Summary

Creator: Smith, Francis O. J. (Francis Ormond Jonathan), 1806-1876

Title: Francis O.J. Smith correspondence

Date: 1828-1870

Size: .2 linear feet (12 folders)

Source: Purchase, Goodspeed, 1936

Abstract: Francis Ormond Jonathan Smith (1806-1876) was a lawyer, businessman and United States Congressman from Maine, 1833-1839. Smith assisted Samuel F.B. Morse in introducing the electric telegraph. Collection consists of Smith's correspondence with Amos Kendall, Ezra Cornell, Eliphalet Case, J.J. Speed, Jr., and others, but not including Morse, relating primarily to political matters. Some letters deal with the introduction of the electric telegraph.

Access: Advance notice required.

Alternative Form Available: Entire collection available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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Key Terms

Occupations
Legislators

Geographic Names
Maine -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865
United States -- Politics and government -- 1815-1861

Subjects
Telegraph -- United States

Names
Smith, Francis O. J. (Francis Ormond Jonathan), 1806-1876
Case, Eliphalet, -1862 or 1863
Cornell, Ezra, 1807-1874
Kendall, Amos, 1789-1869
Speed, James, 1812-1887