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Guide to the

**Order of United Americans records**

1849-1886

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## Summary

**Creator:** Order of United Americans

**Title:** Order of United Americans records

**Date:** 1849-1886

**Size:** .31 linear feet (1 volume, 1 folder)

**Abstract:** The Order of United Americans was formed in New York City in 1844 as a nativist benevolent association of American-born laborers. It quickly attained nationwide membership. Though it did offer some retirement benefits to its members, it was mainly considered a means for disseminating anti-Catholic and anti-foreign propaganda. Many of its tactics and rituals were taken up by the Know-Nothing party in the 1850s. Records include correspondence, official notices, programs, orations, and a New York City scrapbook. The volume contains several orations delivered on Washington's birthday. A large gap occurs in the records with nothing inserted between 1867-1874. Also includes a group portrait under separate cover

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Anti-Catholicism -- 19th century

Nativistic movements -- United States -- History -- 19th century

Patriotic societies -- United States -- 19th century

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographs

Scrapbooks

### Names

Order of United Americans  
Washington, George, 1732-1799