

James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1 Papers of James Buchanan, Series 5 Ephemera

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Scope and Content Note: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1 Papers of James Buchanan, Series 5 contains ephemera from his personal life and political career. The materials in this collection range from 1833 to 1860.

The materials include invitations to different events and dinners, a facsimile of his petition for membership in Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons in Lancaster, a list of guests invited to a dinner in St. Petersburg in Russia during Buchanan's time as the ambassador, admission tickets, menus for dinners, bills of fare, and embossed valentines. Some of the organizations mentioned were the Royal Panopticon of Science and Art, Seamen's Hospital Society, the Royal Astronomical Society Club, the Democratic Citizens of the City of Philadelphia, and the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers, and Commerce.

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.

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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]

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<http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html>

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Box 5 **Series 5, Subseries 1 Invitations, Valentines, Broadsides, Cartes de Visite**

Folder 1 James Buchanan's visiting card. Black ink on white card stock.

Folder 2 Invitation of James Buchanan. Black ink on white card stock. Four copies, blank.

Folder 3 Facsimile of petition for membership presented 13 November 1816 to Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons, Lancaster, Pa., by James Buchanan. A brief history of the President's activities in the organization as well as brief histories of both recommenders, John Reynolds and Morton C. Rogers.

Folder 4 St. Petersburg, Russia, 23 February 1833
List of 16 guests with three additional regrets to a dinner with Minister James Buchanan.

Folder 5 Washington, D.C., 24 December 1857
Invitation to H. M. North to dine with the President.

Folder 6 Philadelphia, 14 June 1860
Admission ticket to the Japanese embassy decorated with a hot air balloon with "Constitution" on the balloon, two American flags with person in basket, and the Japanese rising sun on each side of the invitation. On the reverse is an engraving of the Philadelphia Gas Works—First Ward, Thursday June 14, 1860 – 11 o'clock, A.M. Jno. C. Cresson, Chief Engineer is written in top right-hand corner.

Folder 7 [No place], 2004
Topps Presidential Pastime card, featuring James Buchanan, summarizes the coming of the Civil War and the "mushrooming" of baseball in 1860. In plastic case.

Folder 8 St. Petersburg, Russia, 4 January 1833
List of 18 guests to a dinner with Minister James Buchanan.

Folder 9 St. Petersburg, Russia, 23 February 1833 and 7 March 1833
Itemized cost of two dinners, each costing 427.90, including 4 waiters.

Folder 10 Frankfurt, A. M., 24 September 1833
Ticket admitting James Buchanan and guests to Das Casino zu Frankfurt, A. M.

Folder 11 [No place, no date]
Admission to the Junior Bachelors' Cotillion Party. On reverse: "24 JB."



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Folder 12 Blackwall, England, 26 June 1854

Invitation to "The American Minister and Miss Lane" issued by Mr. Peabody.

Folder 13 Lancaster, 26 May 1855

Menu of dinner at the Wabank House for the Supreme Court given by "their friends."

Folder 14a London, 22 October 1855

Cover letter enclosing an invitation to James Buchanan to attend the ordinary meetings of the Royal Geographical Society. Also in folder is the admission to the 1853-1854 meetings.

Folder 14b 56 Harley Street, London, 14 June 1854

Invitation to James Buchanan from the Earl of Ellesmere, President of the Royal Geographical Society at Bridgewater House on 14 June and 21 June.

Folder 15a 309 Regent Street, London, 4 April 1855

Invitation to James Buchanan from J. H. Pepper enclosing an admission ticket to a private viewing of a "novel entertainment" at the Royal Polytechnic Institution.

Folder 15b Hampstead Road, Haverstock Hill, London, 5 March 1855

Invitation to James Buchanan from Joseph Soul to a public festival held at the Orphan Working School, Ludgate Hill.

Folder 15c Albany, 8 February 1855

Invitation to James Buchanan to join J. H. Dillon for dinner at James Buchanan's convenience.

Folder 15d Hyde Park Square, London, 28 May 1854

Invitation to James Buchanan and Mr. Welsh from Isabella Vivian to drop in the next day.

Folder 15e 5 Chester Place, London, 10 May [no year]

Invitation to James Buchanan, Miss Lane, and Mr. Welsh from Mrs. Torrance to meet Lady Cust later in the month.

Folder 15f Fulham Place, London, 19 June [no year]

Invitation to James Buchanan [for tea] from D. Blomfield and the Bishop.

Folder 15g 5 Chester Place, London, 7 February [no year]

Invitation to James Buchanan from Mr. and Mrs. Torrance to dinner.

Folder 15h W. Arlington Street, London, 5 May [no year]



A reminder from Mr. and Mrs. Bates for James Buchanan and Miss Lane regarding a dinner engagement.

Folder 15i St. John's Lodge near Aylesbury, 12 May 1855

Invitation from W. H. Smyth enclosing a formal card for the Greenwich Visitation and a coming note from the Astronomer Royal offering him his choice of transportation on land or down the Thames in the Admiralty Barge.

Folder 16a Board Room, 10 Finsbury Chambers, 26 April 1855

Invitation from W. C. Laurie to attend the Anniversary of the Society of Friends of Foreigners in Distress. Printed.

Folder 16b 1 Welbeck Street, London, 11 April 1855

Invitation to attend a meeting at West London Auxiliary to the London City Mission at which the Rector of St. Marylebone will speak. Printed.

Folder 16c 14 Wimpole Street, London, 12 June [no year]

Invitation to dinner from Mr. Charles McGarel. Partially printed.

Folder 16d London, 1856

Invitation from Octavius Green and John M. Deere to attend meetings of the Star Club of London. [on back of printed listing of meetings]: To the Hon. Jas Buchanan, the Am. Minister; elected Honorary member January 24th, 1856.

Folder 16e no place, no date

A written invitation to inquire of and write in the Books of the Duchess of Gloucester, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, the Duchess of Kent, and the Duchess of Cambridge.

Folder 17a London, [1855]

Membership card of the Star Club of London.

Folder 17b London Club Chambers, 15 Regent Street, 4 July [1855]

Invitation to dinner from Mr. Peabody for dinner at the Star and Garter of Richmond.

Folder 17c 6 Harley Street, London, 12 June [1855]

Invitation from Lord Fitzwilliam and the Ladies Wentworth Fitzwilliam to be in their company including dancing.

Folder 17d London, 29 September 1853

Invitation from Benjamin Shaw to dine with the Court of Assistants of the Fishmongers Company.



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Folder 17e Leicester Square, London, 16 March [1855]

Invitation from T. J. Brown to a private viewing at the Royal Panopticon of Science and Art.

Folder 17f 74 King William Street, London, 8 March [1855]

Invitation from the Seamen's Hospital Society to dinner at the London Tavern.

Folder 17g London, 9 February [1855]

Invitation from George Nicol to a private viewing of the pictures at the British Institution, Pall Mall.

Folder 17h Covent Garden, London, 9 March [1855]

Invitation from the Royal Astronomical Society Club to dinner.



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Folder 18a London, 4 July 1854

Invitation from the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce to James Buchanan to view an educational exhibition in St. Martin's Hall.

Folder 18b London, 15 August 1855

Invitation from Frederick Thorpe Mappin to dine with the corporation at Cutler's Hall in Sheffield.

Folder 18c London, 10 May 1854

Invitation from Mr. Peabody to Hon. George Peabody for dinner at the Clarendon Hotel, Bond Street to meet the American Minister.

Folder 18d London, 12 April 1854

Invitation from Mr. Peabody to James Buchanan for dinner at the Clarendon Hotel, Bond Street.

Folder 18e London, 29 June 1854

Invitation from the Head Master of Harrow School to James Buchanan to attend the Harrow Speeches.

Folder 18f London, 12 May 1855

Invitation from Mr. Brown to James Buchanan to attend dinner at Fenton's Hotel, St. James' Street.

Folder 18g 14 Lowndes Square, Belgravia, London, 29 May 1854

Invitation from Mrs. Gascoigne to James Buchanan for an at home.

Folder 19a London, 28 June 1855

Invitation from Head Master of Harrow School to James Buchanan and Harriet Lane for the Harrow Speeches.

Folder 19b London, 29 June 1854

Invitation from Head Master of Harrow School to James Buchanan and Harriet Lane to attend luncheon after the Harrow Speeches.

Folder 19c London, 3 March 1855

Invitation from The Lord Mayor to James Buchanan and Harriet Lane to dinner to meet the members of the Garrick Club at Mansion House.

Folder 20 London, 9 November 1854

Bill of fare, Lord Mayor's Day including the menu and numbers of each dish for the various tables. Satin cover. *Housed in JBFP Oversized Box 1.*



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Folder 21 London, 26 June 1854

Bill of fare for Mr. Peabody's dinner to the American Minister and Miss Lane; the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress; and a large part of English and American friends.

Folder 22a [Philadelphia] , 18 October 1860

Bill of fare for the banquet on the opening of the new Free Library and Museum presented to the public by William Brown, Esq.

Folder 22b No place, 27 October 1859

Bill of fare for a complimentary Admission Supper at Reese's Hotel.

Folder 22c Wheatland, 23 December 1856

Beginning of a letter.

Folder 23 83 Eaton Square S.W., London, No Date

Calling card for the Ambassador of the United States.

Folder 24

Calling card for the German Ambassador and Baroness Thielmann.

Folder 25

Calling card for Conte Cesare Gianotti, Prefetto di Palazzo, Gran Mastro delle Cerimonie, Ajutanate di Campo Onorario di L. M. il Re.

Folder 26 Brook H[all], 24 February

Invitation from Lady Saba Holland to James Buchanan to dine at Brook H[all].

Folder 27 Ashburnham House, 15 May 1855

Invitation from the Prince and Princess of Lieven to James Buchanan to dinner.

Folder 28 Marietta, Ga., 16 February 1858

Embossed valentine to James Buchanan apparently with initials of the sender imbedded in the verse. Also embossed envelope with free franking. 24 cm.

Folder 29 722 Bowery, New York, 14 February 1841

Handwritten valentine with collage of passion flower. Notation in another hand with name Dorcas Buchanan and New York address. Notation of "Lewis S. Richards" on reverse with calculations.

Folder 30 Philadelphia, 23 June 1845

Invitation to James Buchanan from a committee of the Democratic Citizens of the City of Philadelphia for a public dinner on the 4th of July. Signed by John Horn; D. H. Tucker, MD; J. A. Phillips; Robert F. Christy and Charles H. Kerk.



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Folder 31 No place, 16 July 1846

Invitation to James Buchanan from the Officers of the British Commission of Boundary to a dinner at Colemans Hotel on July 23.

Folder 32 Schenectady, New York, 3 July 1845

Printed invitation to James Buchanan to attend a Semi-Centennial Anniversary of Union College [in Schenectady, New York] on 22 July 1845 from the Committee of Correspondence with handwritten note and signature by Jonathan Pearson on interior page.

Folder 33 Carlisle, Pa., 21 June 1845

Invitation to Hon. James Buchanan to attend a 4th of July celebration from a committee of the Democratic Citizens of Cumberland County, signed by J. Ellis Bonham, George McFeely, M. McClellan, Adam Longsdorf, William Riley, William M. Mateer, Peter Gutshall, J. Helman, Patrick Davidson, R. McClan Sr. and Robert Snodgrass.

Folder 34 No place, no date.

Blank printed dinner invitation of President James Buchanan on heavy stock. 2 copies.

Folder 35 No place, no date.

Broadsheet offering a reward for the apprehension of "Nervous Nat," an escapee from the Lunatic Asylum of New Hampshire who imagines himself one of Buchanan's cabinet. Glued onto acid-free backing.

Folder 36 *Missing* No place, 24 December 1858

From accession form: "The President requests the honor of H. M. North's Company at dinner on Friday the 24th December at 6 o'clock." Manuscript marked missing on accession form. Accompanying envelope dated 6 February 1900 is also missing and does not match the date of the invitation.

