

Charles Sumner Correspondence
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Collection Summary

Title: Charles Sumner Correspondence

Span Dates: 1841-1874

ID No.: MSS41962

Creator: Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874

Extent: 142 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: United States Senator and lawyer. Correspondence with attached and related material chiefly concerning government publications, appointments to office, the Republican Party, Sumner's law practice, and his political speeches and writings.

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

Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906--Correspondence.

Chandler, Zachariah, 1813-1879--Correspondence.

Force, Peter, 1790-1868--Correspondence.

Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909--Correspondence.

Hillard, George Stillman, 1808-1879--Correspondence.

Nast, Thomas, 1840-1902--Correspondence.

Story, Sarah--Correspondence.

Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874.

Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878--Correspondence.

Organizations

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)

Subjects

Government publications.

Practice of law--Massachusetts.

Places

United States--Politics and government--19th century.

Titles

Charles Sumner papers

Occupations

Senators, U.S. Congress--Massachusetts.

Provenance

The correspondence of Charles Sumner, lawyer and United States Senator from Massachusetts, was received in the Library of Congress between 1900 and 1994 as transfers and purchases from various sources and as gifts of Alexander William Armour, Elisabeth B. Bliss, Ida Husted Harper, and others.

Processing History

The correspondence of Charles Sumner was arranged and described in 1971 and 1985. The collection was revised in 1995 and additional revisions were made to the finding aid in 2008.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles Sumner is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles Sumner 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, Charles Sumner Correspondence, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence of Charles Sumner (1811-1874) spans the years 1841-1874 and consists mainly of correspondence with attached and related material, including printed matter. The papers are organized chronologically and chiefly concern government publications, appointments to office, the Republican party, Sumner's law practice, and his political speeches and writings. Correspondents include Susan B. Anthony, Zachariah P. Chandler, Peter Force, Edward Everett Hale, George Hillard, Thomas Nast, Sarah Story, and Gideon Welles.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	1841-1849
BOX 1	1850-1858
BOX 1	1860-1869
BOX 1	1870-1874
BOX 1	Undated