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# **David Walker telegram**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	David Walker telegram
<b>Date</b>	1861
<b>Extent</b>	0.2 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.
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## Biographical Note

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David Walker (1806-1879), a Kentucky native, moved to Arkansas in 1830, and studied law under Judge Benjamin Johnson and Judge Edward Cross. He settled in Fayetteville, Washington County, where he acquired lots of land and many slaves. He was elected circuit attorney in 1832. In 1833, he returned to Kentucky to marry Jane Lewis Washington.

He was an important figure in state politics and an active member of the Whigs until they went defunct in the 1850s. In 1835, he was elected to the territorial legislature. In 1836, he served on the Constitutional Convention that wrote the state's first constitution. He was elected State Senator in 1840. From 1848 to 1855, he served as associate justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court. Although he opposed secession, he was elected to the Secession Convention and became its president. During the Civil War, he was appointed as colonel to the Confederate military court. In 1866, he was elected as chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court. He remained active in politics until his death in 1879.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains one telegram from David Walker to Jesse Burner announcing the call for a secession convention in 1861.

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## Administrative Information

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## Collection Inventory

1861: Telegram, David Walker, Fayetteville, Arkansas to Jesse Burner