Collection Summary
Title: Millard Fillmore Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1839-1925
Bulk Dates: 1839-1870
ID No.: MSS20537
Creator: Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874
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Extent: 1 container
Extent: 0.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81020537
Summary: United States president, vice president, and representative, and lawyer and educator. Chiefly correspondence of Fillmore relating to slavery; the Compromise of 1850; the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850; John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry; the Whig Party; congressional politics; Fillmore's daughter, Mary Abigail Fillmore; and a detailed index to the Millard Fillmore Papers in the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society (now the Buffalo History Museum), Buffalo, New York.
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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
Benton, Thomas Hart, 1782-1858.
Brown, John, 1800-1859.
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850.
Fendall, Philip Richard, 1794-1868--Correspondence.
Fillmore, Mary Abigail, 1832-1854--Correspondence.
Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874.
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841.
Haven, Solomon G. (Solomon George), 1810-1861--Correspondence.
Marshall, Humphrey, 1812-1872--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Congress.
United States. Fugitive slave law (1850)
Whig Party (U.S.)

Subjects
Antislavery movements--United States.
Compromise of 1850.
Fugitive slaves--United States.
Slavery--United States.

Places
Harpers Ferry (W. Va.)--History--John Brown's Raid, 1859.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.

Titles
Millard Fillmore Papers at the Library of Congress
Occupations
Educators.
Lawyers.
Presidents--United States.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--New York (State)
Vice-Presidents--United States.

Acquisition Information
The papers of Millard Fillmore were acquired by gift, purchase, and transfer during the years 1909-2022.

Processing History
The papers of Millard Fillmore were arranged and described by Wilhelmena B. Curry in 1981. An addition was processed by Karen Linn Femia in 2014 and the finding aid created by Michelle Krowl in 2016. An addition was processed and the finding aid revised by Nate Scheible in 2023.

Related Material
The most noteworthy related collection in the Manuscript Division is the microfilm edition of the Millard Fillmore Papers, 1809-1874 (see https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81056788), held by the Buffalo History Museum in New York. An index to the papers is available within this collection and online through the website of the Buffalo History Museum (see https://issuu.com/tbhm/docs/fillmorepapershighres). A more detailed listing of related collections and resources at the Library of Congress and other institutions is available online at https://www.loc.gov/collections/millard-fillmore-papers/about-this-collection/related-resources.

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### Biographical Note

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<tr>
<td>1800, Jan. 7</td>
<td>Born, Locke (now Summerhill), Cayuga County, N.Y., to Nathaniel Fillmore and Phoebe Millard Fillmore</td>
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<tr>
<td>1818</td>
<td>Taught school, Scott, N.Y.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1818-1821</td>
<td>Studied law under Judge Walter Wood, Montville, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1821</td>
<td>Moved to Aurora, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1822</td>
<td>Clerked at law firm of Asa Rice and Joseph Clary, and taught school, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1823</td>
<td>Admitted to practice law by the Court of Common Pleas, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1823-1830</td>
<td>Practiced law, East Aurora, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1826</td>
<td>Married Abigail Powers (1798-1853), daughter of Lemuel Powers and Abigail Newland, Moravia, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1828</td>
<td>Birth of son Millard Powers Fillmore, Aurora, N.Y. (died 1889)</td>
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<td>1828</td>
<td>Elected to the New York State Assembly as Anti-Masonic Party candidate; served three one-year terms</td>
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<td>1830</td>
<td>Formed law partnership with Joseph Clary, and moved to Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1832</td>
<td>Birth of daughter Mary Abigail (“Abbie”) Fillmore, Buffalo, N.Y. (died 1854)</td>
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<td>1833-1835</td>
<td>Served in the United States House of Representatives</td>
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<td>1834</td>
<td>Formed law firm of Fillmore &amp; Hall with Nathan K. Hall</td>
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<tr>
<td>1836</td>
<td>Formed law firm of Fillmore, Hall &amp; Haven with Solomon G. Haven</td>
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<td>1837-1843</td>
<td>Served in the United States House of Representatives; declined to be renominated in 1842</td>
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<td>1844</td>
<td>Defeated in New York gubernatorial election</td>
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<td>1846-1874</td>
<td>Chancellor, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1848-1849</td>
<td>Comptroller of the State of New York; resigned Feb. 1849</td>
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<td>1849</td>
<td>Inaugurated vice president of the United States</td>
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<td>1850</td>
<td>Sworn in as president of the United States following death of Zachary Taylor, July 9, 1850</td>
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<td>1852</td>
<td>Failed to win nomination of Whig Party as presidential candidate</td>
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<td>1853, Mar. 30</td>
<td>Death of wife Abigail at City Hotel, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1854</td>
<td>Tour of southern and western United States</td>
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<td>1855-1856</td>
<td>Tour of Europe; attended International Exposition, Paris, France</td>
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<td>1856</td>
<td>Defeated in presidential election as the American Party candidate</td>
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<td>1858</td>
<td>Married Caroline Carmichael McIntosh (1813-1881), daughter of Charles Carmichael and Tempe W. Blachly, Albany, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1862</td>
<td>Chairman, Buffalo Committee of Public Defense, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1862-1867</td>
<td>President, Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1866</td>
<td>Second tour of Europe</td>
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<td>1870</td>
<td>President, Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1874, Mar. 8</td>
<td>Died, Buffalo, N.Y.; interred Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
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### Scope and Content Note

The papers of Millard Fillmore span the years 1839-1925, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1839-1870. Fillmore’s correspondents during this time include Philip Ricard Fendall, George Folsom, Solomon G. Haven, and Humphrey Marshall, and the subject matter focuses primarily on political issues such as slavery, the Compromise of 1850, the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850, John Brown’s raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859, the Whig Party, and congressional politics. The correspondence also includes several letters from Fillmore’s daughter Mary Abigail Fillmore to Susan E. Johnson, and an 1854 obituary notice for Fillmore’s daughter. The remainder of the papers consists of a detailed index compiled in 1925 to volumes 1-44 of the Millard Fillmore Papers in the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society (now the Buffalo History Museum), Buffalo, N.Y.
Arrangement of the Collection

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Correspondence (2023 addition)  
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