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Collection Summary

Title: Willie Person Mangum Papers

Span Dates: 1771-1906

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1771-1868)

ID No.: MSS31179

Creator: Mangum, Willie Person, 1792-1861

Extent: 5,000 items

Extent: 34 containers

Extent: 13.6 linear feet

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

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Summary: Jurist and U.S. senator and representative from North Carolina. Correspondence, memoranda, diaries, speeches, legal papers, genealogical material, financial papers, and printed matter concerning local, southern, and national politics, the Whig Party in the South, economic and social conditions in North Carolina, the Mangum plantation, and education of the Mangum children.

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

Badger, George E., 1795-1866--Correspondence.

Brown, James (British businessman)--Correspondence.

Burlingame, John Anson--Correspondence.

Burton, H. G. (Hutchins Gordon), 1782-1836--Correspondence.

Cain family.

Cain, William, Sr., 1743-1834--Correspondence.

Cameron, Paul C. (Paul Carrington), 1808-1891--Correspondence.

Chavis, John, 1763-1838--Correspondence.

Gales, W. R. (Weston R.), -1848--Correspondence.

Gaston, William, 1778-1844--Correspondence.

Gilliam, Rob. B. (Robert Ballard), 1805-1870--Correspondence.

Graham, William A. (William Alexander), 1804-1875--Correspondence.

Haywood, William H. (William Henry), 1801-1852--Correspondence.

Hinton, Charles Lewis, 1793-1861--Correspondence.

Iredell, James, 1788-1853--Correspondence.

Johnson, Reverdy, 1796-1876--Correspondence.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Correspondence.

Mangum family.

Mangum, Arthur, 1741-1789. Arthur Mangum papers.

Mangum, Charity Alston Cain, 1795-1873. Charity Alston Cain Mangum papers.

Mangum, Priestly Hinton, 1795-1850. Priestly Hinton Mangum papers.

Mangum, Priestly Hinton, Jr., 1829-1907. Priestly Hinton Mangum Jr. papers.

Mangum, Willie Person, 1792-1861.

Mangum, Willie Person, Jr., 1827-1881. Willie Person Mangum Jr. papers.

Nash, Frederick, 1781-1858--Correspondence.

Saunders, Romulus M. (Romulus Mitchell), 1791-1867--Correspondence.

Seward, George F. (George Frederick), 1840-1910--Correspondence.

Seward, William H. (William Henry), 1801-1872--Correspondence.

Shufeldt, Robert Wilson, 1822-1895--Correspondence.

Southard, Samuel L. (Samuel Lewis), 1787-1842--Correspondence.

Stanly, Edward, 1810-1872--Correspondence.
Swain, David L. (David Lowry), 1801-1868--Correspondence.
Waddell, Hugh, 1799-1878--Correspondence.
Webb, J. Watson (James Watson), 1802-1884--Correspondence.
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852--Correspondence.
Weed, Thurlow, 1797-1882--Correspondence.
Weeks, Stephen B. (Stephen Beauregard), 1865-1918. Stephen B. Weeks papers.
Williams, Lewis, 1786-1842--Correspondence.

Organizations

Whig Party (U.S.)

Subjects

Agriculture--North Carolina.
Education--North Carolina.
Genealogy.
Plantations--North Carolina--Hillsborough.

Places

North Carolina--Economic conditions.
North Carolina--Politics and government.
North Carolina--Social conditions.
Southern States--Politics and government.
United States--Politics and government.
Walnut Hill (N.C. : Estate)

Occupations

Judges.
Lawyers.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--North Carolina.
Senators, U.S. Congress--North Carolina.

Provenance

The papers of Willie Person Mangum, jurist and U.S. senator and representative from North Carolina, were received by gift and purchase from various sources, including Mrs. Stephen B. Weeks and other heirs of Mangum, 1919-1982.

Processing History

The papers of Willie Person Mangum were arranged and described in 1985. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Willie Person Mangum 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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1792, May 10	Born, Orange County, N.C.
1815	B.A., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
1817	Admitted to North Carolina bar
1818	Member, North Carolina house of commons
1819	Judge, North Carolina superior court
1819	Married Charity Alston Cain
1823-1826	United States representative from North Carolina
1826-1831	Resumed judgeship, North Carolina superior court
1831-1837	United States senator from North Carolina
1840-1853	United States senator from North Carolina
1842-1845	Acted as vice president of the United States on the death of President William Henry Harrison
1861, Sept. 14	Died, Red Mountain, N.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Willie Person Mangum (1792-1861) span the years 1771-1906, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1771-1868. The collection contains correspondence, memoranda, diaries, speeches, legal papers, genealogical material, financial papers, and printed matter concerning local, southern, and national politics, the Whig Party in the South, economic and social conditions in North Carolina, the Mangum plantation, and education of the Mangum children. The collection is organized into two series: [Family Papers](#) and [Personal Papers](#).

Included are business papers of Arthur Mangum, Willie Person Mangum's grandfather; Priestly Hinton Mangum, (1795-1850), Willie Mangum's brother; Priestly Hinton Mangum, Jr. (born 1829), agriculturist of North Carolina; and Willie Person Mangum (1827-1881), Mangum's nephew and consul to China and Japan. Also in the collection is correspondence of Willie Mangum's wife, Charity Alston Cain Mangum, with her husband and other members of the Mangum and Cain families, and genealogical and biographical material compiled by Stephen Beauregard Weeks. The Miscellany subseries of the Financial Papers includes an 1849 letter of Abraham Lincoln to Willie Person Mangum.

Other correspondents include George Edmund Badger, James Brown, John Anson Burlingame, H. G. Burton, Wm. Cain, Paul Carrington Cameron, John Chavis, Weston R. Gales, William Gaston, Robert B. Gilliam, William A. Graham, William H. Haywood, Charles L. Hinton, James Iredell, Reverdy Johnson Frederick Nash, Romulus Mitchell Saunders, George F. Seward, William Henry Seward, Robert Wilson Shufeldt, Samuel L. Southard, Edward Stanly, David L. Swain, Hugh Waddell, J. Watson Webb, Daniel Webster, Thurlow Weed, Lewis Williams.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in two series:

- [Family Papers, 1771-1960](#)
- [Personal Papers, 1810-1897](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 14	Biographical notes and miscellany, Stephen Beauregard Weeks, for Samuel A. Ashe's <i>Biographical History of North Carolina</i>
BOX 15	Calling cards
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BOX 15	Diary fragment of Priestly H. Mangum, undated
BOX 15	Fragments
BOX 15	Genealogical notes
BOX 15	Letter of Abraham Lincoln to Willie Person Mangum, June 4, 1849

Family Papers, 1771-1960

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BOX 32	1847 Mar. 3-1852 Sept. 28
BOX 33	1852 Sept. 29-1862 Jan. 5
BOX 34	1862 Jan. 9-1897 Mar. 17, undated