

Joshua R. Giddings and George Washington Julian Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Joshua R. Giddings and George Washington Julian Papers

Span Dates: 1839-1899

Creator: Giddings, Joshua R. (Joshua Reed), 1795-1864

Creator: Julian, George Washington, 1817-1899

Extent: 900 items

Extent: 7 containers

Extent: 1.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: United States representative from Ohio, abolitionist, and consul general to Canada (Joshua R. Giddings); United States representative from Indiana and biographer (George Washington Julian). Chiefly family letters of Giddings and Julian, together with some political correspondence. Topics include Ohio and Indiana politics and the abolition of slavery.

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

Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873--Correspondence.

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Correspondence.

Garrison, William Lloyd, 1805-1879--Correspondence.

Giddings family--Correspondence.

Giddings, Joshua R. (Joshua Reed), 1795-1864.

Howe, Julia Ward, 1819-1910--Correspondence.

Johnson, Oliver, 1809-1889--Correspondence.

Julian family--Correspondence.

Julian, George W. (George Washington), 1817-1899. Joshua R. Giddings and George Washington Julian papers. 1839-1899.

Mill, John Stuart, 1806-1873--Correspondence.

Palfrey, John Gorham, 1796-1881--Correspondence.

Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912--Correspondence.

Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, 1815-1902--Correspondence.

Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893--Correspondence.

Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874--Correspondence.

Van Buren, John, 1810-1866--Correspondence.

Villard, Henry, 1835-1900--Correspondence.

Wade, B. F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1800-1878--Correspondence.

Organizations

Free Soil Party (U.S.)

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)

Subjects

Antislavery movements.

Diplomatic and consular affairs, American--Canada.

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

Places

Canada--Foreign relations--United States.

Indiana--Politics and government--19th century.

Montréal (Québec)--Politics and government.

Ohio--Politics and government--19th century.
United States--Foreign relations--Canada.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.

Titles

George Washington Julian papers
Joshua R. Giddings papers
Joshua Reed Giddings papers

Occupations

Abolitionists.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Indiana.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

Provenance

The papers of Joshua R. Giddings, United States representative from Ohio, abolitionist, and consul general to Canada, and George Washington Julian, United States representative from Indiana and biographer, were given to the Library of Congress by Grace Giddings Julian Clarke, 1926-1930.

Processing History

The collection was reprocessed in 2000. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Other Repositories

A collection of Joshua R. Giddings papers can be found at the Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio. A collection of George Washington Julian's papers is at the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joshua R. Giddings and George Washington Julian is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Joshua R. Giddings and George Washington Julian 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, Joshua R. Giddings and George Washington Julian Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Joshua Reed Giddings (1795-1864) and George Washington Julian (1817-1899) span the years 1839-1899 and consist primarily of their correspondence. Included are letters written by Giddings to his family from Washington, D.C., while he was in the House of Representatives, 1848-1859, and American consul general in Montreal, Canada, in

1861. Giddings's correspondents include, Salmon P. Chase, Oliver Johnson, John Gorham Palfrey, Charles Sumner, John Van Buren, and B. F. Wade.

Julian's correspondence reflects his involvement with the Free Soil movement, the formation of the Republican Party in Indiana in the mid-1850s, the antislavery movement, and Reconstruction. Correspondents include Grover Cleveland, William Lloyd Garrison, Julia Ward Howe, John Stuart Mill, Whitelaw Reid, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, Charles Sumner, and Henry Villard. A partial index to the collection is located at the end of Container seven.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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BOX 6	1871, Feb. 24-1892, Dec. 15
BOX 7	1893, Jan. 3-1899, Feb. 2, undated
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