

John C. Calhoun Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: John C. Calhoun Papers

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Summary: Vice president of the United States, U.S. secretary of state and secretary of war, and U.S. senator from South Carolina. Chiefly correspondence reproduced from the John C. Calhoun Papers and other collections relating to Calhoun in the custody of the Library of Congress Manuscript Division. Includes his last Senate speech pertaining to the Compromise of 1850.

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

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850--Correspondence.

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Organizations

Library of Congress. Manuscript Division.

United States. Commissioner of Public Buildings.

United States. Congress. Senate.

United States. National Archives and Records Service.

Subjects

Compromise of 1850.

Legislators--United States--Correspondence.

Statesmen--United States--Correspondence.

Places

South Carolina--Politics and government--1775-1865.

United States--Politics and government--1815-1861.

Provenance

The microfilm of the papers of John C. Calhoun, vice president of the United States, U.S. secretary of state and secretary of war, and U.S. senator from South Carolina, was produced by the National Historical Publications Commission of the National Archives in 1957 and transferred to the Library of Congress in 1967.

Additional Guides

An index of the microfilm of the papers of John C. Calhoun is appended to this finding aid and available as a [PDF](#) document.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the papers of John C. Calhoun as well as other collections from which items were reproduced, including the papers of Jacob Brown, [Andrew Jackson Donelson](#) , [James Henry Hammond](#) , [Galloway-Maxcey-Markoe families](#) , [Andrew Jackson](#) , [Thomas Jefferson](#) , [James Monroe](#) , [Samuel Finley Breese Morse](#) , [Henry Rowe Schoocraft](#) , and [Gideon Welles](#) .

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The microfilm of papers of John C. Calhoun 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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Scope and Content Note

The microfilm of the papers of John Caldwell Calhoun (1782-1850) spans the years 1811-1850 containing correspondence to and from Calhoun as well as related documents. The microfilm was created as a source collection for the letterpress edition of Calhoun's papers being prepared for publication in the 1950s by the University of South Carolina Press for the South Carolina Department of Archives and History and the South Caroliniana Society. Produced by the National Historical Publications Commission of the National Archives, it includes reproductions of the John C. Calhoun Papers in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress as the collection existed prior to 1954 as well as correspondence and documents from other collections in the custody of the Manuscript Division at that time. Among the collections from which items were selected and reproduced were the papers of Jacob Brown, Andrew Jackson Donelson, James Henry Hammond, Galloway-Maxcey-Markoe families, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, Samuel Finley Breese Morse, Henry Rowe Schoocraft, and Gideon Welles. Items of prominence in addition to correspondence include Calhoun's last Senate speech, March 4, 1850, pertaining to the Compromise of 1850 and a list of rules from 1828 for the Commissioner of Public Buildings.

Arrangement of the Papers

The material is organized according to the collection from which the items were selected for reproduction.

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