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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Chester Ashley autograph book
Date [inclusive]	1791-1848
Extent	0.02 Cubic feet 1 microfilm reel
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Biographical/Historical Note

Chester Ashley was a United States Senator from Arkansas from 1844-1848. Ashley was born at Amherst, Massachusetts, on June 1, 1791. About three years later, his family moved to Hudson, New York, where he grew up. In 1813, he graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Later, he graduated from Litchfield Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1817. Chester Ashley started practicing law in Hudson. After moves to Edwardsville, Illinois, in 1818, and St. Louis, Missouri, 1819, he settled in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1820. In July 1821, Ashley married Mary W.W. Elliott in St. Genevieve, Missouri. In 1844, he was elected to the United States Senate, where he became chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1846. Senator Ashley died in Washington, District of Columbia, on April 29, 1848, at the age of 57.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one volume of autographs collected by Chester Ashley.

Administrative Information

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