

Zachariah Chandler Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Zachariah Chandler Papers

Span Dates: 1854-1899

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1854-1879)

ID No.: MSS15552

Creator: Chandler, Zachariah, 1813-1879

Extent: 1,100 items ; 9 containers ; 1.8 linear feet ; 4 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Secretary of the interior and senator from Michigan. Correspondence, principally letters received, only a few dating after 1879, relating chiefly to the politics of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Reflects the views of the antislavery element of the Republican Party when Chandler was serving on the Republican Congressional Committee and the Joint Committee on the Conduct of War and as chairman of the Committee on Commerce. Also includes material pertaining to the early political history of Michigan.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Banks, Nathaniel Prentiss, 1816-1894--Correspondence.

Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893--Correspondence.

Cameron, Simon, 1799-1889--Correspondence.

Chandler, Zachariah, 1813-1879.

Creswell, John A. J. (John Angel James), 1828-1891--Correspondence.

Custer, George A. (George Armstrong), 1839-1876--Correspondence.

Forbes, John Murray, 1813-1898--Correspondence.

Giddings, Marsh, 1816-1875--Correspondence.

Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.

Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872--Correspondence.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Correspondence.

Morton, Levi P. (Levi Parsons), 1824-1920--Correspondence.

Stanton, Edwin McMasters, 1814-1869--Correspondence.

Trumbull, Lyman, 1813-1896--Correspondence.

Wade, B. F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1800-1878--Correspondence.

Organizations

Republican Congressional Committee.

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)

United States. Congress. Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War.

United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Commerce.

United States. Department of the Interior--Officials and employees.

Subjects

Antislavery movements--United States.

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

Slavery--United States.

Places

Michigan--Politics and government--1837-1950.

United States--Politics and government--1861-1865.

United States--Politics and government--1865-1877.

Occupations

Cabinet officers.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Michigan.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Zachariah Chandler, senator and secretary of the interior, were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1928 by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hale, and their son, Frederick Hale, and were converted to a gift in 1932. An addition was purchased in 1977.

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of Zachariah Chandler 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on four reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Zachariah Chandler, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1813, Dec. 10	Born, Bedford, N.H.
1833	Moved to Detroit, Mich., and later opened a general store
1844	Married Letitia Grace Douglas
1851-1852	Mayor, Detroit, Mich
1852	Unsuccessful Whig candidate for governor of Michigan
1854	One of the signers of the call for the meeting at Jackson, Mich., which founded the Republican Party
1856	Delegate and member of the national committee, Republican national convention, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1857	Elected to the United States Senate succeeding Lewis Cass
1861-1875	Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce
1868	Chairman, Republican Congressional Committee for duration of campaign

1875-1877	Secretary of the interior
1876	Chairman, Republican Congressional Committee for duration of campaign
1879	Elected to the United States Senate
1879, Nov. 1	Died, Chicago, Ill

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Zachariah Chandler (1813-1879) span the years 1854-1899, with the bulk of the items dating from 1854 to 1879. The greater part of the collection consists of letters received by Chandler. The papers include bound volumes of correspondence, an autograph book, and a letterbook.

The Chandler Papers are concerned mainly with the early political history of Michigan and the politics of the Civil War and Reconstruction. They reflect the views of the antislavery element of the Republican Party when Chandler was serving in the United States Senate on the Republican Congressional Committee and the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War and while he was chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce.

Prominent correspondents include Nathaniel Prentiss Banks, James Gillespie Blaine, Simon Cameron, John A. J. Creswell, George Armstrong Custer, John Murray Forbes, Marsh Giddings, Horace Greeley, Abraham Lincoln, Levi P. Morton, Edwin McMasters Stanton, Lyman Trumbull, and B. F. Wade.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.

Container List

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REEL 1	
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REEL 1	
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REEL 1	
BOX 3	1864, Jan. 11-1866, Feb. 12
REEL 2	
REEL 4	1866, Mar. 15-1870, Jan. 24
REEL 2	
BOX 5	1870, Feb. 10-1874, May 26
REEL 3	
BOX 6	1874, June 1-1876, Nov. 30
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BOX 7	1876, Dec. 1-1899, Mar. 4
REEL 4	
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REEL 4	
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