to matters handled by Van Buren; and an estate record book, 1862-1863, containing a copy of his will and entries relating to the settlement of his estate. The [Addenda](#) includes correspondence and a travel journal kept by John Van Buren during his trip to England and the European continent in 1838-1839.

Correspondence in [Series 2-3](#) and [Series 8](#) covers a wide range of subjects related to Martin Van Buren and his close associates. Among these subjects are slavery, the abolitionist and antislavery movements, banking and the Second Bank of the United States, party politics in New York state and on the national level involving the Federalist, National Republican, Whig, and Democratic parties, and the policies and programs of such opposition figures as John C. Calhoun, Henry

Clay, DeWitt Clinton, William Henry Harrison, Winfield Scott, Zachary Taylor, John Tyler, and Daniel Webster. Other topics represented in the Van Buren Papers are Indian affairs, internal improvements, the annexation of Texas and the war with Mexico, the Free Soil movement, tariff questions, the affairs of the *Washington Globe*, foreign relations particularly with France and England, the Northeast Boundary Question, and Van Buren's home, "Lindenwald," in Kinderhook, New York. Preeminently, however, Van Buren's papers relate to the politics and policies of his own administration and to the presidency of Andrew Jackson.

Correspondents include George Bancroft, Thomas Hart Benton, Francis P. Blair, James Buchanan, Benjamin F. Butler (1795-1858), Churchill C. Cambreleng, John A. Dix, John Fairfield, Azariah Cutting Flagg, Henry D. Gilpin, James Hamilton, Jr., Jesse Hoyt, Charles Jared Ingersoll, Andrew Jackson (more than 130 letters), Amos Kendall, William L. Marcy, Louis McLane, Richard Elliot Parker, James Kirke Paulding, Joel R. Poinsett, James K. Polk, Thomas Ritchie, William Cabell Rives, Andrew Stevenson, Levi Woodbury, and Silas Wright.

A *Calendar of the Papers of Martin Van Buren* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1910) provides a list and index for [Series 2, General Correspondence](#), except for the one hundred and forty-eight letters received by the Library after 1910 that have been interfiled within the series. Typescripts of selected letters in Series 2 are included in [Series 7, Miscellany](#).

[Series 8, Addenda](#), formerly designated as Series 8 through Series 10, includes small additions in five separate subseries grouped according to the year the material was added to the Van Buren Papers. The 1980 Addition, consisting of correspondence, certificates, an indenture, and other material dated 1799-1861, has been microfilmed. Subsequent additions are not microfilmed.

The 1985 Addition, formerly designated as Series 9, includes a letter from Van Buren to Benjamin F. Butler, 1847, and a maritime document dated 1839.

The 1986 Addition, formerly designated as Series 10, contains correspondence and a travel journal dated 1838-1839 of the president's son, John Van Buren.

The 1996 Addition includes correspondence, principally letters from Van Buren to Benjamin F. Butler and wife, Harriet Allen Butler. Butler was an early law partner of Van Buren's who served as attorney general and secretary of war for Andrew Jackson and was appointed United States attorney for southern New York by Van Buren and James K. Polk. His son, William Allen Butler, an attorney in New York known for legal treatises and light verse, published a eulogy of Van Buren which is included in the 1996 Addition. Also included is a letter dated 1822 from Van Buren to Stephen Decatur Miller concerning an act for the reduction of the army and other matters before Congress.

The 2014 Addition contains a letter to Samuel Milroy, an autograph, and two land grants from Alabama.

The 2023 Addition contains correspondence, principally letters from Van Buren to Benjamin F. Butler from 1833 and 1857, discussing topics such as Andrew Jackson's health, the South Carolina nullification crisis, and judicial authority of the Supreme Court. It also includes a certificate signed by President Andrew Jackson appointing Van Buren minister to England in 1831. The Ann Van Buren file contains letters from Ann Van Buren, a presumed family member, to sister Catherine Freeland discussing family matters unrelated to Martin Van Buren.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged in nine series:

- [Series 1, Autobiography, 1854-1862](#)
- [Series 2, General Correspondence, 1787-1868](#)
- [Series 3, Additional Correspondence, 1811-1853](#)
- [Series 4, Messages, 1837-1838](#)
- [Series 5, Legal Record Book, 1807-1813](#)
- [Series 6, Estate Record Book, 1862-1863](#)

- Series 7, Miscellany, 1814-1910
- Series 8, Addenda, 1799-1862
- Oversize, 1837-1839

## Description of Series

| Container            | Series  |
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| BOX 1-4 REEL 1-3     | <p><b><u>Series 1, Autobiography, 1854-1862</u></b></p> <p>Draft and holograph transcripts with notes of Van Buren's autobiography and history of the United States Bank.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material.</p>  |
| BOX 1-61 REEL 4-34   | <p><b><u>Series 2, General Correspondence, 1787-1868</u></b></p> <p>Letters sent and received by Van Buren and related items.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>  |
| BOX 62 REEL 34       | <p><b><u>Series 3, Additional Correspondence, 1811-1853</u></b></p> <p>Letters sent and received by Van Buren, transcripts of letters, and related items.</p> <p>Originals and transcripts are arranged chronologically in separate subseries.</p>  |
| BOX 63-65 REEL 35    | <p><b><u>Series 4, Messages, 1837-1838</u></b></p> <p>Drafts of Van Buren's messages to Congress for an extra session in 1837 and the annual presidential message of 1838.</p>  |
| BOX 66 REEL 35       | <p><b><u>Series 5, Legal Record Book, 1807-1813</u></b></p> <p>Records of legal business conducted by Van Buren.</p>  |
| BOX 67 REEL 35       | <p><b><u>Series 6, Estate Record Book, 1862-1863</u></b></p> <p>Notations concerning Van Buren's estate.</p>  |
| BOX 68-70 not filmed | <p><b><u>Series 7, Miscellany, 1814-1910</u></b></p> <p>Typewritten copies of selected letters from Series 2, typewritten copy of Van Buren's autobiography, corrected galley proof of the index to the <i>Calendar of the Papers of Martin Van Buren</i>, a copy of William Emmons' <i>Biography of Martin Van Buren</i>, and miscellaneous printed matter.</p>                      |
| BOX 71-72 REEL 36    | <p><b><u>Series 8, Addenda, 1799-1862</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence, travel journal, certificates, indenture, and printed matter.</p> <p>Arranged in subseries according to the year the addition was processed.</p> <p>Only the 1980 Addition has been microfilmed. Reel 36 includes the 1980 edition of the register and the <i>Calendar of the Papers of Martin Van Buren</i>.</p> |
| BOX OV 1 not filmed  | <p><b><u>Oversize, 1831-1839</u></b></p> <p>Maritime document, Alabama land grants, and a certificate.</p> <p>Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were separate.</p>   |



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| BOX 2 REEL 1     | Vol. 2<br><a href="#">Digital content available</a>  |
| BOX 3 REEL 1     | Holograph transcript<br>Autobiography<br>Vol. 1<br><a href="#">Digital content available</a><br>Vol. 2<br>pp. 1-106<br><a href="#">Digital content available</a>   |
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## Series 1, Autobiography, 1854-1862

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Printed material, William Allen Butler, *Martin Van Buren: Lawyer, Statesman & Man* (New York: D. Appleton & Co.), 1862

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