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Description Level: Series

Collection: James Buchanan Family Papers

Description:

The James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1, Papers of James Buchanan, Series 2 contains the financial and legal documents of James Buchanan, including invoices and receipts, ledgers, accounts, deeds and land records, and estate papers, dated 1812-1883. Among these papers are financial papers including bank statements and memorandums; documents related to land in Clarion, PA; legal papers for the settlement of the Boyd estate and other properties; summaries of three cases decided by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; a summary for the cost of a dinner in Russia in 1833; estate papers for family members and James Buchanan's will. Amos Slaymaker, Henry F. Slaymaker, Hiram B. Swarr, Edward Young Buchanan, Harriet Lane Johnston, and Henry E. Johnston are among the names found in these records.

Admin/Biographical History: James Buchanan was born on April 23, 1791 to James Buchanan and Elizabeth Speer. He was the second child born out of ten children, and he would go on to outlive all but one of his siblings. Most popularly remembered as Pennsylvania's only President and as a lifelong bachelor, Buchanan committed a lifetime to politics. In 1821, he left his law practice and embarked on his political career after having been voted into the U.S. House of Representatives. He would remain in the House for five consecutive terms before serving as the U.S. Minister to Russia, a Senator in the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Secretary of State, the U.S. Minister to Great Britain, and finally, the 15th President of the United States. He died in his bedchamber at Wheatland at 8:30 AM on June 1, 1868. He was 77 years old. [https://www.lancasterhistory.org/about-wheatland, accessed 10/24/2019]

Custodial History: The James Buchanan Family Papers were collected by the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland. This collection was relocated from the Wheatland mansion to the LancasterHistory archives in the Spring of 2009. Digitization of the James Buchanan Family Papers was funded by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, PHMC Appl ID # 201808013051, 2019-2020.

System of Arrangement: JBFP Part 1 Series 2 Financial and Legal Documents
Subseries 1 Invoices, Receipts, Ledgers, Accounts
Subseries 2 Deeds and Land Records
Subseries 3 Legal Papers
Subseries 4 Estate Papers

Year Range From: 1812

Year Range To: 1883

Creator: Buchanan, James, 1791-1868

People: Buchanan, James
 Johnston, Harriet Lane
 Johnston, Henry Elliot
 Swarr, Hiram Behm
 Buchanan, Edward Young
 Slaymaker, Amos
 Slaymaker, Henry Fleming

Other Creators: James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland
 (Lancaster, Pa.)

Subjects: Deeds
 Finance, Personal
 Legal documents
 Probate records
 Receipts (Acknowledgments)
 Tax returns
 Wills
 Buchanan, James, 1791-1868
 Johnston, Harriet Lane, 1830-1903
 Estates (Law)
 Decedents' estates

Search Terms: Buchanan Collections
 Deeds
 Finance, Personal
 Finding aids
 Harriet Lane Johnston
 James Buchanan
 Legal documents
 Manuscripts groups
 Probate records
 Receipts
 Tax returns
 Wills
 Estate settlement
 Decedents' estates
 James Buchanan Presidential Library

Extent: 1 box, 70 folders, .25 cubic ft.

Object Name: Archive

Language: English

Object ID: JBFP Part 1 Series 2

Location: LancasterHistory

Room: Archives South

Wall: Side 18

Associated Material:	<p>James Buchanan Papers, Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections http://archives.dickinson.edu/collection-descriptions/james-buchanan-papers</p> <p>James Buchanan and Harriet Lane Johnston Papers, Library of Congress https://www.loc.gov/collections/james-buchanan-and-harriet-lane-johnston-papers/</p> <p>James Buchanan Papers, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html</p> <p>James Buchanan Papers, Penn State University Libraries, https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/1458.htm</p>
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