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Collection Summary

Title: Joseph Smith Fowler Papers

Span Dates: 1863-1903

ID No.: MSS21196

Creator: Fowler, Joseph Smith, 1820-1902

Extent: 300 items ; 1 container ; .4 linear feet ; 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Educator, lawyer, and United States senator from Tennessee. Correspondence, biographical material, a memorandum book, writings, printed matter and other material relating primarily to Fowler's political career as a Unionist during the Civil War and as United States senator from Tennessee during Reconstruction.

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

Fowler, Joseph Smith, 1820-1902.

Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875--Impeachment.

Organizations

Tennessee. Comptroller of the Treasury.

Subjects

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

Unionists (United States Civil War)

Places

Tennessee--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

United States--Politics and government--1865-1900.

Occupations

Educators.

Lawyers.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Tennessee.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Joseph Smith Fowler, educator, lawyer, and United States senator from Tennessee, were given to the Library of Congress by Elizabeth Shankland Chandler and Fowler Shankland via Mrs. Jefferson P. Chandler in 1931, by Mrs. William A. Croffut also in 1931, and by Elizabeth Johnston Sneed and Samuel Richards Johnston via John Clement Fitzpatrick in 1938.

Processing History

The papers of Joseph Smith Fowler were processed in 1987. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1820, Aug. 31	Born, Steubenville, Ohio
1843	Graduated, Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio
1844	Moved to Kentucky Taught school and studied law
1845-1849	Professor of mathematics, Franklin College, Davidson County, Tenn.
1846	Married Maria Louisa Embry
1856-1861	President, Howard Female College, Gallatin, Tenn.
1861	Moved to Springfield, Ill.
1862	Moved to Nashville, Tenn. State comptroller in military government, Tennessee
1866-1871	United States senator from Tennessee
1866	Delegate, Southern Loyalists' Convention, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.
1871	Retired from the United States Senate Returned to Tennessee
1902, Apr. 1	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Joseph Smith Fowler (1820-1902) span the years 1863-1903 and consist of correspondence, biographical material, a memorandum book, writings, printed matter, and other material relating mainly to autobiographical reflections on his political activity as a Unionist and as comptroller of Tennessee under Andrew Johnson during the Civil War and his service from 1866 to 1871 as United States senator from Tennessee. Included are observations on Reconstruction and opposition to the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 19,762

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	Correspondence, 1868-1901, undated (3 folders)
BOX 1 REEL 1	Biographical file, undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Memorandum book, 1890, 1898, undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Writings file, undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Miscellany, 1868-1892
BOX 1 REEL 1	Printed matter, 1868-1893
BOX 1 REEL 1	Clippings, 1863-1903