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Guide to the  
**Silas Wright letters and documents**  
1828-1866, 1917  
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## **Summary**

**Creator:** Wright, Silas, 1795-1847

**Title:** Silas Wright letters and documents, 1828-1866, 1917

**Size:** .1 linear foot (1 folder)

**Source:** Received in 1948.

**Abstract:** Silas Wright was an American lawyer and statesman, and a member of the "Albany Regency" that dominated the New York State politics in the early decades of the 19th Century. He was a member of the New York State senate from 1824 to 1827, and was elected to the Twentieth Congress in 1826. Wright was elected to the United States Senate in 1833, and served until 1844. He later served as governor of the State of New York.

This collection consists mainly of correspondence, predominantly letters from Wright to his legal and political colleagues, including John Dix, James K. Paulding, Robert John Walker, and others. Also includes a letter relating to Wright's home and his "relics," and a printed copy of his speech on tariffs.

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## **Related collections**

Silas Wright letters to Benjamin F. Butler, A. C. Flagg, and John Tyler. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

Silas Wright message to the New York Legislature. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

## Key terms

### Names

Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879

Paulding, James Kirke, 1778-1860

Walker, Robert J. (Robert John), 1801-1869

Wright, Silas, 1795-1847

### Occupations

Governors

Lawyers

Politicians

### Places

New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 19th century

United States -- Politics and government -- 19th century