Collection Summary
Title: Charles Pinkerton Collection of Arthur and Herndon Family Papers
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Bulk Dates: 1822-1886
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Extent: 1 container
Extent: .4 linear feet
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Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm75050732
Summary: Correspondence, genealogical material, notes, press clippings, and other papers relating to Pinkerton's father-in-law, Chester Alan Arthur, and to other members of the Arthur and Herndon families.

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
Arthur family.
Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886--Correspondence.
Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886.
Arthur, William, 1796-1875.
Herndon family.
Herndon, William Lewis, 1813-1857.
Reeves, Thomas C., 1936-

Places
United States--Politics and government--1881-1885.

Titles
Arthur family papers
Herndon family papers

Occupations
Collectors.

Acquisition Information
The Charles Pinkerton Collection of Arthur and Herndon Family Papers was given to the Library of Congress by Charles Pinkerton in 1973.

Transfers
Photographs and slides have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library where they are identified as part of these papers.
Related Material

The Manuscript Division also holds the papers of Chester Alan Arthur (see https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms009139) and of Thomas C. Reeves (see https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms009134).

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Charles Pinkerton Collection of Arthur and Herndon Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Charles Pinkerton Collection of Arthur and Herndon Family Papers consists of correspondence, genealogical material, notes, press clippings, and other papers relating to Pinkerton's father-in-law, Chester Alan Arthur; Arthur's father, William Arthur; Arthur's father-in-law, William Lewis Herndon, the explorer; and other members of the Arthur and Herndon families. The collection spans the years 1822-1938, with the bulk from 1822 to 1886. Included is a volume of letterpress copies of telegrams received by Chester Alan Arthur from January 15 to December 1, 1883, and notes made by Arthur's biographer, Thomas C. Reeves.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by family member, followed by press clippings arranged alphabetically by topic.
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