Guide to the Sampson W. Harris letters
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Summary Information

Repository
University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama

Creator
Harris, Sampson W., 1809-1857

Title
Sampson W. Harris letters

Date [inclusive]
1848-1857

Extent
0.05 Linear feet (5 items, 8 pages)

Language
English

Abstract
Letters from Senator Sampson W. Harris of Alabama, dating from 1848 to 1857, written from Washington, DC, to the Congressional Globe and to the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable J.C. Dobbin.

Preferred Citation note
Sampson W. Harris Letters, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
**Biographical/Historical note**

Sampson W. Harris was born in Elbert County, Georgia on 23 February 1809, the son of Judge Stephen Harris of Eatonton, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1828 and read law with his uncle, Judge Eli Shorter at Eatonton. After practicing there for a short time, he moved to Alabama in 1837 and located at Wetumka. He was elected solicitor of the 8th Court in 1841 but resigned in 1844 when he was elected to the Alabama State Senate. Following two years in the state senate, he was elected to the United States Senate and served from 1847 to 1857. He died in Washington, DC, on 1 April 1857, shortly after leaving office.

**Scope and Contents note**

This collection consists of five letters written from Washington, DC, by then Senator Sampson W. Harris of Alabama. Two of the letters, dated 28 June 1848 and 2 August 1848, are to the editors of the *Congressional Globe* requesting copies of that publication. Two of the other three letters, dated 22 August 1855 and 13 March 1856 are to the Honorable J.C. Dobbin, Secretary of the Navy, requesting the appointment of Mr. R.T. Thom of Montgomery, Alabama, to the post of purser in the Navy. The final letter is also to the Honorable J.C. Dobbin, dated 13 February 1857, naming Andrew Jefferson Clark of Jacksonville, Benton County, Alabama, to a vacancy at the Naval School.

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• Community and Place
• Government, Law and Politics
• Politicians--Alabama
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