

Herman K. Crofoot Collection of Francis Elias Spinner Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Herman K. Crofoot Collection of Francis Elias Spinner Papers

Span Dates: 1792-1908

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1825-1891)

ID No.: MSS37705

Creator: Spinner, Francis Elias, 1802-1890

Collector: Crofoot, Herman K.

Extent: 750 items

Extent: 4 containers

Extent: 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm78037705>

Summary: Merchant, banker, United States representative from New York, and United States treasurer. Correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, autographs, printed matter, and clippings relating to Spinner's political, financial, and personal activities. Includes a diary of John Peter Spinner.

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

Allison, John, 1812-1878--Correspondence.

Boutwell, George S. (George Sewall), 1818-1905--Correspondence.

Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence.

Conkling, Roscoe, 1829-1888--Correspondence.

Cooke, Jay, 1821-1905--Correspondence.

Crofoot, Herman K. Herman K. Crofoot collection of Francis Elias Spinner papers. 1792-1908.

Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881--Correspondence.

Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.

Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804--Correspondence.

Logan, John Alexander, 1826-1886--Correspondence.

Morgan, Edwin D. (Edwin Denison), 1811-1883--Correspondence.

Morrill, Justin S. (Justin Smith), 1810-1898--Correspondence.

Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912--Correspondence.

Spinner, Francis Elias, 1802-1890.

Spinner, John Peter, 1768-1848. John Peter Spinner diary. circa 1839.

Windom, William, 1827-1891--Correspondence.

Organizations

Mohawk Valley Bank.

United States. Congress. House.

United States. Office of the Treasurer.

Subjects

Banks and banking--New York (State)

Finance, Public--United States.

Places

New York (State)--Commerce.

United States--Politics and government--1849-1877.

Occupations

Bankers.

Merchants.
Public officials.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--New York (State)

Provenance

The Herman K. Crofoot Collection of the papers of Francis Elias Spinner, merchant, banker, United States representative from New York, and United States treasurer, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Herman K. Crofoot in 1970.

Processing History

The Herman K. Crofoot Collection of Francis Elias Spinner Papers was arranged and described in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The Herman K. Crofoot Collection of Francis Elias Spinner Papers 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

Francis Elias Spinner

| Date | Event |
|---------------|---|
| 1802, Jan. 21 | Born, German Flats, Herkimer County, N.Y. |
| 1826 | Married Caroline Caswell |
| 1834-1837 | Sheriff, Herkimer County, N.Y. |
| 1838 | Appointed one of the commissioners for the construction of the New York State Lunatic Asylum, Utica, N.Y. |
| 1845-1849 | Auditor and deputy naval officer, Port of New York |
| 1855-1861 | United States representative from New York |
| 1861-1875 | Treasurer of the United States |
| 1890, Dec. 31 | Died, Jacksonville, Fla. |

Scope and Content Note

The Herman K. Crofoot Collection of the papers of Francis Elias Spinner (1802-1890) spans the years 1792-1908, with the bulk of the material concentrated in 1825-1891. The collection is composed primarily of correspondence and scrapbooks supplemented by a portion of a diary, a letterbook, and miscellaneous items.

The correspondence includes letters from national political leaders relating to Spinner's service as a congressman from New York and United States treasurer as well as his financial and personal affairs. The letterbook consists of letters sent by Spinner while he was cashier of the Mohawk Valley Bank, Mohawk, New York. Included in the collection is a diary, circa 1839 of his father, John Peter Spinner.

Correspondents include John Allison, George S. Boutwell, Schuyler Colfax, Roscoe Conkling, Jay Cooke, James A. Garfield, Ulysses S. Grant, John Alexander Logan, Edwin D. Morgan, Justin S. Morrill, Whitelaw Reid, and William Windom. Also in the collection is a letter of Alexander Hamilton dated 1792.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

| Container | Contents |
|------------------|---|
| BOX 1 | Diary of John Peter Spinner, partial, circa 1839 |
| BOX 1 | Letterbook of Francis Elias Spinner, 1845, July 30-1847, Sept. 17 |
| BOX 1 | General correspondence, 1792, 1825-1890 |
| BOX 2 | Scrapbooks |
| BOX 2 | circa 1824-1875, mainly 1854-1860, clippings, printed matter, and an occasional letter |
| BOX 2 | circa 1861-1908, mainly clippings, with occasional letters and miscellaneous items |
| BOX 3 | 1822, 1890-1892, clippings and miscellaneous items relating primarily to Spinner's death |
| BOX 3 | 1887-1896, mainly clippings, with occasional letters and miscellaneous items |
| BOX 3 | 1890-1891, clippings and letters of condolence relating to Spinner's death and one photograph |
| BOX 4 | Autographs |
| BOX 4 | Of Spinner |
| BOX 4 | Article by Crofoot about Spinner autographs |
| BOX 4 | Photographs |
| BOX 4 | Printed matter |
| BOX 4 | Clippings |
| BOX 4 | Miscellany |