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Name: **Buchanan, James (1791-1868)** **MC 1998.10**

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Buchanan was born on April 23, 1791 near Mercersburg, Pennsylvania to James Buchanan, a store owner and prosperous land owner, and Elizabeth Speer Buchanan. Both parents were of Scotch-Irish descent.

James attended Mercersburg Academy near his home until the fall of 1807, when he entered the junior class of Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. He did not enjoy his years at Dickinson; he found the school in "wretched condition" with "no efficient discipline." However, his behavior while at Dickinson was far from exemplary. Buchanan states, ". . . I engaged in every sort of extravagance and mischief in which the great proficients of the College indulged." For this behavior, he was expelled during the fall vacation of 1808. After pledging his good behavior to his minister, Dr. John King (a college trustee), he was readmitted to Dickinson. In his senior year, James felt slighted by the faculty because he did not win the top award of the College for which his society had nominated him. Buchanan commented, "I left college, . . . feeling little attachment to the Alma Mater."

Upon graduation from Dickinson, Buchanan moved to Lancaster to study under the prominent lawyer James Hopkins. After being admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1812, he quickly gained prominence. He was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1814 as a Federalist and was reelected in 1815.

In the summer of 1819, Buchanan became engaged to Ann Caroline Coleman, the daughter of Robert Coleman, a wealthy and prominent ironmaster. Because of a tumultuous political and economic situation in Lancaster in October and November of 1819, Buchanan ignored his courtship of Ann Coleman. This led to much gossip about Buchanan, suggesting that he was only interested in her father's fortune. The crisis was elevated after Buchanan went to visit his friend's wife, before seeing Ann. When Ann heard of this visit, she broke off their

engagement. Deeply distressed about this situation, she went to visit her sister Margaret in Philadelphia on December 4th. On December 9th Ann died after a fit of violent convulsions; the doctor diagnosed it as death by hysteria. Buchanan was devastated, and he never considered marriage again.

In 1820, Buchanan was elected to the House of Representatives as a Federalist. In 1824, when the Federalist Party had ceased, he joined the Democrats. In Congress, he was an active opponent of John Quincy Adams and his great project, the Panama Mission. In 1828 he was an ardent supporter of Andrew Jackson, and this support ultimately led to his appointment as the chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. In 1831, Jackson appointed him minister to Russia. On his return to the United States, Buchanan was elected to the Senate; he was reelected in 1837 and again in 1843.

In the Presidential Election of 1844, Buchanan was “Pennsylvania’s Favorite Candidate”; however, the Democratic nomination went to James K. Polk of Tennessee. Polk subsequently appointed Buchanan Secretary of State.

In 1849, Buchanan retired and moved to Wheatland, an estate outside of Lancaster, PA. Harriet Lane (Mrs. Henry E. Johnston), his orphaned niece, lived with him and cared for domestic affairs. She was known as a gracious hostess, entertaining high society. Buchanan’s retirement from politics, however, did not last long. In 1852, another campaign was made to give Buchanan the presidential nomination; Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire ultimately received the party’s nod. After Pierce’s election, Buchanan was appointed Minister to Great Britain.

In April of 1856, Buchanan returned to the United States and was nominated as the Democratic candidate for President. John C. Breckenridge of Kentucky was the vice-presidential candidate. The campaign platform was based on the finality of the Compromise of 1850 and the non-intervention of Congress concerning slavery in the territories. Buchanan defeated Fremont in the electoral college, although he failed to get a majority of the popular vote.

Buchanan’s presidency was a stormy one, filled with controversy and numerous domestic difficulties. By the end of his term, the slavery issue and state’s rights problems has caused serious divisions in government circles. The election of Abraham Lincoln added fuel to the fire, and between December 1860 and January 1861, numerous members of Buchanan’s cabinet resigned. On January 9th, the *Star of the West* was fired upon in Charleston harbor. Major Anderson threatened to shoot all vessels at Charleston, while Governor Pickens demanded the surrender of Fort Sumter. Buchanan stated that they would hold and reinforce Fort Sumter.

Buchanan left Washington, D. C. on March 9, 1861, after Lincoln’s inauguration. He lived the remainder of his life at Wheatland. He died on June 1, 1868.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The James Buchanan collection is housed in five document boxes and eleven oversized folders, and the materials are divided into four main categories: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Printed Materials, and Miscellaneous Materials. Since this collection is comprised of the gifts of various donors, each individual donor is noted on the folder of the item that was donated. The majority of these papers consist of correspondence between James Buchanan and his business and political associates, but printed pamphlets and various memorabilia are also represented.

The Correspondence section is composed of over four hundred letters authored by James

Buchanan, as well as a few addressed to him. The correspondence are arranged alphabetically by author, and then chronologically, and each individual letter has been listed in the collection inventory. Many letters are accompanied by a typescript. The bulk of the letters from Buchanan were written between 1830 and 1860, though there are relatively few letters from the years of his presidency (1857-1861). Most of the correspondence in this collection are from his days in Congress and as a lawyer in Lancaster. Some correspondents of note include Andrew Jackson, Franklin Pierce, Charles J. Ingersoll, James Campbell, James L. Reynolds, Samuel D. Ingham, William L. Marcy, and Dickinson College notables John Price Durbin and John McClintock.

The Manuscripts section is also arranged alphabetically by author; items of unknown authorship are listed by title or organizational affiliation. This section is composed almost entirely of materials written by Buchanan, such as drafts of speeches. The Buchanan writings are arranged chronologically. Among the Buchanan manuscripts are several written accounts of Buchanan's speeches before Congress, though these are not likely to have been penned by Buchanan himself. Also included among these manuscripts are two of Buchanan's student notebooks from his two years at Dickinson College.

The Printed Materials section is arranged alphabetically by author (or by title if the author is unknown). This section includes printed speeches by Buchanan and his contemporaries, as well as articles and pamphlets written about Buchanan and his times. The printed speeches of Buchanan date from his days in Congress, including orations on the Oregon question and the Consular system. Also found here are a number of pamphlets regarding Buchanan's campaign for the Presidency in 1856, discussing the main issues of the election. A few articles and pamphlets about Buchanan's niece, Harriet Lane Johnston, and his Lancaster home, Wheatland, can also be found among the printed materials.

The Miscellaneous Materials section is arranged alphabetically. Included are autographs of James Buchanan and Harriet Lane. There are also campaign badges and ballots from the Buchanan and Breckenridge Ticket of 1856. This section also includes a number of images of Buchanan, mostly engravings, as well as an image of Harriet Lane.

Several oversized folders, arranged according to the above mentioned categories, contain materials which have been separated out of the collection due to their size and particular storage needs. One folder of manuscripts contains documents signed by James Buchanan. Six folders of printed materials include newspaper clippings and political cartoons related to Buchanan. The miscellaneous materials include five folders of engravings and mezzotint images of Buchanan.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 1998.10

CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 01) Abert, J. J.
Letter to Hon. James Buchanan - Dec. 21, 1835
- Folder 02) Black, Jeremiah Sullivan
Letter to James Buchanan - Apr. 27, 1857
Legal Opinion to James Buchanan - July 21, 1858
- Folder 03) Buchanan, James
Letter to Hon. W. Marcy - Undated
Letter to Daniel Moore, Esq. - Undated
Letter to Mr. Stanton - Undated
Letter to Mr. Walker - Undated
Letter to Hon. Mr. Westcott - Undated
- Folder 04) Letter to Mrs. Smith - Feb. 18, 1814
Letter to Henry Shippen, Esq. - Nov. 7, 1816
Letter to Henry Shippen, Esq. - Oct. 1, 1818
Letter to Henry Shippen, Esq. - Mar. 10, 1819
- Folder 05) Letter to Jacob M. Haldeman - Jan. 29, 1822
Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Nov. 18, 1822
Letter to Jacob M. Haldeman - Jan. 9, 1824
Letter to Jacob M. Haldeman - Mar. 29, 1824
Letter to Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer - Oct. 11, 1824
- Folder 06) Letter to Philip Reigrat - June 10, 1825
Letter to Matthew Carey, Esq. - May 4, 1826
Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Sep. 20, 1826
Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Dec. 25, 1826
- Folder 07) Letter to John Reynolds, Esq. - Jan. 9, 1829
Letter to L. Baldwin, Esq. - Feb. 27, 1827
Letter to Samuel D. Ingham, Esq. - Aug. 9, 1827
Letter to Samuel D. Ingham, Esq. - Aug. 29, 1827
Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Nov. 11, 1827
- Folder 08) Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Feb. 13, 1828
Letter to Peter Hagner, Esq. - Mar. 15, 1828
Letter to Messrs. Gales and Seaton - Mar. 19, 1828
Letter to Messrs. Gales and Seaton - Apr. 16, 1828
- Folder 09) Letter to Thomas Kittera, Esq. - Jan. 2, 1829
Unaddressed Letter - Feb. 7, 1829
Letter to Hon. Isaac D. Barnard - Mar. 11, 1829
Letter to Hon. John H. Eaton - Mar. 18, 1829
Letter to Hon. John Branch - Aug. 10, 1829
Letter to Gen. Isaac D. Barnard - Aug. 20, 1829

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CORRESPONDENCE - Buchanan, James (cont.)

- Folder 10) Letter to John Reynolds, Esq. - 1830
Letter to Col. Isaac Wayne - Jan. 18, 1830
Letter to Col. Isaac Wayne - Feb. 19, 1830
Letter to Messrs. Tyson and Co. - June 1, 1830
- Folder 11) Letter to Hugh Hamilton, Esq. - Feb. 12, 1831
Letter to Hon. William T. Barry - Apr. 21, 1831
Letter to Hon. Daniel Webster - Sep. 13, 1831
- Folder 12) Letter to John Reynolds, Esq. - Mar. 23, 1832
Letter to John Reynolds, Esq. - July 25, 1832
Letter to James Humes, Esq. - Oct. 13, 1832
Letter to John Reynolds, Esq. - Dec. 20, 1832
- Folder 13) Letter to John Randolph Clay, Esq. - Jan. 9, 1833
Letter to Nathaniel Niles, Esq. - Mar. 2, 1833
Letter to John Reynolds, Esq. - July 3, 1833
Letter to Elihu Chauncey, Esq. - Jan. 17, 1834
Letter to Hon. Levi Woodbury - Mar. 12, 1834
- Folder 14) Letter to Gen. Roger Jones - Mar. 24, 1835
Letter to Hon. Mahlon Dickerson - June 18, 1835
Letter to Peter Wager - June 18, 1835
Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Oct. 30, 1835
Letter to Roberts Vaux - Nov. 18, 1835
Letter to Rev. John Price Durbin - Dec. 4, 1835
- Folder 15) Unaddressed Letter Fragment - Mar. 4, 1836
Letter to Peter Wager, Esq. - Mar. 7, 1836
Letter to V. Best, Esq. - Mar. 21, 1836
Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Apr. 17, 1836
Letter to John M. Read, Esq. - Apr. 17, 1836
- Folder 16) Letter to Ovid F. Johnston, Esq. - May 2, 1836
Letter to Rev. John Price Durbin - May 25, 1836
Letter to Gen. Andrew Jackson - June 14, 1836
Letter to William M. Blackford, Esq. - June 18, 1836
Letter to Walter Lowrie, Esq. - June 22, 1836
- Folder 17) Letter to Mr. Joseph Lancaster - July 13, 1836
Letter to John M. Read, Esq. - Oct. 27, 1836
Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Dec. 30, 1836
Letter to Rev. John Price Durbin - Dec. 31, 1836
- Folder 18) Letter to John M. Clayton, Esq. - Jan. 11, 1837
Letter to Hon. Levi Woodbury - Jan. 20, 1837
Letter to V. Best, Esq. - Feb. 3, 1837
Letter to Gen. R. Jones - Mar. 9, 1837
Letter to Thomas Elder, Esq. - Mar. 25, 1837
Letter to Robert Morris, Esq. - Mar. 27, 1837

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CORRESPONDENCE - Buchanan, James (cont.)

- Folder 19) Letter to Charles Jared Ingersoll, Esq. - June 6, 1837
Letter to Charles Jared Ingersoll, Esq. - June 12, 1837
Letter to Mrs. Maria Yates - June 15, 1837
- Folder 20) Letter to Hon. Joel R. Poinsett - Jan. 1, 1838
Letter to Gen. Isaac Wayne - Feb. 5, 1838
Letter to Thomas J. Randolph, Esq. - Feb. 20, 1838
Unaddressed Letter - Mar. 22, 1838
Letter to Lt. Michael Connor - May 26, 1838
- Folder 21) Letter to Hon. Joel R. Poinsett - July 6, 1838
Letter to Hon. Henry Shippen - July 22, 1838
Letter to Charles S. Daveis, Esq. - July 23, 1838
Letter to Hon. Reuel Williams - Sep. 18, 1838
Letter to Aaron Vail, Esq. - Oct. 22, 1838
Letter to James A. Caldwell, Esq. - Dec. 22, 1838
- Folder 22) Letter to Reah Frazer, Esq. - Feb. 5, 1839
Letter to Mrs. Harriet B. Henry - Mar. 22, 1839
Letter to Robert Lamberton, Esq. - Mar. 23, 1839
Letter to Gen. James Lamberton - Mar. 29, 1839
- Folder 23) Letter to Mrs. Maria Yates - Apr. 1, 1839
Letter to Hon. Henry Logan - May 24, 1839
Letter to Gen. Andrew Jackson - July 2, 1839
Letter to Joel R. Poinsett - Dec. 20, 1839
- Folder 24) Letter to Hon. Thomas L. Hamer - Jan. 1, 1840
Letter to Mr. John R. Savage - Jan. 1, 1840
Letter to Col. Reah Frazer - Jan. 18, 1840
Recommendation for George W. Barton, Esq. - Feb. 19, 1840
Recommendation for John T. Robinson - Mar. 13, 1840
- Folder 25) Letter to Addison McKean, Esq. - Apr. 6, 1840
Letter to James K. Paulding - Apr. 15, 1840
Unaddressed Letter - Apr. 17, 1840
Letter to Col. Reah Frazer - Apr. 27, 1840
Letter to Mr. [Thomas] Gilpin - May 1, 1840
Letter to Charles J. Ingersoll, Esq. - Oct. 14, 1840
Letter to Dr. Edward D. Gazzam - Dec. 11, 1840
- Folder 26) Letter to Mr. J. C. Paltridge - Jan. 31, 1841
Letter to Col. Reah Frazer - June 17, 1841
Letter to Col. John J. McCahen, et al - July 3, 1841
Letter to Hon. Samuel D. Ingham - July 20, 1841
Letter to J. C. Plumer, Esq. - Aug. 26, 1841
- Folder 27) Letter to Dr. Edward D. Gazzam - Sep. 14, 1841
Letter to J. Van Buren, et al - Sep. 21, 1841
Letter to William S. Price and Albert B. Ashton - Sep. 27, 1841
Letter to John N. Lane - Sep. 27, 1841
Letter to Hon. Ross Wilkins - Nov. 19, 1841
Letter to M. S. Blackman, Esq. - Nov. 29, 1841

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CORRESPONDENCE - Buchanan, James (cont.)

- Folder 01) Letter to John Reynolds, Esq. - Feb. 22, 1842
Letter to Mr. Thomas Brice - Feb. 26, 1842
Letter to Dr. George McClellan - Feb. 27, 1842
Letter to James X. McLanahan, Esq. - June 22, 1842
Letter to John McClintock, Esq. - July, 21, 1842
- Folder 02) Letter to Henry Horn, Esq. - Aug. 3, 1842
Letter to John Howard Payne, Esq. - Sep. 10, 1842
Letter to Col. John J. McCahen - Sep. 19, 1842
Letter to Charles J. Ingersoll, Esq. - Oct. 3, 1842
Letter to Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll - Oct. 18, 1842
Letter to P. G. Washington, Esq. - Oct. 18, 1842
- Folder 03) Letter to Mrs. James I. Roosevelt - Nov. 8, 1842
Letter to Edward D. Gazzam, Esq. - Nov. 11, 1842
Letter to Barnaby Bates, Esq. - Nov. 22, 1842
Letter to Thomas L. Hamer - Nov. 29, 1842
- Folder 04) Letter to Hon. Benjamin Champneys - Jan. 13, 1843
Letter to [Joel Barlow Sutherland] - Jan. 24, 1843
Letter to Col. Reah Frazer - Feb. 18, 1843
Letter to Harrison Wright, Esq. - Mar. 13, 1843
Letter to Charles J. Ingersoll, Esq. - May 8, 1843
- Folder 05) Letter to Samuel C. Humes, Esq. - June 13, 1843
Letter to Barnabas Bates, Esq. - July 21, 1843
Letter to J. Bosworth, Esq. - Nov. 17, 1843
Letter to C. W. Brooke, Esq. - Nov. 23, 1843
Letter to John M. Read, Esq. - Dec. 5, 1843
Letter to Henry Welsh, Esq. - Dec. 26, 1843
- Folder 06) Letter to Col. Reah Frazer - Feb. 21, 1844
Letter to John M. Read, Esq. - Mar. 22, 1844
Letter to Hon. William Wilkins - Mar. 23, 1844
Letter to His Excellency, Charles S. Todd - Apr. 5, 1844
Letter to Hon. William Wilkins - Apr. 20, 1844
- Folder 07) Letter to James Reed, Esq., et al - May 11, 1844
Letter to Henry Welsh, Esq. - June 27, 1844
Letter to Asbury Dickens, Esq. - June 27, 1844
Letter to Gen. William N. Irvine - June 29, 1844
Letter to Ezra Williams, Esq., et al - Aug. 7, 1844
- Folder 08) Unaddressed Letter - Sep. 18, 1844
Letter to Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll - Oct. 16, 1844
Letter to Hon. Daniel Sturgeon - Nov. 12, 1844
Letter to George Plitt, Esq. - Nov. 13, 1844
Letter to Samuel Hood, Esq. - Dec. 14, 1844

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CORRESPONDENCE - Buchanan, James (cont.)

- Folder 09) Letter to Mr. [Robert J.] Walker - circa 1845
Letter to Gen. James Tallmadge - Jan. 5, 1845
Letter to Col. Reah Frazer - Apr. 7, 1845
Letter to Hon. Caleb Cushing - Apr. 26, 1845
Letter to Mr. [Kenneth] Rayner - May 30, 1845
- Folder 10) Letter to Hon. Francis W. Pickens - June 6, 1845
Letter to Thomas W. Gilpin, Esq. - June 30, 1845
Letter to Hon. George M. Dallas - July 11, 1845
Letter to Charles Ward, Esq. - July 23, 1845
Letter to George Plitt, Esq. - Aug. 26, 1845
Letter to J. Randolph Clay, Esq. - Sep. 27, 1845
- Folder 11) Letter to Alexander F. Vache - Jan. 6, 1846
Letter to Jacob Weidle, Esq. - Jan. 22, 1846
Letter to Jacob Weidman, Esq. - Feb. 6, 1846
Letter to Hon. J. Strohm - Mar. 25, 1846
Letter to Hon. William. L. Marcy - May 26, 1846
- Folder 12) Letter to Commander William W. McKean - June 1, 1846
Letter to James G. Bennett, Esq. - June 10, 1846
Letter to H. Gold Rogers, Esq. - June 12, 1846
Letter to Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. - June 22, 1846
Letter to Barnabas Bates, Esq. - July 16, 1846
- Folder 13) Letter to George Plitt, Esq. - Aug. 24, 1846
Letter to Messrs. Thomas, Cowperthwait and Co. - Sep. 1, 1846
Letter to Hon. Robert J. Walker - Sep. 2, 1846
Letter to Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll - Sep. 12, 1846
Letter to Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll - Sep. 24, 1846
- Folder 14) Letter to Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll - Oct. 2, 1846
Letter to Peter Wager, Esq. - Oct. 9, 1846
Letter to Hon. Robert McClelland - Oct. 10, 1846
Letter to Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll - Oct. 16, 1846
Letter to Moses Y. Beach, Esq. - Nov. 21, 1846
- Folder 15) Letter to Col. Alexander J. Atocha - Jan. 18, 1847
Letter to C. F. Hagedorn, Esq. - Jan. 20, 1847
Letter to Mrs. William Maury - Jan. 28, 1847
Letter to W. P. Preston, Esq. - Feb. 19, 1847
Letter to R. B. McAfee, Esq. - Mar. 10, 1847
- Folder 16) Letter to Thomas Aspinwall, Esq. - Apr. 29, 1847
Letter to Hon. William. L. Marcy - Apr. 29, 1847
Letter to Hon. William L. Marcy - June 9, 1847
Letter to Miss Cutts - July 22, 1847
Letter to Hon. Edmund Burke - Sep. 9, 1847
Letter to Stephen Pleasonton, Esq. - Sep. 10, 1847

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- Folder 17) Letter to M. G. Dale, Esq. - Oct. 9, 1847
Letter to Robert Tyler, Esq. - Nov. 6, 1847
Letter to Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll - Nov. 15, 1847
Letter to [Mr. Osna, Minister from Peru] - Dec. 27, 1847
Letter to Hon. Jacob S. Yost - Dec. 28, 1847
- Folder 18) Letter to M.G. Dale, Esq. - Jan. 3, 1848
Letter to Hon. Robert J. Walker - Feb. 23, 1848
Letter to Asbury Dickens, Esq. - Mar. 16, 1848
Letter to Hon. W. Nelson - May 30, 1848
- Folder 19) Letter to Thomas Creigh - July 10, 1848
Letter to Hon. John Dickey - July 19, 1848
Letter to Colonel Talcott - July 28, 1848
Letter to Hon. Robert J. Walker - Aug. 29, 1848
Letter to Francis S. Blake, Esq. - Sep. 27, 1848
- Folder 20) Letter to Hon. Robert J. Walker - Oct. 27, 1848
Letter to J. Kellar Burns, Esq. - Oct. 30, 1848
Letter to Hon. William L. Marcy - Nov. 18, 1848
Letter to Mr. McCulloch - Nov. 30, 1848
Letter to Hon. Robert J. Walker - Dec. 14, 1848
- Folder 21) Letter to George Guier, Esq.- Jan. 19, 1849
Letter to Nahum Capen, Esq. - Jan. 22, 1849
Letter to Aaron Vail, Esq. - Mar. 13, 1849
Letter to Gen. Persifor F. Smith - Mar. 28, 1849
- Folder 22) Letter to Samuel L. Gouverneur, Esq. - Apr. 23, 1849
Letter to John M. Read, Esq. - Apr. 23, 1849
Letter to James Buchanan Henry - June 18, 1849
Letter to James Buchanan Henry - July 4, 1849
- Folder 23) Letter to Charles G. Gonter, Esq. - Aug. 8, 1849
Letter to John M. Read, Esq. - Aug. 18, 1849
Letter to Henry Welsh, Esq. - Dec. 13, 1849
Letter to Hon. Daniel Sturgeon - Dec. 24, 1849
- Folder 24) Letter to Henry Welsh, Esq. - Jan. 1, 1850
Letter to A. Boyd Hamilton, Esq. - Jan. 2, 1850
Letter to Miss Annie Payne - Mar. 3, 1850
Letter to Henry C. Carey, Esq. - Mar. 5, 1850
Letter to Robert Tyler, Esq. - June 4, 1850
Letter to Mr. Charles G. Gonter - July 15, 1850
- Folder 25) Letter to David Myerle, Esq. - Sep. 2, 1850
Letter to Hon. Isaac Toucey - Sep. 5, 1850
Letter to A. Atocha, Esq. - Dec. 2, 1850
Letter to John G. Brenner, Esq. - Dec. 26, 1850
Letter to Henry Welsh, Esq. - Dec. 26, 1850

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- Folder 01) Letter to Robert Tyler, Esq. - Jan. 24, 1851
Letter to Robert J. Walker - Feb. 26, 1851
Letter to John Hastings, Esq. - Mar. 18, 1851
Letter to John Hastings, Esq. - Apr. 4, 1851
Letter to Nahum Capen, Esq. - Apr. 12, 1851
Letter to Henry Welsh, Esq. - Apr. 22, 1851
- Folder 02) Letter to Dr. Walter I. Atlee - Apr. 26, 1851
- Folder 03) Letter to Nahum Capen, Esq. - May 2, 1851
Letter to Cave Johnson - May 2, 1851
Letter to Robert P. Flenniken - May 5, 1851
Letter to Robert J. Walker - May 5, 1851
Letter to John Hastings, Esq. - May 22, 1851
- Folder 04) Letter to John Tyler, Jr. - June 11, 1851
Unaddressed Letter - Aug. 28, 1851
Letter to Edward Shippen - Sept. 2, 1851
Letter to Henry A. Clover - Sept. 20, 1851
- Folder 05) Letter to W. P. Schell - Nov. 3, 1851
Letter to Charles H. Shriner - Nov. 4, 1851
Letter to Edward Shippen - Nov. 19, 1851
Letter to Charles H. Shriner - Nov. 24, 1851
Letter to Robert Tyler - Dec. 6, 1851
- Folder 06) Letter to W. P. Schell - Jan. 3, 1852
Letter to Hon. Henry A. Wise - Feb. 4, 1852
Letter to Hon. James Campbell - Feb. 5, 1852
Letter to Hon. James Campbell - Feb. 26, 1852
Letter to William Mathiot, Esq. - Mar. 11, 1852
- Folder 07) Letter to William L. Hirst - April 23, 1852
Letter to John Hill Wheeler - May 11, 1852
Letter to Henry M. Phillips, Esq. - May 25, 1852
Letter to John Hill Wheeler - May 31, 1852
- Folder 08) Letter to Robert Tyler, Esq. - June 8, 1852
Letter to Samuel M. Duncan, Esq. - Aug. 14, 1852
Letter to Hon. James Campbell - Aug. 23, 1852
- Folder 09) Letter to Daniel E. Sickles, Esq. - Oct. 25, 1852
Letter to W.W.H. Davis - Dec. 6, 1852
Letter to Hon. James M. H. Beale - Dec. 28, 1852
Letter to Mrs. E. W. Shippen - Dec. 29, 1852
- Folder 10) Letter to Charles G. Gonter - Feb. 3, 1853
Letter to Charles H. Shriner - Feb. 14, 1853

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CORRESPONDENCE - Buchanan, James (cont.)

- Folder 11) Letter to James P. Reily - Mar. 4, 1853
Letter to President Franklin Pierce - Mar. 8, 1853
Letter to Charles H. Shriners - Mar. 12, 1853
Letter to Hon. James Campbell - Mar. 14, 1853
Letter to Charles G. Gonter - Mar. 14, 1853
- Folder 12) Letter to Robert Tyler - Apr. 1, 1853
Letter to Lewis P. Clover - Apr. 21, 1853
Letter to Hon. James Campbell - Apr. 22, 1853
Letter to Charles H. Shriners - Apr. 26, 1853
- Folder 13) Letter to Charles G. Gonter - June 2, 1853
Letter to Hon. Henry A. Wise - June 4, 1853
Letter to W. Welsh, Esq. - June 30, 1853
Letter to Joseph R. Ingersoll - July 13, 1853
Letter to Messrs. Lane and James L. Reynolds - July 30, 1853
Letter to James L. Reynolds, Esq. - Aug. 22, 1853
Letter to Christopher L. Ward, Esq. - Sept. 20, 1853
- Folder 14) Letter to George Plitt - Nov. 1, 1853
Letter to Francis P. Corbin, Esq. - Nov. 3, 1853
Letter to James L. Reynolds, Esq. - Nov. 11, 1853
Letter to Lady Stafford - Dec. 9, 1853
Letter to Sir John Bowring - Dec. 23, 1853
- Folder 15) Letter to James Campbell - Jan. 2, 1854
Letter to James L. Reynolds, Esq. - Jan. 10, 1854
Letter to Lily Macalester - Jan. 20, 1854
Letter to Messrs. Lane and Reynolds, Esq. - Mar. 3, 1854
Letter to James L. Reynolds - May 2, 1854
- Folder 16) Letter to Lady Stafford - Aug. 18, 1854
Letter to James L. Reynolds, Esq. - Sept. 4, 1854
Letter to Messrs. Lane and Reynolds - Nov. 10, 1854
- Folder 17) Letter to Messrs. Appleton and Co. - Jan. 1, 1855
Letter to James L. Reynolds - Mar. 9, 1855
Letter to James L. Reynolds - Mar. 23, 1855
Letter to Gen. James Watson Webb - Mar. 30, 1855
- Folder 18) Letter to Gen. James Watson Webb - June 1, 1855
Letter to A. H. G. French - June 20, 1855
Unaddressed Letter - Sept. 7, 1855
- Folder 19) Letter to Gen. James Watson Webb - Nov. 2, 1855
Letter to John Lettsom Elliot - Nov. 10, 1855
Letter to Col. Lawrence - Nov. 23, 1855

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- Folder 20) Letter to William Latta, Esq. - Dec. 7, 1855
Letter to Gen. James Watson Webb - Dec. 7, 1855
Letter to W. Hunter, Esq. - Dec. 14, 1855
Letter to Miss Eliza Watterston - Dec. 28, 1855
- Folder 21) Letter to Robert Tyler, Esq. - Feb. 1, 1856
Letter to James L. Reynolds, Esq. - Feb. 15, 1856
Letter to Mr. Tyler - Feb. 15, 1856
Letter to Charles J. Helm, Esq. - Feb. 27, 1856
- Folder 22) Letter to Hon. George Thomson Mason - May 7, 1856
Letter to Messrs. Riggs and Co. - May 21, 1856
Letter to Robert Tyler, Esq. - May 23, 1856
Letter to Charles G. Gonter, Esq. - May 27, 1856
Letter to William C. Patterson, Esq. - July 7, 1856
- Folder 23) Letter to John N. L. Paugh, Esq. - Aug. 15, 1856
Letter to Seth Salisbury and Thomas Maxwell - Sept. 3, 1856
Letter to Hon. Francis W. Pickens - Nov. 26, 1856
Letter to Benson J. Lossing, Esq. - Dec. 12, 1856
Letter to Hon. Henry A. Wise - Dec. 30, 1856
- Folder 24) Letter to Hon. Henry A. Wise - Jan. 7, 1857
Unaddressed Letter - Apr. 2, 1857
Letter to Mrs. James Gordon Bennett - Apr. 14, 1857
Letter to Hon. Mr. Floyd - Apr. 27, 1857
- Folder 25) Letter to Robert Tyler, Esq. - June 11, 1857
Letter to Lord Napier of Merchistoun - June 19, 1857
Letter to Mrs. Robert John Walker - Nov. 4, 1857
Letter to Gen. Franklin Pierce - Dec. 5, 1857
- Folder 26) Letter to Hon. William H. English - Mar. 22, 1858
Letter to Mrs. Jacob - Apr. 9, 1858
Letter to Hon. William H. English - July 2, 1858
Letter to E. L. Molineux, Esq. - Sept. 1, 1858
Letter to Capt. Montgomery Cunningham Meigs - Oct. 5, 1858
Letter to Dr. Morris - Dec. 5, 1858

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- Folder 01) Letter to Hon. Sidney Breese - Jan. 11, 1859
Note to the Senators of the United States - Feb. 26, 1859
Letter to Charles E. Wentz, Esq. - Apr. 22, 1859
- Folder 02) Letter to Lewis Cass, John B. Floyd, Jeremiah S. Black - May 4, 1859
Letter to Joseph B. Baker, Esq. - May 14, 1859
Letter to Richard Cobden, Esq. - Aug. 15, 1859
Letter to Rev. Dr. Pine - Dec. 24, 1859

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- Folder 03) Letter to Hon. Louis Trezevant Wigfall - Jan. 11, 1860
Letter to Hon. Mr. William Hayden English - Mar. 28, 1860
Letter to the Senators of the United States - June 25, 1860
Letter to John. T. Henry, Esq., et al - July 17, 1860
Letter to Gerard Hallock, Esq. - Aug. 11, 1860
- Folder 04) Letter to Henry Dexter - Feb. 15, 1861
Letter to James Gordon Bennett, Esq. - Mar. 11, 1861
Unaddressed Letter - Mar. 16, 1861
Letter to George W. Riggs, Esq. - Mar. 25, 1861
- Folder 05) Letter to Joseph Camp Griffith Kennedy, Esq. - May 13, 1861
Letter to Egbert C. Doughty - Oct. 17, 1861
Letter to Charles N. Pine, Esq. - Dec. 21, 1861
- Folder 06) Letter to Thomas A. Goodman, Esq. - May 8, 1862
Letter to Mrs. John R. Thomson - Sept. 25, 1862
Letter to Miss Jessie Magaw - Nov. 28, 1862
Letter to Joseph B. Baker, Esq. - Dec. 17, 1862
- Folder 07) Letter to Samuel C. Humes, Esq. - Feb. 26, 1863
Letter to Thomas A. Goodman, Esq. - May 8, 1863
Letter to Rev. Henry Slicer - May 16, 1863
Letter to A. T. Goodman, Esq. - June 11, 1863
Letter to Rev. Herman Merrills Johnson - Nov. 11, 1863
- Folder 08) Letter to James Buchanan Henry, Esq. - Apr. 7, 1864
Letter to James Buchanan Henry, Esq. - Apr. 18, 1864
Letter to James Campbell - May 2, 1864
Letter to Hiram B. Swarr, Esq. - July 6, 1864
Letter to Hon. Edwin M. Stanton - July 19, 1864
Letter to William Hunter, Esq. - Oct. 29, 1864
- Folder 09) Letter to Dr. Charles M. Yates - Mar. 13, 1865
Letter to Nahum Capen, Esq. - Apr. 8, 1865
Letter to George Sanderson, Esq. - May 11, 1865
Letter to T. Francis Gibbons - May 19, 1865
Letter to L. J. Cist, Esq. - May 20, 1865
Letter to Horace Greeley, Esq. - May 23, 1865
- Folder 10) Letter to Boas, Bigler, Weaver, Brenner, and Miller - July 2, 1865
Letter to Benson J. Lossing, Esq. - July 25, 1865
Letter to William W. Armstrong, Esq. - Dec. 1, 1865
Letter to Nahum Capen, Esq. - Dec. 13, 1865
- Folder 11) Letter to Marvin H. Boves, Esq. - Jan. 19, 1866
Letter to Miss Jessie Magaw - Feb. 9, 1866
Letter to Mrs. John H. Thomas - Apr. 4, 1866
Letter to Miss Jessie Magaw - Apr. 12, 1866
Letter to Mrs. Catherine M. Ellis - June 30, 1866

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- Folder 12) Letter to George W. Riggs, Esq. - July 30, 1866
Letter to Miss Jessie Magaw - Aug. 10, 1866
Letter to Miss Jessie Magaw - Sept. 21, 1866
Letter to Hon. Edwin M. Stanton - Oct. 29, 1866
- Folder 13) Letter to Alfred T. Goodman - Apr. 2, 1867
Letter to James Buchanan Henry, Esq. - June 19, 1867
Letter to Miss Jessie Magaw - Sept. 10, 1867
Letter to Charles H. Hart, Esq. - Dec. 26, 1867
Letter to David W. Patterson, Esq. - Mar. 26, 1868
- Folder 14) Cameron, Simon
Letter to James Buchanan - c. 1857
- Folder 15) Jackson, Andrew
Letter to James Buchanan - Jan. 14, 1835
- Folder 16) Lane, Harriet [Mrs. Henry E. Johnston]
Letter to Mrs. Christopher L. Ward - Dec. 30, 1853
Letter to Mr. Childs - Nov. 19, 1859
Letter to Judge Black - Feb. 7, 1880
Letter to Lily Macalester - Aug. 14, 1889
- Folder 17) Lossing, Benson
Letter to James Buchanan - July 19, 1865
- Folder 18) Mason, J. Y.
Letter to James Buchanan - Dec. 24, 1847
- Folder 19) Pillow, Gideon Johnson
Letter to James Buchanan - Feb. 28, 1857
- Folder 20) Poinsett, Joel R.
Letter to James Buchanan - Oct. 26, 1837
- Folder 21) Reynolds, John
Letter to James Buchanan - May 2, 1832
- Folder 22) Stanton, Edwin McMasters
Letter to James Buchanan - Dec. 17, 1859

MANUSCRIPTS

- Folder 23) Blair and Rives, Printers
Subscription list for publishing Thomas H. Benton and James Buchanan's speeches on the Michigan question - Jan. 3 1837
- Folder 24) Buchanan, James
Lecture Notes on Trigonometry, Surveying, and Navigation - 1808
Lecture Notes (Autographed Transcription) - Sept. 1808
"Questions and Answers on Mathematics Astronomy and Natural Philosophy by James McCormick, Professor in D.C."

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- Folder 25) Draft of a note concerning the transferring of a column from the *Intelligencer* to the *Telegraph* - Undated
Draft of "An oration delivered before the Washington Association of Lancaster on the 4th July 1815" - June 22, 1815
Draft of a speech before the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the Cumberland Road - Apr. 9, 1822
- Folder 26) Draft report of a speech to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the accounts of President Monroe - Jan. 11, 1825
Draft report of a speech before the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the election of the President - Feb. 2, 1825
Receipt for \$5.00 for legal services to John Martin - July 20, 1825
Draft report of a speech to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the Panama Mission - Apr. 20, 1826
Draft report of remarks made to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the Panama Mission ("Friday") - Apr. 21, 1826
Draft report of remarks made to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the Woolens Bill - Feb. 1, 1827
- Folder 27) Draft report of remarks made to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding a court martial of Tennessee militiamen held on Dec. 5, 1814 in Mobile - Jan. 16, 1828
Draft report of remarks made to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the adjournment of Congress - Apr. 30, 1828
Draft of agreement between Jacob Dietrick and Harper Guilford for 1000 cords of wood (Buchanan as attorney) - 1837
Authorization to conclude treaty with China - Dec. 21, 1858
Draft of an agreement to purchase a farm in Valley Township, Chester County, PA from Samuel Torbert - Nov. 28, 1864
- Folder 28) "Democratic Buchanan Meeting"
Minutes of a meeting held in Bedford, PA to rally support for Buchanan as candidate for President - Jan. 18, 1848
Dickinson College, Junior Class of 1851
Statement by Junior Class "through Mr. Buchanan to the Faculty" regarding missing classes to attend a funeral - Apr. 16, 1851
"The Slanderer of Henry Clay. James Buchanan."
Draft of essay (unsigned) with attached newspaper clippings - 1856
State Democratic Convention of New York
Proceedings in support of Buchanan's candidacy - Aug. 23, 1855
Subscription list for printed copy of speech of Hon. J. Hill - Dec. 23, 1835

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PRINTED MATERIALS

- Folder 29) Auchampaugh, Philip
 “A Forgotten Journey of an Antebellum President”
 Reprint from *Tyler’s Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine* - July 1935
 “James Buchanan, the Conservatives’ Choice, 1856: A Political Portrait” Reprint from the *Historian* - Spring 1945
- Barksdale, William
 Speech on the Presidential Election - July 23, 1856
- Beggs, Thomas M.
 Harriet Lane Johnston and the National Collection of Fine Arts
 Reprint from the *Smithsonian Report for 1954 - 1955*

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PRINTED MATERIALS (cont.)

- Folder 01) Buchanan, James
 Speech made to the U.S. Senate regarding the Independent Treasury Bill (2) - Jan. 22, 1840
 Remarks made to the U.S. Senate regarding the Independent Treasury Bill in reply to Mr. Davis - Mar. 3, 1840
 Speech made to the U.S. Senate regarding the spending of the Van Buren Administration - Jan. 22, 1841
 Speech made to the U.S. Senate regarding the Fiscal Corporation and a reply to Mr. Clay - Sep. 2, 1841
 Speech made to the U.S. Senate regarding the Bill to Provide Further Remedial Justice - May 9, 1842
 Speech made to the U.S. Senate regarding the Oregon Question - Mar. 12, 1844
- Folder 02)
 Circular Announcement regarding Buchanan’s appointment as Secretary of State - Mar. 10, 1845
 Report issued to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the Consular System - Dec. 15, 1846
 Speech delivered at Greensburg, PA - Oct. 7, 1852
 (Includes printed reply letter of Hector Orr - Nov. 1852)
 Authorization to ratify treaty with the Mo-lal-la-las or Molel Tribe of Indians - Jan. 22, 1855
 “James Buchanan, His Doctrines and Policy as Exhibited by Himself and Friends” (2 copies) - 1856
 Message of the President regarding the Constitution of Kansas (3 copies) - Feb. 2, 1858
- Folder 03)
 “Compilation of the Messages and Papers of his Presidency,” from the *Bureau of National Literature* - c.1897-1916

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PRINTED MATERIALS (cont.)

- Folder 04) "Buchanan's Loyalty" - 1881
Burnett, Henry C.
Speech made in the U.S. House of Representatives regarding
national politics - July 28, 1856
Carlson, Robert E.
"Pittsburgh Newspaper Reaction to James Buchanan and the
Democratic Party in 1856" Reprint from *Western
Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*, Vol. 39 - 1956
Committee of Arrangements for Buchanan's Inauguration - Mar. 4, 1857
"The Conqueror of California" - Dec. 14, 1856
Davis, John
Remarks made to the U.S. Senate regarding wages and property
value in reply to James Buchanan - Jan. 23, 1840
Democratic State Central Committee of Pennsylvania
"Memoir of James Buchanan" - 1856
Democratic Republican State Convention (Syracuse, NY)
"Free Soil, Free Speech, Free Men" - July 24, 1856
Folder 05) "General Jackson's Letter to Carter Beverly, etc" - Aug. 21, 1827
Harper's New Monthly Magazine
"James Buchanan" - 1883
Hensel, W. U.
"A Pennsylvania Presbyterian President" - Nov. 25, 1907
"Buchanan's Administration on the Eve of Rebellion" - 1908
"The Religious Convictions and Character of James Buchanan" -
Nov. 10, 1911
"James Buchanan as a Lawyer" - Mar. 28, 1912
Folder 06) Jackson, Andrew
Message of the President of the United States regarding a treaty
with Russia - May 14, 1834
"James Buchanan" - undated
Jones, J. Glancy
Remarks made to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding
James Buchanan - May 13, 1856
King, Gen. Horatio C.
"James Buchanan's Wisdom and Patriotism" - undated
Klein, Frederic S.
"Wheatland" Reprint from *American Heritage* - 1956

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PRINTED MATERIALS (cont.)

- Folder 07) "Letter from the Hon. James Alfred Pearce," etc. - 1856
Morgan, E. B.
Speech made to the U.S. House of Representatives regarding Mr.
Fillmore's Political History and Position - Aug. 4, 1856
"The New 'Democratic' Doctrine. Slavery" - 1856
National Portraits
Biographical sketch of James Buchanan - undated
"Old Line Whigs for Buchanan & Breckinridge," etc. - 1856
Pennsylvania Buchanan and Breckenridge Club
Printed invitation - July 14, 1856
- Folder 08) Pennsylvania Senate
Resolution No.54 Session 1991, Honoring the 200th Anniversary of
Buchanan's Birth (Includes speech introducing the resolution
by Senator Earl Baker) - April 23, 1991
- Folder 09) "Program of Exercises Attending the Unveiling of the Monument to the
Memory of James Buchanan" (2 copies) - June 26, 1930
Randall, Josiah
Speech delivered at Chambersburg at the request of the Democratic
State Convention of Pennsylvania - Aug 6, 1856
Reed, William B.
"The Appeal to Pennsylvania," Speech delivered at a meeting of the
Friends of Buchanan and Breckenridge - Sep. 24, 1856
- Folder 10) "Shall the Constitution and the Union Stand or Fall? Fremont, the
Sectional Candidate of the Advocates of Dissolution! Buchanan,
the Candidate of those who Advocate One Country! One Union!
One Constitution! And One Destiny!" - 1856
"Short Answers to Reckless Fabrications Against the Democratic Candidate
for President, James Buchanan" (2 copies) - 1856
"Wheatland Centennial Celebration" - Aug. 5, 1856
"Words of Counsel to Men of Business by a Man of Business" - 1856

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

- Folder 11) Buchanan, James
Autograph on envelope - undated
Autograph with inscription - undated
Calling card - undated
Campaign Badge, "Buck and Breck" - 1856
Campaign Badge, "We Polked 'em in 44', We Pierced 'em in 52',
And We'll Buck 'em in 56" (2 copies) - 1856
Democratic Ballot for President (3 copies) - Nov. 4, 1856
Endorsed checks, from S. M. Reynolds - 1859-1860
- Folder 12) Engravings and images by various artists (20 different images)

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MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS (cont.)

- Folder 13) Buchanan, James (cont.)
Envelope (printed) describing Buchanan as "Judas" - undated
Invitation to Anniversary Cotillion Party - Jan. 8, 1851
Invitation to Buchanan's Inaugural Ball - Mar. 4, 1857
Stamps of Wheatland (First Day of Issue) - Aug. 5, 1856
Johnston, Harriet Lane
Autograph with inscription - undated
Engraving - undated
Payne, Annie
Silhouette image - undated

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- Folder 01) Buchanan, James
Passport for John Potter - May 15, 1855
Commission of Osmond Peters to rank of Captain - June 11, 1857
Respite from execution for Charles Barret - Oct. 21, 1858
Pardon of John Webster - Feb. 18, 1858
Deed to Thomas Foster - Sep. 1, 1859
Appointment of John Clay as Envoy Extraordinary- April 26, 1860
Pardon of John Krause - Sep. 7, 1860

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- Folder 02) Magazine and Newspaper Articles - 1853-1856
Folder 03) Magazine and Newspaper Articles - 1857
Folder 04) Magazine and Newspaper Articles - 1858-1860
Folder 05) Magazine and Newspaper Articles - 1861-1877
Folder 06) Political Cartoons (21 different cartoons)
Folder 07) Poster, "Private James Buchanan Citizen Soldier"
Poster, 1856 Democratic Tickets

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

- Folder 08) Engraved Portrait after the original by William E. McMaster
Folder 09) Engraved Portraits after the original by G. P. A. Healy (2 different images)
Folder 10) Mezzotint Portraits by John Sartain after the original by Jacob Eichholtz
(2 copies of original print of 1840 mezzotint)
(9 copies of reproduction print of c1857 mezzotint engraving)
Folder 11) Various Engraved and Printed Portraits (7 different images)

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