

## **James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1 Papers of James Buchanan, Series 4 Speeches and Writings**

**Call Number: JBFP Part 1 Series 4**

1 box 5 folders

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Scope and Content Note: 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.

Creators: Buchanan, James, 1791-1868; James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland (Lancaster, Pa.)

System of Arrangement: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1 Papers of James Buchanan is arranged into six series.

Series 1 Correspondence

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**Series 4** Speeches and Writings

**Subseries 1** Speeches

**Subseries 2** Other Writings

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Language: English

Biographical and Historical Note:

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]

Source of Acquisition: These documents were collected by the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland.

Custodial History (Provenance): These documents were collected by the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland. This collection was relocated from the Wheatland mansion to Lancaster County's Historical Society archives in the Spring of 2009.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Preferred Citation: James Buchanan Family Papers, Object ID, LancasterHistory, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

People:

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



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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>



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Processing History: Finding aid prepared by RC, 2009-2012. This collection has been documented, preserved and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The collection was cataloged using DACS conventions.

## **Box 5 Series 4, Subseries 1 Speeches**

### **Folder 1** Greensburg, Pa., 7 October 1852

Printed copy of the *Great Speech of the Honorable James Buchanan Delivered at the Mass Meeting of the Democracy of Western Pennsylvania* in which he supports the nomination of the Franklin Pierce-William R. King ticket and opposing the other nominee for president, General Winfield Scott, Henry Clay, the Whig Party, and Native Americanism. 15 pages. Philadelphia. 1852.

### **Folder 2** Greensburg, Pa. 7 October 1852

Printed copy of the Great Speech of the Honorable James Buchanan delivered at the mass meeting of the democracy of western Pennsylvania in which he supports the nomination of the Franklin Pierce-William R. King ticket and opposing the other nominee for president, General Winfield Scott, Henry Clay, the Whig Party, and Native Americanism. 15 pages. Philadelphia. 1852.

### **Folder 3** No place, no date.

Envelope which contained James Buchanan's inaugural address.

## **Box 5 Series 4, Subseries 2 Other Writings**

### **Folder 1** No place, ca. 1846

A six-page hand-written response by James Buchanan of accusations concerning his actions involving appointments of William C. Frazer, Captain John Steele and Roland A. Luther, and concerning his residency in the county, including non-payment of local personal property taxes while living in Washington. The addressee is unknown.

### **Folder 2** Washington, D.C., 18 March 1842

Poem about young love attributed to Buchanan but not in his hand. Could be a poem copied from a poet unknown.

