

**The New York Public Library
Stephen A. Schwarzman Building
Manuscripts and Archives Division**

Guide to the
Azariah C. Flagg papers
1821-1848
MssCol 1023

Compiled by Richard Salvato, February 1983

Summary

Creator: Flagg, Azariah C. (Azariah Cutting), 1790-1873

Title: Azariah C. Flagg papers, 1821-1848

Size: 2.1 linear feet (5 boxes)

Source: Willed to the Tilden Trust by Maria Flagg, 1892

Abstract: Azariah Cutting Flagg (1790-1873) was a newspaper editor and politician in New York. The collection consists of correspondence of Flagg and his political colleagues Silas Wright, Jr. and Michael Hoffman.

Access: Apply to Manuscripts and Archives Division for access at <http://www.nypl.org/mssref>.

Preferred citation: Azariah C. Flagg papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

Creator history

Azariah Cutting Flagg (1790-1873) was a newspaper editor and politician in New York. He served as assemblyman in 1823; New York Secretary of State from 1826 to 1833; State Comptroller, 1834-1839, 1842-1846; and New York City Comptroller, 1852-1859.

Scope and content note

The collection consists chiefly of letters received by Flagg, although some of his letters are also present as is a small amount of third party correspondence. Most of the letters are from Flagg's political colleagues Silas Wright, Jr. and Michael Hoffman, members of the "Albany Regency" a group of radical Democratic Republicans in northern New York. The letters concern political and economic issues, both national and local, of the period from 1823 to 1848, covering topics such as free trade, public debt, construction of canal systems in New York, currency and banking, presidential campaigns, taxation, extension of slavery and states rights, and annexation of Texas. Letters also trace the collapse of the National Republican Party, the new Whig Party, the rise of the Democratic wing of the Republican Party, and the development of Jacksonian democracy. Other correspondents include John A. Dix, R.H. Walworth, W.L. Marcy, Albert Gallatin and Preston King.

In addition to correspondence, the collection contains Flagg's notes on periodical articles, 1829-1831, a newspaper report of Flagg's speech in Watertown, NY in 1844, and printed schedules and inventories of bank assets, 1845.

Arrangement

The Azariah C. Flagg papers are organized into the following series:

- I. Correspondence, 1821-1848
- II. Notes on articles, 1829-1831
- III. Printed material, 1844-1845

Key terms

Subjects

Banks and banking -- United States
Canals -- New York (State)
Currency question -- United States
Debts, Public
Free trade
Slavery -- United States
States' rights (American politics)
Taxation -- United States

Names

Flagg, Azariah C. (Azariah Cutting), 1790-1873
Hoffman, Michael, 1787-1848
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862
Wright, Silas, 1795-1847

Occupations

Politicians

Places

Mexico -- Foreign relations -- United States -- 1821
-1861
New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1775
-1865
Texas -- Annexation to the United States
United States -- Politics and government -- 1815
-1861

Container list

I. Correspondence, 1821-1848

A. General, 1821-1848

The correspondence consists predominantly of letters Flagg received. However, the following letters and other items from Flagg are present:

1823? June or August? Expense account

1826 Feb 28; Aug 15 (printed circular); draft re "Appointment of Secretary"

1829 Jul 24 to Mr. Ingham; Aug 26 to R. Vreese?

1832 Aug 1; Nov 9; Dec 22(to Judge Soule

1833 Aug 11 to R. White

1835 to A.G. Danby

1836 Jul 1 (printed); Sep 18 to Jesse Hoyt; Nov 13 to P. Reynolds; Nov 15 to L. Maison

1837 Jun 15 to I. Seymour; Jun 16 to A. Gallatin; Jun 23 (printed circular); Aug 31 to A. Gallatin

1838? Sep 30 (memo re canal stock inside of Deposits of Specie)

1839 Apr 9 Com. of Herkimer County; Dec 20

1841 Nov 22 to Herman J. Redfield

1842 Mar 1 to J. Thompson, Thomas Olcott; Mar 1 (circular) 5 pages of tabulations re appointment of canal funds

1844 May 9 to O. Hungerford; Jul 22, Sep 9, 10 (printed circulars); Oct 14 (circular)

1845 Jan 24 to O. Robinson; Feb 2 to L. Stetson; Jun 21 to Common Council of N.Y.; Oct 27 to John W. Lawrence

1846 Apr 22 to Preserved Fish; Jul 19 to John A. Dix; Oct 1 (draft resolutions); Oct. 15 (printed circular)

1847 Aug 22

b.1 f.1	1821-1822
b.1 f.2	1823
b.1 f.3	1824
b.1 f.4	1825
b.1 f.5	1826
b.1 f.6	1827
b.1 f.7	1828
b.1 f.8	1829
b.1 f.9	1830 Jan-Jun
b.1 f.10	1830 Jul-Dec
b.2 f.1	1831
b.2 f.2	1832
b.2 f.3	1833
b.2 f.4	1834
b.2 f.5	1835
b.2 f.6	1836
b.2 f.7	1837 Jan-Jul
b.2 f.8	1837 Aug-Dec
b.2 f.9	1838
b.2 f.10	1839
b.3 f.1	1840
b.3 f.2	1841

I. Correspondence, 1821-1848 (cont.)

A. General, 1821-1848 (cont.)

- b.3 f.3 1842 Jan-Mar
- b.3 f.4 1842 Apr-Dec
- b.3 f.5 1843
- b.3 f.6 1844
- b.3 f.7 1845
- b.3 f.8 1846
- b.4 f.1 1847-1848, and undated

B. Michael Hoffman, 1826-1848 (110 letters from Hoffman to Flagg)

- b.4 f.2 1826-1832
- b.4 f.3 1833
- b.4 f.4 1839
- b.4 f.5 1842
- b.4 f.6 1843
- b.4 f.7 1844
- b.4 f.8 1845-1848

C. Silas Wright, Jr., 1823-1847

174 letters from Wright to Flagg and 19 letters from Flagg to Wright

- b.4 f.9 1823-1827
- b.4 f.10 1828
- b.4 f.11 1829-1830
- b.4 f.12 1833
- b.5 f.1 1834
- b.5 f.2 1836
- b.5 f.3 1837
- b.5 f.4 1838
- b.5 f.5 1839
- b.5 f.6 1840
- b.5 f.7 1841
- b.5 f.8 1842-1843
- b.5 f.9 1844
- b.5 f.10 1845-1847

II. Notes on articles, 1829-1831

Notes on articles in the North American Review, the Edinburgh Review, etc.

III. Printed material, 1844-1845

"Mr. Wright's speech at Watertown" as published in the Albany Argus, 1844; schedules and inventories of bank assets, 1845

Container list

I. Correspondence, 1821-1848

A. General, 1821-1848

The correspondence consists predominantly of letters Flagg received. However, the following letters and other items from Flagg are present:

1823? June or August? Expense account

1826 Feb 28; Aug 15 (printed circular); draft re "Appointment of Secretary"

1829 Jul 24 to Mr. Ingham; Aug 26 to R. Vreese?

1832 Aug 1; Nov 9; Dec 22(to Judge Soule

1833 Aug 11 to R. White

1835 to A.G. Danby

1836 Jul 1 (printed); Sep 18 to Jesse Hoyt; Nov 13 to P. Reynolds; Nov 15 to L. Maison

1837 Jun 15 to I. Seymour; Jun 16 to A. Gallatin; Jun 23 (printed circular); Aug 31 to A. Gallatin

1838? Sep 30 (memo re canal stock inside of Deposits of Specie)

1839 Apr 9 Com. of Herkimer County; Dec 20

1841 Nov 22 to Herman J. Redfield

1842 Mar 1 to J. Thompson, Thomas Olcott; Mar 1 (circular) 5 pages of tabulations re appointment of canal funds

1844 May 9 to O. Hungerford; Jul 22, Sep 9, 10 (printed circulars); Oct 14 (circular)

1845 Jan 24 to O. Robinson; Feb 2 to L. Stetson; Jun 21 to Common Council of N.Y.; Oct 27 to John W. Lawrence

1846 Apr 22 to Preserved Fish; Jul 19 to John A. Dix; Oct 1 (draft resolutions); Oct. 15 (printed circular)

1847 Aug 22

b.1 f.1	1821-1822
b.1 f.2	1823
b.1 f.3	1824
b.1 f.4	1825
b.1 f.5	1826
b.1 f.6	1827
b.1 f.7	1828
b.1 f.8	1829
b.1 f.9	1830 Jan-Jun
b.1 f.10	1830 Jul-Dec
b.2 f.1	1831
b.2 f.2	1832
b.2 f.3	1833
b.2 f.4	1834
b.2 f.5	1835
b.2 f.6	1836
b.2 f.7	1837 Jan-Jul
b.2 f.8	1837 Aug-Dec
b.2 f.9	1838
b.2 f.10	1839
b.3 f.1	1840
b.3 f.2	1841

I. Correspondence, 1821-1848 (cont.)

A. General, 1821-1848 (cont.)

- b.3 f.3 1842 Jan-Mar
- b.3 f.4 1842 Apr-Dec
- b.3 f.5 1843
- b.3 f.6 1844
- b.3 f.7 1845
- b.3 f.8 1846
- b.4 f.1 1847-1848, and undated

B. Michael Hoffman, 1826-1848 (110 letters from Hoffman to Flagg)

- b.4 f.2 1826-1832
- b.4 f.3 1833
- b.4 f.4 1839
- b.4 f.5 1842
- b.4 f.6 1843
- b.4 f.7 1844
- b.4 f.8 1845-1848

C. Silas Wright, Jr., 1823-1847

174 letters from Wright to Flagg and 19 letters from Flagg to Wright

- b.4 f.9 1823-1827
- b.4 f.10 1828
- b.4 f.11 1829-1830
- b.4 f.12 1833
- b.5 f.1 1834
- b.5 f.2 1836
- b.5 f.3 1837
- b.5 f.4 1838
- b.5 f.5 1839
- b.5 f.6 1840
- b.5 f.7 1841
- b.5 f.8 1842-1843
- b.5 f.9 1844
- b.5 f.10 1845-1847

II. Notes on articles, 1829-1831

Notes on articles in the North American Review, the Edinburgh Review, etc.

III. Printed material, 1844-1845

"Mr. Wright's speech at Watertown" as published in the Albany Argus, 1844; schedules and inventories of bank assets, 1845