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Collection Summary

Title: Andrew Jackson Donelson Papers

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Bulk Dates: 1813-1869

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Creator: Donelson, Andrew Jackson, 1799-1871

Extent: 4,000 items

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Summary: Lawyer, editor, army officer, diplomat, and presidential secretary. Correspondence, journals, draft messages of Andrew Jackson, diplomatic papers, newsclippings, scrapbook, sketches, photos, and other papers covering Donelson's career as aide-de-camp and secretary to Andrew Jackson, charge d'affaires to Texas, minister to Prussia, editor of the *Washington Union*, and candidate for vice president. Includes papers of Donelson's wife, Emily Tennessee Donelson, daughter, Mary Emily Donelson, and other family material. Also original documents relating to the ratification of the Constitution by Virginia.

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

Branch, John, 1782-1863--Correspondence.

Brent, William, 1783-1848.

Brownlow, William Gannaway, 1805-1877--Correspondence.

Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.

Burke, Pauline Wilcox. Pauline Wilcox Burke papers.

Butler, Benjamin F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1795-1858--Correspondence.

Call, R. K. (Richard Keith), 1791-1862--Correspondence.

Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866--Correspondence.

Donelson family.

Donelson, Andrew Jackson, 1799-1871.

Donelson, Emily Tennessee, 1807-1836. Emily Tennessee Donelson papers.

Duane, William J. (William John), 1780-1865--Correspondence.

Eaton, John Henry, 1790-1856--Correspondence.

Eaton, John Henry, 1790-1856.

Eaton, Peggy, 1799?-1879

Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845--Correspondence.

Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845.

Kendall, Amos, 1789-1869--Correspondence.

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836--Correspondence.

Martin, James Glasgow. James Glasgow Martin papers.

McLane, Louis, 1786-1857--Correspondence.

Monroe, James, 1758-1831--Correspondence.

Pendleton, Edmund, 1721-1803.

Poindexter, George, 1779-1853.

Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849--Correspondence.

Randolph, Meriwether Lewis, 1810-1837. Meriwether Lewis Randolph papers.

Taney, Roger Brooke, 1777-1864--Correspondence.

Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850--Correspondence.
Tyler, John, 1790-1862--Correspondence.
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862--Correspondence.
Wilcox, Mary Emily Donelson, 1829-1905. Mary Emily Donelson Wilcox papers.
Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851--Correspondence.

Organizations

Bank of the United States (1816-1836)
United States. Army--Officers.
United States. Constitution. 1787.
Virginia. Convention (1788)

Subjects

American newspapers--Washington (D.C.)
Cabinet officers--United States.
Constitutional history--United States.
Constitutions--United States.
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Prussia (Germany)
Elections--United States--1824.
Elections--United States--1828.
Elections--United States--1832.
Elections--United States--1856.
French spoliation claims.
Nullification (States' rights)
Plantations.
Presidents--United States--Election.

Places

Germany--Foreign relations--United States.
Prussia (Germany)--Foreign relations--United States.
Texas--History--Republic, 1836-1846.
United States--Economic conditions--To 1865.
United States--Economic policy--To 1933.
United States--Foreign relations--Germany.
United States--Foreign relations--Prussia (Germany)
United States--Politics and government--1783-1789.
United States--Politics and government--1783-1865.
United States--Politics and government--1829-1837.
Virginia--Politics and government--1775-1865.

Titles

Washington union.

Occupations

Army officers.
Diplomats.
Editors.
Lawyers.
Secretaries, Presidential.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Andrew Jackson Donelson, lawyer, editor, army officer, diplomat, and presidential secretary were acquired in 1917 from Bettie M. Donelson, Nashville, Tenn. Small, but important, additions were between 1919 and 1972 by Robert Dyas, of Nashville, and others. In 1942 Pauline Wilcox Burke gave a group of Emily Tennessee Donelson's papers, and

in 1948 an album of Mary Emily Donelson's was acquired from the same source. Burke's own notes, photocopies, and transcripts relating to the Donelsons, as well as some original manuscript letters, were bequeathed to the Library in 1954.

Processing History

The Donelson Papers were processed in 1970 and prepared for microfilming in 1971. One item, a photograph of Bettie M. Donelson tipped into the bound volume of the papers of Emily Tennessee Donelson in Container 21, was added to the collection in 1972 subsequent to filming. The finding aid was revised in 2010 and again in 2011.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Andrew Jackson Donelson 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.dd

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on fourteen reels. 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, Andrew Jackson Donelson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1799, Aug. 25	Born, near Nashville, Tenn.
1805, circa	Became ward of Andrew Jackson
1817	Appointed cadet, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1820	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1820-1821	Aide-de-camp to General Andrew Jackson at Nashville, Tenn., and in Florida
1822	Resigned from the army
1822-1823	Studied law, Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky.
1823	Admitted to bar, Nashville, Tenn., and commenced practice there
1824	Married Emily Tennessee Donelson, a cousin
	Assisted Andrew Jackson in unsuccessful presidential campaign of 1824
1825-1828	Engaged in legal practice in Nashville, Tenn., and farming near Nashville
1828	Assisted Andrew Jackson in successful campaign for presidency
1829-1837	private secretary and confidential advisor to President Andrew Jackson, residing at White House
1836	Death of Emily Tennessee Donelson
1837	Returned to Tennessee

1841	Married Elizabeth Martin Randolph, widow of Lewis Randolph
1844-1845	Chargé d'affaires to Republic of Texas
1846-1848	Minister to Prussia
1848-1849	Minister to Federal Government of Germany
1851-1852	Edited <i>Washington Union</i>
1856	Vice-presidential candidate on the Millard Fillmore ticket, American Party
1871, June 26	Died, Memphis, Tenn.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Andrew Jackson Donelson extend from 1779 to 1943, although they are principally for the period from 1813-1869. Letters received by Donelson constitute the bulk of the papers, but retained contemporary copies and drafts of letters sent are present, as well as transcripts and photocopies. Also included are a letter copybook of Donelson's dispatches from Berlin, 1846-1848, a few drafts of speeches, legal and financial papers, photographs, engravings, and printed matter. The collection is arranged in six series: [General Correspondence and Other Papers](#), [Additional Correspondence](#), [Letter Copybook](#), [Miscellaneous Papers](#), [Family Papers](#), and [Printed Matter, Documents and Indexes](#).

Others represented in the Andrew Donelson Papers by distinct but lesser groups of material are Emily Tennessee Donelson, wife of A.J. Donelson, a volume containing correspondence, journal entries, and photographs; Mary Emily Donelson, daughter of Andrew Donelson, an album, diary, and scrapbook, with some correspondence; James Glasgow Martin and Lewis Randolph, correspondence, journals, and notebooks; and Pauline Wilcox Burke, great-granddaughter of Andrew Donelson, correspondence, notes, and research materials.

The major portion of the collection relates to the Donelson's public life, as a cadet at West Point, military aide and private secretary to his uncle, Andrew Jackson, diplomat in Mexico and Germany, editor, and political candidate. Very few items relate to the Civil War period or to the years thereafter.

Andrew Donelson was closely associated with Andrew Jackson from early youth until the latter's death in 1845. Whenever the two were separated, Jackson would write frequent letters to his nephew, discussing matters large and small. Jackson is, then, a major figure in the Donelson papers, and there are some 250 of his letters in the collection. Many drafts and fair copies of Jackson's presidential messages and proclamations were once a part of the Donelson Papers, but were placed with the Library's Jackson Papers some years ago.

Among the many subjects touched upon by correspondence in the Donelson papers are Jackson's presidential campaigns of 1824, 1828, and 1832, the Eaton affair, the resulting Donelson-Jackson breach, and the subsequent cabinet reorganization of 1831. The move to recharter the Bank of the United States, nullification, the Poindexter incident, French spoliation claims, removal of deposits, and other issues of Jackson's presidency are also subjects of correspondence. There are many letters from office seekers and from others hoping to influence President Jackson through his secretary. Family affairs and plantation matters, especially the management of slaves and the breeding and training of horses, are frequent topics of correspondence.

Donelson's diplomatic career, as chargé d'affaires at the time of the annexation of Texas, and as minister to Prussia and Germany, is developed in correspondence and in the case of Germany, copies of dispatches. His brief political career, with the American Party, is not as fully portrayed as other aspects of his life, and very little is available to document the later years spent out of public service.

A small, but highly unusual, group of material in the collection consists of documents relating to Virginia's ratification of the United States Constitution, 1787-1788. Included is a Dunlap and Claypoole printing of the Constitution with holograph annotations by Edmund Pendleton.

The roster of prominent correspondents in the Donelson Papers is long and varied. Presidents in addition to Jackson represented by correspondence are James Monroe, Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, and James Buchanan. Many of Jackson's cabinet members are included, such as Edward Livingston, Louis McLane, Roger Brooke Taney, Levi Woodbury, John Henry Eaton, Lewis Cass, Benjamin F. Butler, Amos Kendall, John Branch, and William J. Duane.

Arrangement of the Papers

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- [Miscellaneous Papers, 1785-1849](#)
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Description of Series

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BOX 24-25 REEL 12-14	<p><u>Printed Matter, Documents, and Indexes</u></p> <p>Printed matter and documents relating to the ratification of the Constitution by Virginia. Arranged by type of material. <i>The indexes are not part of the collection, but are available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room and at the end of Reel 14 of the microfilm edition.</i></p>

Container List

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BOX 1 REEL 1	30 July 1813-3 Apr. 1824 <i>Correspondents include:</i> Calhoun, John C. Grundy, Felix Jackson, Andrew McLemore, John C. Monroe, James Reid, John
BOX 2 REEL 1-2	4 Apr. 1824-9 June 1829 <i>Correspondents include:</i> Boyd, John P. Eaton, John H. Jackson, Andrew Kendall, Amos Lee, Henry Livingston, Edward McLemore, John C. McNairy, Boyd Trist, Nicholas Van Buren, Martin
BOX 3 REEL 2	10 June 1829-16 June 1830 <i>Correspondents include:</i> Anderson, Joseph Boyd, John P. Butler, Edward G. W. Catron, John Fenner, James Gales & Seaton Grinnell, Joseph Jackson, Andrew Lee, Henry McLane, Louis McLemore, John C. Overton, John Swartwout, Samuel Van Buren, Martin Woodbury, Levi
BOX 4 REEL 2	17 June 1830-26 June 1831 <i>Correspondents include:</i>

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Contents

Branch, John
Duval, William P.
Hamilton, James, Jr.
Jackson, Andrew
Lee, Henry
McLemore, John C.
Overton, John
Simpson, Stephen
Swartwout, Samuel
Wickliffe, Charles A.

BOX 5 REEL 3

27 June 1831-11 Dec. 1832 *Correspondents include:*

Bell, John
Cass, Lewis
Catron, John
Coffee, John
Desha, Robert
Gadsden, James
Harvey, William Selby
Jackson, Andrew
Kemble, Gouverneur
Lewis, William B.
McLane, Louis
McLemore, John C.
Swartwout, Samuel
Woodbury, Levi

BOX 6 REEL 3

12 Dec. 1832-18 Dec. 1834 *Correspondents include:*

Anderson, Joseph
Archer, William Segar
Armstrong, Robert
Benton, Thomas Hart
Call, Richard Keith
Cass, Lewis
Duane, William J.
Duval, William P.
Ely, Ezra S.
Everett, Edward
Gardiner, James B.
Gwin, William McKendree
Jackson, Andrew
Johnson, Richard Mentor
Kendall, Amos
Lee, Henry
Littell, Eliakim
Livingston, Edward
McLane, Louis
Monroe, James (New York)

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Polk, Lucius
Porter, James Madison
Shepley, Ether
Skinner, John Stuart
Swartwout, Samuel
Taney, Roger Brooke
Trist, Nicholas
Turnbull, William
Van Buren, Martin
Whitney, Reuben M.

BOX 7 REEL 4

20 Dec. 1834-16 Dec. 1836 *Correspondents include:*

Buchanan, James
Butler, Benjamin F.
Call, Richard Keith
Catron, John
D'avezac, Auguste
Dudley, Charles Edward
Earl, Ralph E. W.
Harris, Carey A.
Jackson, Andrew
Laughlin, Sam
Livingston, Edward
McLemore, John C.
Mahan, Dennis Hart
Mann, Abijah, Jr.
Moore, Thomas P.
Parris, Albion K.
Polk, James K.
Skinner, John Stuart
Swartwout, Samuel
Taney, Roger Brooke
Yell, Archibald

BOX 8 REEL 4

17 Dec. 1836-19 Feb. 1840 *Correspondents include:*

Butler, Edward G.W.
Carroll, William
Cass, Lewis
Catron, John
Elliott, Jesse Duncan
Grundy, Felix
Harris, Jeremiah George
Jackson, Andrew
King, William R.
Lewis, William B.
McLemore, John C.
Nicholson, A. O. P.
Polk, James K.

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	Van Buren, Martin
	Whitcomb, James
BOX 9 REEL 5	20 Feb. 1840-7 Nov. 1844 <i>Correspondents include:</i>
	Armstrong, Robert
	Bancroft, George
	Benton, Thomas Hart
	Blair & Rives
	Brown, Aaron Venable
	Buchanan, James
	Calhoun, John C.
	Cass, Lewis
	D'avezac, Auguste
	Harris, Jeremiah George
	Haywood, William H., Jr.
	Jackson, Andrew
	Kendall, Amos
	Laughlin, Sam
	Lewis, William B.
	McDuffie, George
	McLemore, John C.
	Poinsett, Joel R.
	Polk, James K.
	Taney, Roger Brooke
	Tyler, John
	Van Buren, Martin
BOX 10 REEL 5	8 Nov. 1844-1 Jan. 1846 <i>Correspondents include:</i>
	Armstrong, Robert
	Benton, Thomas Hart
	Buchanan, James
	Butler, Benjamin F.
	Calhoun, John C.
	Cass, Lewis
	Claiborne, John F. H.
	Gadsden, James
	Given, William M.
	Green, Duff
	Heiss, John P.
	Hemphill, John
	Houston, Sam
	Ingersoll, Ralph I.
	Jackson, Andrew
	Lewis, William B.
	McLemore, John C.
	McLeod, Hugh
	Polk, James K.
	Richardson, Willard

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	Roberts, Benjamin Stone
	Sawyer, Lemuel
	Smith, Morgan L.
	Taylor, Zachary
	Trist, Nicholas
	Van Buren, Martin
BOX 11 REEL 6	2 Jan. 1846-8 Apr. 1847 <i>Correspondents include:</i>
	Bancroft, George
	Bates, Daniel M.
	Bates, Martin W.
	Bayard, James A.
	Blair, Francis P.
	Branch, John
	Buchanan, James
	Canitz, Baron
	Claiborne, John F. H.
	Clay, Henry
	Fay, Theodore S.
	Gadsden, James
	Gentry, Meredith P.
	Haywood, William H.
	Henshaw, David
	Ingersoll, Colin M.
	Ingersoll, Ralph I.
	Jarnagin, Spencer
	Johnson, Cave
	Letcher, Robert P.
	Lewis, Dixon H.
	Lowrie, Walter
	McLane, Louis
	McLemore, Andrew J.
	Manteuffel, E.
	Passavant, W.A.
	Polk, James K.
	Schilden, Baron de
	Schleinitz, Baron
	Seymour, David L.
	Van Buren, John
	Van Buren, Martin
	Wheaton, Henry
	Wittgenstein, Prince
BOX 12 REEL 6	9 Apr. 1847-25 Feb. 1848 <i>Correspondents include:</i>
	Armstrong, Robert
	Bancroft, George
	Baring Brothers
	Buchanan, James

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	Butler, William Allen
	Canitz, Baron
	Eaton, John H.
	Fay, Theodore S.
	Graham, James Duncan
	Ingersoll, Colin M.
	Ingersoll, Ralph I.
	Lawrence, Abbott
	Morton, Marcus
	Rush, Richard
	Walker, Sears C.
	Wheaton, Henry
BOX 13 REEL 7	26 Feb.-16 June 1848 <i>Correspondents include:</i>
	Arnim, Count H. K. K. E. von
	Buchanan, James
	Calhoun, John C.
	Canitz, Baron
	Gwin, William M.
	Ingersoll, Ralph I.
	Mason, James M.
	Mason, John Y.
	Ritchie, Thomas
	Sanford, Henry S.
BOX 14 REEL 7	17 June-15 Dec. 1848 <i>Correspondents include:</i>
	Armstrong, Robert
	Arnim, Count H. K. K. E. von
	Bülow, Count
	Ellsworth, Henry W.
	Fay, Theodore S.
	Paulding, Hiram
	Sanford, Henry S.
	Taylor, Zachary
BOX 15 REEL 8	17 Dec. 1848-14 Jan. 1850 <i>Correspondents include:</i>
	Buchanan, James
	Calhoun, John C.
	Clayton, John M.
	Ellsworth, Henry W.
	Fay, Theodore S.
	Lawrence, Abbott
	Parker, Foxhall A.
	Paulding, Hiram
	Sanford, Henry S.
	Walsh, Robert
BOX 16 REEL 8	17 Jan. 1850-22 Mar. 1869 <i>Correspondents include:</i>
	Blair, Francis P.
	Bowlin, James Butler

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Brownlow, William Gannaway
Buchanan, James
Call, Richard Keith
Cass, Lewis
Clay, Thomas H.
Clayton, John M.
Eaton, John H.
Ewing, Andrew
Fay, Theodore S.
Fillmore, Millard
Gentry, Meredith P.
Howard, Benjamin Chew
Jackson, Andrew, Jr.
Johnson, Cave
Johnston, John R.
Jones, Anson
Marcy, William L.
Meade, Richard Kidder
Seymour, Horatio, Jr.
Stanton, Richard Henry
Tyler, Robert
Webster, Daniel

BOX 17 REEL 9

Financial records of Lewis Randolph
Lists, statements, receipts
Memoranda, speeches, fragments
Undated correspondence *Correspondents include:*
Armstrong, Robert
Fay, Theodore S.
McLemore, John C.

BOX 18 REEL 9

Armstrong, Robert
Berrien, John MacPherson
Boyd, John P.
Call, Richard Keith
Catron, John
Donelson, Mary Emily
Fay, Theodore S.
Filmore, Millard
Godwin, Parke
Green, Duff
Jesup, Thomas S.
McLane, Louis
McLemore, John C.
Macomb, Alexander
Sanford, Henry S.
Skinner, John Stuart
Taney, Elizabeth M.

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Van Buren, Martin
Webb, James Watson
Webster, Daniel
Wheaton, Henry
Woodbury, Levi

BOX 19 REEL 9

Additional Correspondence, 1835-1894

Letters sent and received
Arranged chronologically.

Correspondents include:

Blair, Francis P.
Brown, Aaron V.
Buchanan, James
Calhoun, John C.
Cass, Lewis
Davis, Jefferson
Donelson, Andrew J., Jr.
Fillmore, Millard
Jackson, Andrew
Maverick, Samuel A.
Pierce, Franklin
Pulitzer, Joseph
Spencer, John C.
Stephens, Alexander H.
Van Buren, Martin
Wilcox, Cadmus
Wilcox, John A.
Woodbury, Levi

BOX 19 REEL 10

Letter Copybook, 1846-1848

Copies of Donelson's diplomatic dispatches from Berlin, nos. 1-85.
Arranged in numerical (and chronological) order

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Letter copybook of Donelson's diplomatic dispatches from Berlin, Germany

BOX 20 REEL 10

Miscellaneous Papers, 1785-1849

Speeches, legal papers, and accounts of Donelson. Transcriptions and photocopies of letters of Andrew Jackson, Andrew Jackson Donelson, and others. Also biographical sketches of Jackson, Andrew Jackson Donelson, and Mary Smith Donelson.
Arranged by type of material.

BOX 20 REEL 10

Speeches, addresses
Deed of mortgage, 1842
Donelson vs. Saunders
Accounts, 1847-1849, undated
(5 folders)
Statistics, tables, etc.

Miscellaneous Papers, 1785-1849

Container

Contents

Copied correspondence (transcriptions and photocopies), 1785-1849
(6 folders)
Biographical sketches
Andrew Jackson
Andrew Jackson Donelson
(2 folders)
Mary Smith Donelson

BOX 21-23 REEL 11-12 **Family Papers, 1779-1943**

Papers of Emily Tennessee Donelson, Mary Emily Donelson, James Glasgow Martin and Lewis Randolph, and Pauline Wilcox Burke.
The volume of Emily Tennessee Donelson papers is indexed.
Index available in Manuscript Division Reading Room and on Reel 14 of the microfilm.

BOX 21 REEL 11 Emily Tennessee Donelson papers, bound vol. containing journal entries, letters sent and received (in part, photocopies), and photographs, 1779-1853 received *Includes photograph of Bettie M. Donelson that was tipped into the volume after microfilming. [For contents see Container 25, Indexes](#)*

BOX 22 REEL 11 Mary Emily Donelson papers, 1836-1856
Album (including some correspondence)
Diary
Scrapbook
James Glasgow Martin and Lewis Randolph papers, 1818-1846
Letters of W. Williams to Martin, 1818-1824
Journal kept by Martin, 1843-1846
Memoranda books, estate papers, and related matter of Randolph, 1836-1846

BOX 23 REEL 11-12 Pauline Wilcox Burke papers, 1913-1943
Correspondence, 1913-1943
Notes and sketches concerning Donelson's career
(6 folders)
Bibliographical notes
Notebooks concerning Donelson
Notes on Mrs. Andrew Jackson
Sketch of Emily T. Donelson
Photographs and engravings
(2 folders)

BOX 24-25 REEL 12-14 **Printed Matter, Documents, and Indexes**

Printed matter and documents relating to the ratification of the Constitution by Virginia.
Arranged by type of material.
The indexes are not part of the collection, but are available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room and at the end of Reel 14 of the microfilm edition.

BOX 24 REEL 12-13 Printed matter
Broad­sides
Pamphlets
(2 folders)
Newspapers

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	News clippings (6 folders)
BOX 25 (OV) REEL 13	Documents relating to Virginia's ratification of the United States Constitution, 1787-1788 (oversize) Dunlap and Claypoole printing of the Constitution, with annotations by Edmund Pendleton (6 pages in 2 pieces) Pendleton, Edmund, address to the Virginia Convention on the occasion of his being chosen to preside, 2 June 1788 (autograph document, 1 page, with endorsement) Memoranda (excerpts from <i>Journal of the Convention</i> , with other notes by William Brent, Jr.) <i>Journal of the Convention of Virginia</i> , June 1788 (printed by Augustine Davis, 42 pages, with notes in an unidentified hand)
REEL 14	Miscellaneous notes relating to documents Indexes <i>Not part of collection. Available in Manuscript Division Reading room</i> Index to Containers 1-7 (but including all Andrew Jackson items, wherever located in the Donelson Papers) Index to Emily Tennessee Donelson papers