



## Guide to the Edmund Burke Papers, 1827-1882

### Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**

Edmund Burke Papers, 1827-1882

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**Author of Finding Aid:**

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**Creator:**

Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English. One newspaper clipping is in French.

**Extent:**

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

**Abstract:**

The Edmund Burke Papers consist of legal and political correspondence, business papers, printed speeches, and newspaper clippings of a New Hampshire lawyer, politician, and newspaper editor.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

The Edmund Burke Papers consist of two accessions. Accession 1963.024 was purchased on September 11, 1963 and consists of a poem titled “In Imitation of Burns” and two letters to S. S. Cox dated December 2, 1877 and February 28, 1887. Accession 1964.017 was purchased in 1964 and consists of a letter to Nathaniel Niles dated April 9, 1860. The remaining materials were found in collections.

### **Processing Information:**

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### **Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

### **Location:**

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Collection Overview

### **Biographical Information:**

Edmund Burke was born at Westminister, VT, on January 23, 1809. He was the son of Elijah and Grace (Jeffers) Burke. Burke studied law with Henry A. Bellows in the office of William C. Bradley of Westminister. He was admitted to the bar in 1830 and began his practice in Colebrook, NH, but soon after moved to Whitefield. In 1833, he became editor of the weekly newspaper “Argus” and moved to Claremont, NH, and shortly thereafter to Newport, NH. He still continued a growing law practice while in Newport. The political editorials in the “Argus” brought him to the attention of politicians in New Hampshire and in other states.

Burke was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1839 and served for six terms. Later, President Polk appointed him Commissioner of Patents. He returned to Newport in 1850 and continued to practice law and write for local newspapers.

On November 29, 1840, he married Ann Matson in Stoddard, NH. She was the daughter of Francis Matson and Susan (Gilson) Matson, born at Stoddard on June 20, 1823. Their only known child, Frances, was born at Washington, DC, on October 7, 1847. Ann died in Newport on January 25, 1857.

Edmund then married Mary Elizabeth Whitney, born September 14, 1834 in Claremont, daughter of Stephen and Susan (Bailey) Whitney. They remained in Newport until Edmund's death on January 25, 1882. Mary resided first in Warner, then in Sunapee, where she died on April 10, 1922.

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The Edmund Burke Papers consist of correspondence, business papers, speeches, and newspaper clippings of Edmund Burke from 1827 to 1882. There is some political content in the correspondence, but most reflects his law practice and personal activities. Copies of printed speeches by Edmund Burke are in folder four. Folder five contains miscellaneous papers, including invitations, poetry, and newspaper clippings on Burke, including on his time in congress and patent reports.

**Arrangement:**

The materials in this collection are organized into folders by type, then chronologically.

Contents List

**Box 1**

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1842-1850
- Folder 2 Correspondence, 1852-1881
- Folder 3 Business papers, 1829-1882, undated
- Folder 4 Printed speeches, 1841-1846
- Folder 5 Miscellaneous and newspaper clippings, 1841-1882, undated

Subject Terms

**People:**

- Bouton, Nathaniel, 1799-1878
- Brown, Titus, 1786-1849
- Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882
- Coffin, Jon
- Cox, Samuel Sullivan, 1824-1889
- Esworth, H. L.
- Goodwin, William Frederick, 1823-1872
- Gove, Jesse A. (Jesse Augustus), 1824-1862
- Hibbard, Harry, 1816-1872

Hubbard, Henry, 1784-1857  
Hughes, Aaron, 1815-1864  
Niles, Nathaniel  
Patten, Chandler E.  
Pearson, Charles, Mrs.  
Prescott, William

**Organizations:**

New Hampshire Historical Society  
United States. Congress. House

**Subjects:**

Anti-slavery movements  
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
Correspondence  
Speeches, addresses, etc.

**Locations:**

Newport, NH  
Washington, DC

**Occupations:**

Lawyers  
Politicians