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Guide to the

Amos Kendall letters and documents

1820-1862

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Summary

Creator: Kendall, Amos, 1789-1869

Title: Amos Kendall letters and documents

Date: 1820-1862

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

Abstract: Letters and documents of Amos Kendall, American lawyer, journalist, politician, and Postmaster General during the Jackson and Van Buren administrations. Early letters relate to business ventures and debts; letters dating from the 1830s concern Kendall's political activities as a member of Jackson's "Kitchen Cabinet," as well as his journalistic interests, with recipients including Virgil Maxcy and John McLean. Several letters relate to Kendall's investment in, and activities on behalf of, Samuel Morse's telegraph system. Other documents present in the collection were generated during Kendall's service as Postmaster General, and relate to the operations and management of the United States Postal Service

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Key Terms

Occupations

Journalists

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Subjects

Postal service -- United States

Telegraph -- History

Telegraph -- United States

Geographic Names

United States -- Politics and government -- 1829-1837

Names

Maxcy, Virgil, 1785-1844

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United States Postal Service