

Charles Pinkerton Collection of Arthur and Herndon Family Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Charles Pinkerton Collection of Arthur and Herndon Family Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1822-1938

Bulk Dates: 1822-1886

ID No.: MSS50732

Creator: Pinkerton, Charles, 1871-1974

Extent: 700 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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.

Pinkerton, Charles, 1871-1974.

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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BOX 1	Arthur, Chester Alan, bound vol. of letterpress copies of telegrams received at the Executive Mansion, 1883, Jan. 15-Dec. 1
BOX 1	Arthur family, notes compiled by Malvina Arthur Haynesworth (sister of Chester Alan Arthur), circa 1869
BOX 1	Arthur, William (father of Chester Alan Arthur), 1822-1827
BOX 1	Haynesworth, Henry J., loyalty oath, 1865
BOX 1	Haynesworth, Henry J. and Malvinia, correspondence and autographs of members of the Chester Alan Arthur administration, 1884-1885
BOX 1	Herndon, Ellen (wife of Chester Alan Arthur), confirmation certificate, 1853
BOX 1	Herndon family, notes, undated
BOX 1	Herndon, Lucy, typescript letter concerning the Herndon family during the Civil War, 1863
BOX 1	Herndon, William Lewis (father of Ellen Herndon), correspondence with his wife, circa 1840s
BOX 1	Stone, Uriah (great grandfather of Chester Alan Arthur), papers concerning Stone and his descendants, 1881, 1898, undated
BOX 1	Press clippings
BOX 1	Arthur family, including Chester Alan Arthur
BOX 1	1878-1886
BOX 1	1886-1930s
BOX 1	Death of Chester Alan Arthur, 1886 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Death of William Arthur, 1875
BOX 1	Herndon, William Lewis, 1875-1879, undated
BOX 1	Marriage of Ellen Arthur (daughter of Chester Alan Arthur) and Charles Pinkerton, 1903