Joseph Smith Fowler Papers
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Collection Summary
Title: Joseph Smith Fowler Papers
Span Dates: 1863-1903
ID No.: MSS21196
Creator: Fowler, Joseph Smith, 1820-1902
Extent: 300 items
Extent: 1 container
Extent: .4 linear feet
Extent: 1 microfilm reel
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81021196
Summary: Educator, lawyer, and United States senator from Tennessee. Correspondence, biographical material, a memorandum book, writings, printed matter and other material relating primarily to Fowler’s political career as a Unionist during the Civil War and as United States senator from Tennessee during Reconstruction.

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
Fowler, Joseph Smith, 1820-1902.
Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875--Impeachment.

Organizations

Subjects
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
Unionists (United States Civil War)

Places
Tennessee--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--Politics and government--1865-1900.

Occupations
Educators.
Lawyers.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Tennessee.

Provenance
The papers of Joseph Smith Fowler, educator, lawyer, and United States senator from Tennessee, were given to the Library of Congress by Elizabeth Shankland Chandler and Fowler Shankland via Mrs. Jefferson P. Chandler in 1931, by Mrs. William A. Croffut also in 1931, and by Elizabeth Johnston Sneed and Samuel Richards Johnston via John Clement Fitzpatrick in 1938.

Processing History
The papers of Joseph Smith Fowler were processed in 1987. The finding aid was revised in 2009.
Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joseph Smith Fowler is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Joseph Smith Fowler 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 one reel. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

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<td>1843</td>
<td>Graduated, Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio</td>
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<td>1844</td>
<td>Moved to Kentucky</td>
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<td>1845-1849</td>
<td>Taught school and studied law</td>
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<td>1846</td>
<td>Married Maria Louisa Embry</td>
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<td>1856-1861</td>
<td>President, Howard Female College, Gallatin, Tenn.</td>
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<td>1861</td>
<td>Moved to Springfield, Ill.</td>
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<td>1862</td>
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<td>1866-1871</td>
<td>State comptroller in military government, Tennessee</td>
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<td>1866</td>
<td>United States senator from Tennessee</td>
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<td>1871</td>
<td>Retired from the United States Senate</td>
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<td>1902, Apr. 1</td>
<td>Died, Washington, D.C.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Joseph Smith Fowler (1820-1902) span the years 1863-1903 and consist of correspondence, biographical material, a memorandum book, writings, printed matter, and other material relating mainly to autobiographical reflections on his political activity as a Unionist and as comptroller of Tennessee under Andrew Johnson during the Civil War and his service from 1866 to 1871 as United States senator from Tennessee. Included are observations on Reconstruction and opposition to the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.
## Container List

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