Zachariah Chandler Papers
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Collection Summary
Title: Zachariah Chandler Papers
Span Dates: 1854-1899
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1854-1879)
ID No.: MSS15552
Creator: Chandler, Zachariah, 1813-1879
Extent: 1,100 items
Extent: 9 containers
Extent: 1.8 linear feet
Extent: 4 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78015552
Summary: Secretary of the interior and senator from Michigan. Correspondence, principally letters received, only a few
dating after 1879, relating chiefly to the politics of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Reflects the views of the antislavery
element of the Republican Party when Chandler was serving on the Republican Congressional Committee and the Joint
Committee on the Conduct of War and as chairman of the Committee on Commerce. Also includes material pertaining to
the early political history of Michigan.

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
Banks, Nathaniel Prentiss, 1816-1894--Correspondence.
Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893--Correspondence.
Cameron, Simon, 1799-1889--Correspondence.
Chandler, Zachariah, 1813-1879.
Creswell, John A. J., 1828-1891--Correspondence.
Custer, George A. (George Armstrong), 1839-1876--Correspondence.
Forbes, John Murray, 1813-1898--Correspondence.
Giddings, Marsh, 1816-1875--Correspondence.
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.
Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence.
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Correspondence.
Morton, Levi P. (Levi Parsons), 1824-1920--Correspondence.
Stanton, Edwin M. (Edwin McMasters), 1814-1869--Correspondence.
Trumbull, Lyman, 1813-1896--Correspondence.
Wade, B. F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1800-1878--Correspondence.

Organizations
Republican Congressional Committee.
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)
United States. Congress. Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War.
United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Commerce.
United States. Department of the Interior--Officials and employees.

Subjects
Antislavery movements--United States.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
Slavery--United States.

Places
Provenance
The papers of Zachariah Chandler, senator and secretary of the interior, were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1928 by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hale, and their son, Frederick Hale, and were converted to a gift in 1932. An addition was purchased in 1977.

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

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Zachariah Chandler 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 four 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.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Zachariah Chandler, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1813, Dec. 10</td>
<td>Born, Bedford, N.H.</td>
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<td>1833</td>
<td>Moved to Detroit, Mich., and later opened a general store</td>
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<td>1844</td>
<td>Married Letitia Grace Douglas</td>
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<td>1851-1852</td>
<td>Mayor, Detroit, Mich.</td>
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<td>1852</td>
<td>Unsuccessful Whig candidate for governor of Michigan</td>
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<td>1854</td>
<td>One of the signers of the call for the meeting at Jackson, Mich., which founded the Republican Party</td>
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<td>1856</td>
<td>Delegate and member of the national committee, Republican national convention, Pittsburgh, Pa.</td>
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<td>1857</td>
<td>Elected to the United States Senate succeeding Lewis Cass</td>
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<td>Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce</td>
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1875-1877  Secretary of the interior
1876  Chairman, Republican Congressional Committee for duration of campaign
1879  Elected to the United States Senate
1879, Nov. 1  Died, Chicago, Ill

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Zachariah Chandler (1813-1879) span the years 1854-1899, with the bulk of the items dating from 1854 to 1879. The greater part of the collection consists of letters received by Chandler. The papers include bound volumes of correspondence, an autograph book, and a letterbook.

The Chandler Papers are concerned mainly with the early political history of Michigan and the politics of the Civil War and Reconstruction. They reflect the views of the antislavery element of the Republican Party when Chandler was serving in the United States Senate on the Republican Congressional Committee and the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War and while he was chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce.


Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.
## Container List

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