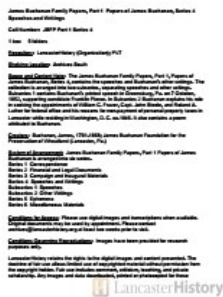


# LancasterHistory Research Collections



## Archive

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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 4, contains the speeches and Buchanan's other writings. The collection is arranged into two subseries, separating speeches and other writings. Subseries 1 contains Buchanan's printed speech in Greensburg, Pa. on 7 October, 1852, supporting candidate Franklin Pierce. In Subseries 2 Buchanan explains his role in seeking the appointments of William C. Frazer, Capt. John Steele, and Roland A. Luther for federal office and his reasons for non-payment of personal property taxes in Lancaster while residing in Washington, D. C. ca.1846. It also contains a poem attributed to Buchanan.

**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 4 Speeches and Writings  
Subseries 1 Speeches  
Subseries 2 Other Writings

**Year Range From:** 1842

**Year Range To:** 1857

**Creator:** Buchanan, James, 1791-1868

**People:** Buchanan, James  
Frazer, William Clark  
Steele, John  
Luther, Roland A.

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

**Subjects:** Appointment to office  
Inauguration  
Poetry  
Presidents--United States--Inaugural addresses  
Real property tax  
Speeches  
Whig Party (U.S.)  
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868

**Search Terms:** Buchanan Collections  
Finding aids  
Inaugural addresses  
Inauguration  
James Buchanan  
Manuscript groups  
Poetry  
Political appointments  
Real property tax  
Speeches  
Whig Party  
James Buchanan Presidential Library

**Extent:** 1 box, 5 folders

**Object Name:** Archive

**Language:** English

**Object ID:** JBFP Part 1 Series 4

**Location:** LancasterHistory

**Room:** Archives South

**Wall:** Side 18

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

**Related Item Notes:** James Buchanan Family Papers  
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