

Edmund Burke Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Edmund Burke Papers

Span Dates: 1821-1881

ID No.: MSS14340

Creator: Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882

Extent: 400 items

Extent: 5 containers

Extent: 1.0 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Lawyer, newspaper editor, and U.S. representative. Correspondence, drafts of newspaper editorials, speeches, committee reports, resolutions, commissions, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Burke's career as a newspaper editor in New Hampshire and as a congressman.

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

Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Correspondence.
Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882.
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866--Correspondence.
Clifford, Nathan, 1803-1881--Correspondence.
Cox, Samuel Sullivan, 1824-1889--Correspondence.
Dickinson, Daniel S. (Daniel Stevens), 1800-1866--Correspondence.
Dorr, Thomas Wilson, 1805-1854--Correspondence.
Forney, John W. (John Wien), 1817-1881--Correspondence.
Hubbard, Henry, 1784-1857--Correspondence.
Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869--Correspondence.
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849--Correspondence.
Ritchie, Thomas, 1778-1854--Correspondence.
Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878--Correspondence.
Wood, Fernando, 1812-1881--Correspondence.
Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Congress. House.
United States. Patent Office.

Subjects

American newspapers--New Hampshire.
Dorr Rebellion, 1842.

Places

New Hampshire--Politics and government--1775-1865.
Rhode Island--History--1775-1865.
United States--Politics and government--1815-1861.

Occupations

Editors.
Lawyers.
Representatives, U.S. Congress.

Provenance

The papers of Edmund Burke, lawyer, newspaper editor, and U.S. representative, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. George H. Dana in 1924.

Processing History

The Edmund Burke Papers were processed by the Library after being received in 1924. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edmund Burke is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Edmund Burke 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

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Edmund Burke Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1809, Jan. 23	Born, Westminster, Vt.
1826	Admitted to the bar and commenced law practice, Colebrook, N.H.; assumed editorial management of the <i>New Hampshire Argus</i>
1834	Moved to Newport, N.H.; united the <i>New Hampshire Argus</i> with the <i>Spectator</i>
1837	Commissioned adjutant in New Hampshire state militia
1839-1845	U.S. representative
1846-1850	Commissioner of patents
1882, Jan. 25	Died, Newport, N.H.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edmund Burke (1809-1882) span the years 1821-1881. The collection consists of correspondence, drafts of newspaper editorials, speeches, committee reports, resolutions, commissions, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Burke's career as a newspaper editor in New Hampshire and as a congressman. The correspondence is chiefly incoming and relates primarily to the United States Patent Office and to the Dorr Rebellion in Rhode Island (1842). Included are numerous letters from Franklin Pierce. Other correspondents include James Buchanan, Lewis Cass, Nathan Clifford, Samuel Sullivan Cox, Daniel S. Dickinson, Thomas W. Dorr, John W. Forney, Henry Hubbard, James K. Polk, Thomas Ritchie, Gideon Welles, Fernando Wood, and Levi Woodbury.

Arrangement of the Papers

The papers are organized chronologically in four bound volumes, with unbound material of mostly printed matter filed in a container at the end of the collection.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Bound correspondence and related matter
BOX 1	1821, May 12-1845, Feb. 28
BOX 2	1845, Mar. 9-1848, July 31
BOX 3	1848, Aug. 22-1858, July 7
BOX 4	1853, Aug. 17-1881, Oct. 9, undated
BOX 5	Unbound material
BOX 5	Manuscript ascribed to "Bundelcund" relating to tariffs
BOX 5	Printed matter, 1838-1859 (9 folders)
BOX 5	Typed transcripts of letters from Franklin Pierce to Burke, 1845-1852