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Guide to the

Grover Cleveland papers

1864-1908

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Summary

Creator: Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908

Title: Grover Cleveland papers

Date: 1864-1908

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Various gifts and purchases.

Abstract: Grover Cleveland (1837-1908) was the 22nd and 24th President of the United States, the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms. The collection consists of presidential papers; correspondence and professional papers; ephemera; photographs; and clippings.

Access: Advance notice required.

Physical Location: MssCol 17893

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Creator History

Grover Cleveland (1837-1908) was the 22nd and 24th President of the United States, the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms, 1885 to 1889 and 1893 to 1897.

Custodial History

Some material in the collection was originally received as part of the Levi P. Morton papers, the Montague collection, and the Ford collection.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of presidential papers; correspondence and professional papers; ephemera;

photographs; and clippings. Presidential papers are limited, and document only part of his first term, 1885 to 1886. Present are reports from the Secretary of State and the United States Consul in Switzerland, and messages from Cleveland to Congress. Correspondence and professional papers are also limited, but include a Sheriff's Deed signed by Cleveland in his capacity as Sheriff of Erie County, New York, and a letter confirming his nomination for Governor of New York in 1882, along with Cleveland's letter of acceptance. Photographs, both candid and formal, are of Cleveland and of his wife Frances Folsom (Preston) Cleveland. Also present is a photograph album containing images of Cleveland, members of his family, his homes and haunts, his colleagues, the inauguration of William McKinley; and an undated tintype. Ephemera includes material from Cleveland's 1885 inaugural ball; a printed pamphlet, "The Imaginary Conversations of His Excellency and Dan," 1888; an 1892 resolution giving him "Freedom of the City of Detroit;" and a resolution granting honorary membership in the fraternity of Sigma Chi. Additionally, there is a manuscript poem about fishing written by Cleveland for Dr. John H. Finley in 1902.

Arrangement: Material is arranged by subject.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Certificates
Ephemera
Pamphlets
Photographs

Subjects

Governors -- New York (State)
Presidents -- United States
Presidents' spouses

Occupations

Presidents

Names

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Presidential Papers 1885-1886
- b. 1 f. 2 Correspondence and Professional Papers 1873-1904
Photographs
- b. 1 f. 3 Grover Cleveland ca. 1864-1908
- b. 1 f. 4 Frances Folsom (Preston) Cleveland 1890, undated
- b. 1 f. 5 Photograph Album undated
- b. 1 f. 6 Ephemera 1885-1892
- b. 1 f. 7 "Verses to John Finley" 1902
- b. 1 f. 8-9 Clippings undated