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# **Jesse Turner papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Jesse Turner papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1863-1889
<b>Extent</b>	0.02 Cubic feet 1 reel of microfilm
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.
<b>Microform [Reel]</b>	MG00210

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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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Jesse Turner was born October 3, 1805, at Orange County, North Carolina, to James and Rebecca Clendenin Turner. He studied law with William McCauley and was admitted to the bar in 1825 at Ashboro, Randolph County, North Carolina. In 1831, he moved to Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas. In 1838, he was elected State Representative for Crawford and Franklin counties. In 1840, he campaigned on behalf of William Henry Harrison. He was appointed by the Secretary of War in 1841 to serve on a committee at West Point Military Academy. In 1842, he married Violet P. Drennen (1817-1843).

He was appointed United States Attorney for the Western Federal District of Arkansas in 1851. In 1855, he married Rebecca J. Allen (1823-1917). They had one son, Jesse Turner, Jr. (1856-1911), who practiced law with his father's firm, Turner and Turner. Although he opposed secession, he was elected to the Secession Convention in 1861. After the war, he served as a state senator in 1866-1867 and again in 1874-1875. In 1878, he was appointed by Governor William Read Miller to the Arkansas Supreme Court. He was connected to the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway and the Kansas and Arkansas Valley Railway. He died November 22, 1894, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection contains Civil War items, correspondence to Jesse Turner, a pamphlet on George W. Paschal, and issues of "The Van Buren Argus" and "National Intelligencer" newspapers.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Lucille Price Turner, Van Buren, Arkansas, 1921.

### **Existence and Location of Originals**

The location of the folder from the Small Manuscripts Collection is unknown. The only copy we have is on microfilm.

## Collection Inventory

1863 October: Resolution regarding the secession of Arkansas

1868 January 20: A.H. Garland, Little Rock, Arkansas, to the President and Directors of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Rail Road Company

1874 July 10: Seth I. Howel, Clarksville, Arkansas, to Jesse Turner

1885 October 13: Article by Jesse Turner in regard to Albert Pike

1869: Pamphlet, Address of George W. Paschal of Austin, to the People of Texas, discussing the political situation of the country, and declaring himself a candidate for the United States Senate

1889: Newspapers, "The Van Buren Argus," Volume XIV, Numbers 5-8

1867: Newspapers, "National Intelligencer," Volume LXVIII, Numbers 10, 115, 10117-10120