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Collection Summary

Title: Albert Gallatin Marchand Papers

Span Dates: 1801-1862

Bulk Dates: 1839-1843

ID No.: MSS86302

Creator: Marchand, Albert Gallatin, 1811-1848

Extent: 250 items

Extent: 3 containers

Extent: 1 linear foot

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: United States representative and lawyer. Correspondence, a speech, and a printing plate relating chiefly to Marchand's two terms in the United States House of Representatives and life in Washington, D.C.

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

Kuhns, Daniel S., 1818 or 1819- --Correspondence.

Marchand, Albert Gallatin, 1811-1848.

Marchand, Susan S., 1820-1896--Correspondence.

Tyler, John, 1790-1862.

Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862.

Organizations

Democratic Party (U.S.)

Gadsby's Hotel (Washington, D.C.)

United States. Congress.

United States. Congress. House.

Whig Party (U.S.)

Subjects

Independent treasury.

Legislators--United States.

Political parties--United States.

Places

Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.)

Pennsylvania--Politics and government--1775-1865.

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

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Occupations

Lawyers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Pennsylvania.

Provenance

The papers of Albert Gallatin Marchand were given to the Library of Congress by Amanda Sutphin in 2019.

Processing History

The papers of Albert Gallatin Marchand were arranged and described by Matthew Darby in 2019.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1811, Feb. 27	Born, near Greensburg, Pa.
1833	Admitted to the Pennsylvania state bar and opened law practice
1839	Married Susan S. Kuhns (died 1896)
1839-1843	Member, United States House of Representatives
1840	Birth of son, William K. Marchand (died 1862)
1840-1841	Member, House Committee on Accounts
1841	Birth of son, John A. Marchand (died 1896) Birth of daughter, Kate Marchand (died 1936)
1842	Declined renomination to Congress
1843	Returned to Greensburg, Pa., and resumed law practice
1845	Birth of daughter, Lizzie Marchand (died 1936)
1848, Feb. 5	Died, Greensburg, Pa.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Albert Gallatin Marchand span the period 1801-1862, with the bulk of the material dating from 1839 to 1843. The collection documents Marchand's tenure as a two-term Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives (1839-1843) and his life as a transitory resident of Washington, D.C., and consists almost entirely of letters to his wife, Susan S. (Kuhns) Marchand. Though he was not an influential member of the House, Marchand's correspondence provides insight into the daily workings of that body during the administrations of presidents Martin Van Buren and John Tyler. (No letters from William Henry Harrison's month-long presidency are included.) He offers observations on the legislative process, comments on the distinctions between Democrats and Whigs, and relates his often witty and withering assessments of fellow representatives. His letters convey the details of his daily routine, such as living arrangements at Gadsby's Hotel and other temporary residences and his frequent constitutional rounds around Capitol Hill, while also expressing his longing to return home to his wife and young children. Additional correspondence includes letters from Susan's brother, Daniel S. Kuhns, a letter from Marchand to his younger brother, Henry Clay Marchand, and an 1862

condolence letter to Susan upon the death of William K. Marchand, Albert and Susan's son. Of note is his June 8, 1840, speech supporting the creation of an independent United States treasury, the collection's sole item of an official nature illustrating his role as a representative.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Family correspondence
BOX 1	Brownson, James I., 1862
BOX 1	Kuhns, Daniel S., 1842
BOX 1	Marchand, Albert Gallatin
BOX 1	1839, Jan.-1840, May (11 folders)
BOX 2	1840, June-1842, June (10 folders)
BOX 3	1842, July-1843, Aug. (3 folders)
BOX 3	Treseler, Emanuel, 1801
BOX 3	Printing plate for calling card, undated
BOX 3	Speech, 1840, June 8