

Guide to the Sullivan-Stewart Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1186

CREATOR: Sullivan family

TITLE: Sullivan-Stewart papers

DATES: 1828-1857

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Chiefly letters written to William Stewart, lawyer and politician, who was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and subsequently a Republican member of Congress from Pennsylvania (1857-1861). The letters, which antedate his service in Congress, are largely from his in-laws, Charles and Moses Sullivan, who were themselves State Senators in Pennsylvania. They discuss Pennsylvania politics and local economic conditions.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

William Stewart was born in Mercer, Pennsylvania, on September 10, 1810. He attended public schools and then graduated from Jefferson College in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania, where he began a practice in his hometown of Mercer. Stewart was first a member of the Pennsylvania state congress and was then elected to the United States Congress, where he served two terms (1857-1861). Following his years in congress, Stewart returned to the practice of law. He died in Mercer, on October 17, 1876.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of letters (1828-1857) to William Stewart, politician of Butler, Pennsylvania, one letter to his wife, Margaret Sullivan, and a few to his daughter Amanda (1841, 1861). The principal writers are Moses and Charles C. Sullivan, also politicians of Butler. Charles was Margaret Stewart's brother, and Moses was also related to her. Their letters are, however, more political than personal. The other correspondents are all Pennsylvanian politicians.

The main segments of the correspondence are:

1829-1838: Moses Sullivan, then State Senator in Harrisburg, to Stewart in Butler

1841: various Pennsylvanian politicians to Stewart, then chief clerk of the Treasury in Harrisburg

1842-1844: Charles Sullivan, then State Senator in Harrisburg, to Stewart in Butler

1854-1855: various Pennsylvanian politicians to Stewart, then State Representative in Harrisburg

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Correspondence

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b. 1, f. 2	1829 Jan-Apr
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b. 1, f. 5	1830 Dec-1831 Mar
b. 1, f. 6	1831 Dec-1832 Apr
b. 1, f. 7	1833 Jan
b. 1, f. 8	1836 Jan-Jul
b. 1, f. 9	1837-1838
b. 1, f. 10	1841 Feb-Jun
b. 1, f. 11	1841 Jul-Dec
b. 1, f. 12	1842 English
b. 1, f. 13	1843-1844
b. 1, f. 14	1854-1857
b. 1, f. 15	1857, 1861, n.d.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

Middle Atlantic States
Pennsylvania -- Economic conditions
Pennsylvania -- Politics and government --
1775-1865
United States -- Politics and government

Subjects

Lawyers

Occupations

Legislators
Politicians

Names

Stewart, William, 1810-1876
Sullivan, Charles C.
Sullivan, Moses, 1786-1839

Families

Stuart family
Sullivan family

Corporate Body

United States. Congress