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Guide to the
Andrew Jackson letters and documents
1805-1837
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Summary

Creator: Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845

Title: Andrew Jackson letters and documents

Date: 1805-1837

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Abstract: Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) was a soldier, politician, and seventh President of the United States. The Andrew Jackson papers consist of his correspondence and related material, 1805-1836; a letter from Rachel Jackson and Harriet C. Berryhill to Mrs. L.A. Douglas, 1828; and a manuscript extract of a newspaper article "On the French Indemnity," with an 1837 endorsement. Letters written to and from Jackson concern personal, political and military matters.

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Creator History

Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) was a soldier, politician, and seventh President of the United States. He gained national fame during the War of 1812 as a major general in the Tennessee militia and later in the U.S. Army. Jackson was a U.S. representative and senator from Tennessee, military governor of Florida in 1821, and U. S. president from 1829 to 1837. He married Rachel Donelson in 1794, and resided at The Hermitage, a plantation near Nashville, Tennessee.

Custodial History

Some material in this collection was originally received as part of the Ford and Sabin collections.

Scope and Content Note

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Notable recipients of letters written by Jackson include Robert Y. Hayne, 1830, Mississippi governor George Poindexter, 1821, and Kentucky governor Isaac Shelby, 1815. Also present is a letter to Jackson's friend and Tennessee militia quartermaster William B. Lewis, 1813 March 4. A letter from John H. Eaton to Jackson, 1835, touches on personal and political topics, and there are three letters from men seeking U.S. Navy or government appointments, 1831-1832. Related material includes documents signed by Jackson, such as provision returns for the 1st and 2nd Tennessee Volunteers, 1813, and a public land grant certificate, 1834; clipped signatures and fragments of his handwriting; a manuscript poem "On Jackson's Victory," and a copy of Jackson's 1832 letter to Edward Livingston, providing text for the conclusion of the Nullification Proclamation.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Deeds
Military records

Subjects
Indians of North America
Presidents -- United States

Occupations
Politicians
Presidents
Soldiers
Statesmen

Geographic Names
Tennessee. Militia
United States -- History -- 1783-1865
United States -- History -- War of 1812

Names
Eaton, John Henry
Hayne, Robert Young
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
Jackson, Rachel
Poindexter, George
Shelby, Isaac

Container List

b. 1 f. 1 Andrew Jackson letters and related material 1805-1836

b. 1 f. 2 Letters to Andrew Jackson 1831-1835

b. 1 f. 3 Letter from Rachel Jackson and Harriet C. Berryhill to Mrs. L.A. Douglas 1828-04-15 (Two separate letters written on one folded sheet, with integral address leaf. Rachel Jackson's letter is not in her hand.)

b. 1 f. 4 "On the French Indemnity. Extract from the Impartial Parliamentary Journal of 12 February 1836" 1837-06 (Copy. Dated endorsement in Jackson's hand.)