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Guide to the

**Francis O.J. Smith correspondence**

1828-1870

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## 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