

Thomas Corwin Correspondence
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Collection Summary

Title: Thomas Corwin Correspondence

Span Dates: 1850-1853

ID No.: MSS16964

Creator: Corwin, Thomas, 1794-1865

Extent: 3,000 items

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Summary: Lawyer, Ohio governor, U.S. representative and senator, and U.S. secretary of the treasury. Correspondence received during Corwin's tenure as secretary of the treasury. Subjects include appointments to and removals from office, Whig politics, and financial and commercial policies of Millard Fillmore's administration.

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

Bates, George C.--Correspondence.
Combs, Leslie, 1793-1881--Correspondence.
Corwin, Moses B. (Moses Bledso), 1790-1872--Correspondence.
Corwin, Thomas, 1794-1865.
Draper, Simeon, 1806-1866--Correspondence.
Ewing, Thomas, 1789-1871--Correspondence.
Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874.
Gallagher, William D. (William Davis), 1808-1894--Correspondence.
Grandin, William--Correspondence.
Grayson, William J. (William John), 1788-1863--Correspondence.
Grinnell, Moses Hicks, 1803-1877--Correspondence.
Hunt, Washington, 1811-1867--Correspondence.
Johnson, Reverdy, 1796-1876--Correspondence.
Kane, George P.--Correspondence.
Lewis, William David, 1792-1881--Correspondence.
Mallory, Francis, 1807-1860--Correspondence.
Mangum, Willie Person, 1792-1861--Correspondence.
Mansfield, Edward Deering, 1801-1880--Correspondence.
Maxwell, Hugh, 1787-1873--Correspondence.
McLean, John, 1785-1861--Correspondence.
Moore, Henry Dunning, 1817-1887--Correspondence.
Mudd, John Henry Clay, 1821-1866--Correspondence.
Pearce, James Alfred, 1805-1862--Correspondence.
Perry, Aaron F. (Aaron Fyfe), 1815-1893--Correspondence.
Prentice, George D. (George Denison), 1802-1870--Correspondence.
Reese, William J.--Correspondence.
Seward, William H. (William Henry), 1801-1872--Correspondence.
Smith, Truman, 1791-1884--Correspondence.
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852--Correspondence.
Weed, Thurlow, 1797-1882--Correspondence.
White, Hugh, 1798-1870--Correspondence.
Williams, John J.--Correspondence.

Winder, William Henry, 1775-1824--Correspondence.
Wright, John C. (John Crafts), 1783-1861--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Department of the Treasury.
Whig Party (U.S.)

Places

United States--Economic policy.
United States--Politics and government--1849-1853.

Titles

Thomas Corwin papers

Occupations

Cabinet officers.
Governors--Ohio.
Lawyers.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Ohio.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

Provenance

The correspondence of Thomas Corwin, lawyer, Ohio governor, U.S. representative and senator, and U.S. secretary of the treasury, were purchased by the Library of Congress from 1906 to 1925.

Processing History

The correspondence of Thomas Corwin were processed in 1959. The finding aid was revised in 2003.

Additional Guides

An index to the collection is available in the Manuscript Reading Room.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The correspondence of Thomas Corwin is 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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1794, July 29	Born, Bourbon County, Ky.
1817	Admitted to the Ohio bar
1818-1828	Prosecuting attorney, Warren County, Ohio
1822-1823, 1829	Member, Ohio State House of Representatives
1831-1840	U. S. Congressman from Ohio
1840-1842	Governor of Ohio
1845-1850	U.S. Senator from Ohio
1840-1853	U.S. Secretary of the treasury
1859-1861	U.S. Congressman from Ohio
1861-1864	Minister to Mexico
1865, Dec. 18	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence of Thomas Corwin (1794-1865) spans the years 1850-1853 during Corwin's tenure as United States secretary of the treasury.

Topics include appointments to and removals from office, Whig politics, and the financial and commercial policies of President Millard Fillmore's administration. Correspondents include George C. Bates, Leslie Combs, Moses B. Corwin, Simeon Draper, Thomas Ewing, William D. Gallagher, William Grandin, William J. Grayson, Moses Hicks Grinnell, Washington Hunt, Reverdy Johnson, George P. Kane, William Davis Lewis, John McLean, Francis Mallory, Willie Person Mangum, Edward Deering Mansfield, Hugh Maxwell, Henry Dunning Moore, John Henry Clay Mudd, James Alfred Pearce, Aaron F. Perry, George D. Prentice, William J. Reese, William Henry Seward, Truman Smith, Daniel Webster, Thurlow Weed, Hugh White, John J. Williams, William Henry Winder, and John C. Wright.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection consists of correspondence chronologically arranged in bound volumes with the exception of a small group of letters from 1851 at the end of the chronology.

Container List

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BOX 11	Aug. 28-Sept. 30
BOX 12	Oct. 1-Nov. 6
BOX 13	Nov. 7-Dec. 31
BOX 14	1852
BOX 14	Jan. 1-Feb. 18
BOX 15	Feb. 19-Mar. 31
BOX 16	Apr. 1-May 31
BOX 17	June 1-Aug. 31
BOX 18	Sept. 1-Oct. 10
BOX 19	Oct. 11-Nov. 30
BOX 20	Dec. 1-28
BOX 21	1852, Dec. 29-1853, May 20; 1851, Jan. 7-Dec. 31