

Duff Green Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Duff Green Papers

Span Dates: 1716-1883

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1827-1845)

Creator: Green, Duff, 1791-1875

Extent: 725 items

Extent: 3 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 1.6 linear feet

Extent: 3 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Journalist, politician, entrepreneur, and industrial promoter. Correspondence, writings, maps, and printed matter reflecting Green's political service and views on Southern culture.

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

Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.
Cabell, John J., 1772-1834--Correspondence.
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850--Correspondence.
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866--Correspondence.
Cobden, Richard, 1804-1865--Correspondence.
Crallé, Richard K. (Richard Kenner), 1800-1864--Correspondence.
Dallas, George Mifflin, 1792-1864--Correspondence.
Eaton, John Henry, 1790-1856--Correspondence.
Ellis, Henry, 1777-1869--Correspondence.
Everett, Edward, 1794-1865--Correspondence.
Green, Duff, 1791-1875.
Green, Lucretia Maria, 1792-1863--Correspondence.
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841--Correspondence.
Hill, Isaac, 1789-1851--Correspondence.
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845--Correspondence.
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845.
Kendall, Amos, 1789-1869--Correspondence.
MacGregor, John, 1825-1892--Correspondence.
Madison, James, 1751-1836--Correspondence.
Peel, Robert, 1788-1850--Correspondence.
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850--Correspondence.
Tyler, John, 1790-1862.
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862--Correspondence.
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852--Correspondence.

Subjects

Elections--United States.
Free trade.
Freedom of the press.
International trade.
Oregon question.
Presidents--United States.
Slavery--Texas.

Slavery.
States' rights (American politics)
Tariff--United States.

Places

France--Foreign relations--United States.
Great Britain--Commerce--United States.
Great Britain--Foreign relations--United States.
Northwest boundary of the United States.
Southern States--Politics and government.
United States--Commerce--Great Britain.
United States--Commerce--History--19th century.
United States--Foreign relations--France.
United States--Foreign relations--Great Britain.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.

Occupations

Entrepreneurs.
Journalists.
Politicians.
Promoters.

Provenance

The papers of Duff Green, journalist, politician, entrepreneur, and industrial promoter, were given to the Library of Congress by various descendants of Green and by St. George L. Sioussat, 1904-1961.

Processing History

The papers of Duff Green were arranged and described in 1974. The collection was microfilmed in 1975 and the finding aid revised in 2000.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Duff Green 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 these papers is available on three reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1791, Aug. 15	Born, Woodford County, Ky.
1813	Married Lucretia Edwards
1823	Member, Missouri legislature Owner, <i>St. Louis Enquirer</i> , supporting Andrew Jackson in presidential election of 1824
1825-1836	Owner-editor, <i>United States Telegraph</i> , Washington, D.C.
1827-1832	Printer to Congress
1828-1830	Member, "Kitchen Cabinet" of President Andrew Jackson
1836	Organized Union Potomac Co., Va. Founded the <i>Reformer</i> , Washington, D.C.
1839	Organized Union Co., Md.
1840	Founded the <i>Pilot</i> , Baltimore, Md. Established American Land Co., Md.
1840-1844	Unofficial representative of the United States to England and France
1844	Established the <i>Republic</i> , New York Appointed consul, Galveston, Tex.
1857	Published the <i>American Statesman</i> , Washington, D.C.
1861	Organized Duff Green and Son, Ironworks, Jonesboro, Tenn., and Planters Insurance Trust and Loan Co., Ga.
1861-1865	Operated iron manufacturing plants for Confederacy during the Civil War and acted as adviser on fiscal and foreign policy to Confederate leaders
1865-1875	Organized several railroads, including the Sabine & Rio Grande and the Selma, Rome & Dalton
1867	Organized the Maryland Industrial Agency and the Mississippi American Industrial Agency 1875, June 10 Died, Dalton, Ga.
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Duff Green (1716-1883) span the years 1716-1883, with the bulk of the material in the period 1827-1845. The papers consist largely of correspondence, financial and legal records, speeches and writings, maps, printed matter, and several oversize items.

The correspondence documents Green's interest in the defense of the political rights of the South in the Union, the retention of a free press, the promotion of industrial enterprise, and the political and economic realities of international trade. Many of Green's social and political ideas are contained in letters to John J. Cabell, editor of the *Jeffersonian*, Lynchburg, Virginia, and to Richard K. Crallé focusing largely on issues such as states rights, tariff laws, and slavery, and on Green's support of various presidential candidates. Letters to George M. Dallas, John H. Eaton, William Henry Harrison, and Zachary Taylor reveal Green's influence in shaping public opinion during the course of several presidential elections.

Correspondence during his tenure as unofficial representative of President John Tyler in England and France from 1840-1844, reflects Green's free trade ideas and his desire to obtain commercial treaties between the United States and England and demonstrates his concern over his many business ventures at home. Letters for the period 1842-1859 also cover such topics as the abolition of slavery in Texas, the Oregon question, and what Green saw as the conflict between states rights and the power of the federal government. Among the correspondents for this period are James Buchanan, Lewis Cass, Richard Cobden, Sir Henry Ellis, Edward Everett, John Macgregor, Sir Robert Peel, and Daniel Webster. Typed copies of letters from Duff Green to his wife, Lucretia, are also included for the period August-November 1859.

Important supplements to the correspondence are two letterbooks in the miscellany file. The first contains copies of outgoing letters for the period August 1827-April 1830, during part of which time Green was a member of Andrew Jackson's "Kitchen Cabinet." An alphabetical index lists correspondents addressed in this volume, the more prominent being John C. Calhoun, Isaac Hill, Andrew Jackson, Amos Kendall, James Madison, and Martin Van Buren. The second

letterbook contains copies of letters exchanged by Green and Edward Everett from May to December 1843 concerning Green's status as unofficial representative in England.

Arrangement of the Papers

Arranged alphabetically by type or topic of material; correspondence is arranged chronologically within.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no.16,257

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 1	1716, Dec.-1842, July (6 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 2	1842, Aug.-1857, Sept. (6 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 3	1858, Nov.-1879, June, undated (3 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 3	Miscellany
BOX 3 REEL 3	Financial and legal papers, 1813-1863
BOX 3 REEL 3	Last will and testament, 1865
BOX 3 REEL 3	Letterbooks, 1827, Aug.-1830, Apr.; 1843, May-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 3	Lists of subscribers to the <i>Southern Review</i> , undated
BOX 3 REEL 3	Maps, undated
BOX 3 REEL 3	Photograph of Duff and Lucretia Green, undated
BOX 3 REEL 3	Printed matter, 1834-1883, undated
BOX 3 REEL 3	Speeches and writings, 1857-1869, undated
BOX 3 REEL 3	"The United States and England," <i>Great Western Magazine</i> , 1842
BOX 4 (OV 1) REEL 3	Oversize
BOX 4 (OV 1) REEL 3	Certificate of appointment as consul for Galveston, Tex., and consul circulars, 1838-1840
BOX 4 (OV 1) REEL 3	Passports, 1841-1844
BOX 4 (OV 1) REEL 3	Grant of amnesty, 1865