

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Chambers, David, Papers, 1795-1822; 1851-1863; 1905</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Misc. Mss. Boxes "C"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folder, 25 items</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For a biographical sketch of Chambers see: <u>Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1961</u> (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1961), p. 678.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of David C. Mearns, 1975</p>	
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>David Chambers (1780-1864) was a United States Representative from Ohio, a newspaper publisher, an Ohio State printer, volunteer aide-de-camp to General Lewis Cass in the War of 1812, mayor of Zanesville, Ohio, and a member of the Ohio State Senate. He was educated by his father, Joseph Gaston Chambers (-1829), a liberal thinker and inventor. As an adolescent, Chambers served as a confidential express rider for President Washington during the 1794 Whisky Insurrection. He learned the art of printing as an apprentice to Benjamin Franklin Bache (1769-1798), a noted Philadelphia printer and publisher.</p> <p>The collection consists primarily of correspondence to and from Chambers. As a young man he exchanged with his father opinions and information about political and personal events. A September 14, 1796, letter from Benjamin Franklin Bache informed Joseph Chambers of his son's disposition and progress as a printer's apprentice.</p> <p>In addition, there is an 1851 letter to Chambers' grandson, a note to Salmon P. Chase requesting employment for his grandson, an undated biographical sketch of Chambers, a copy of his 1862 will, and miscellaneous newspaper clippings. Several of the early letters were transcribed and typed. There is also a typescript concerning an address delivered by Chambers when President James Monroe visited Zanesville in 1817.</p>	

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