

**Charles Anthony
Papers, 1835-1875**

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QUANTITY: 3 boxes (1.0 cubic ft.)
ACQUISITION: Purchase, Stephen Resnick, 1985, accretion purchased from Stephen Resnick, 1987; single accessions 17971 and 18220 added to the collection January 2011
ACCESS: Open to research
PROCESSED BY: Fred Bassett, Assistant Librarian, Manuscripts and Special Collections, March 1987; revised October 1987; revised January 2011.

Biographical Note:

Charles Anthony was apparently born in 1816 somewhere in Jefferson County, New York. Later he settled in Gouverneur, Saint Lawrence County, New York, where he pursued a career as an attorney. He also had business interests in banking, saw mills, and railroads, and was active in the civic and political affairs of Gouverneur, serving as town supervisor from 1850 to 1852, and as postmaster from 1853 to 1855.

Charles Anthony was first married to Louisa Smith, sometime during the 1840s. They had one child, Charles D. Anthony, born about 1844. Louisa died sometime prior to 1860 and he remarried and had another child.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers consist chiefly of correspondence related to his long and varied career in business, law, government, and politics. Frequent correspondents included William Collins, James Doty, John Fine, Asa Hamilton, and Bishop Perkins. The papers also include bills and receipts for goods and services rendered to Anthony; printed circulars related to state and local elections; an annotated copy of a bill proposed in the New York State Assembly in 1853 for improving navigation on the Oswegatchie River; certificates of appointment of Charles Anthony as postmaster at Gouverneur; an array of documents related to litigation and court cases; and records related to his position as postmaster at Gouverneur from 1853 to 1855.

Box and Folder List:

| Box | Folder | Contents |
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| | | Correspondence, 1835-1875 |
| 1 | 1 | 1835-1839 (7 items) |
| 1 | 2 | 1840-1842 (19 items) |
| 1 | 3 | 1843 (13 items) |
| 1 | 4 | 1844 (13 items) |
| 1 | 5 | 1845 (24 items) |
| 1 | 6 | 1846 (21 items) |

| Box | Folder | Contents |
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| 1 | 7 | 1847 (29 Items) |
| 2 | 1 | 1848: January-June (30 items) |
| 2 | 2 | 1848: July-December (23 items) |
| 2 | 3 | 1849 (30 items) |
| 2 | 4 | 1850 (23 items) |
| 2 | 5 | 1851 (25 items) |
| 2 | 6 | 1852 (26 items) |
| 3 | 1 | 1853-1854 (21 items) |
| 3 | 2 | 1855-1859 (35 items) |
| 3 | 3 | 1860-1875 (31 items) |
| | | Business and Legal Papers, ca. 1839-1866 |
| 3 | 4 | Accounts, bills, and receipts, ca. 1844-1869 (26 items) |
| 3 | 5 | Stock certificates, printed circulars, etc., ca. 1843-1866 (9 items) |
| 3 | 6 | Litigations and other legal matters, ca. 1838-1862 (14 items) |
| 3 | 7 | Inventories of public property belonging to post offices of Saint Lawrence County, ca. 1853-1855; record of letters received at Gouverneur Post Office, 1852; other assorted business and legal papers, ca. 1846-1864 (19 items) |
| | | Accretions (items transferred from the single accession collection) |
| 3 | 8 | Letter: Charles and Louisa Anthony, Gouverneur, N.Y., to James M. Smith, Buffalo, N.Y., January 18, 1845. The letter contains messages written by both parties: Charles discussed the lumber business in which he and his brother-in-law seem to have been partners and Louisa discussed personal and family matters with her brother (transfer from single accession 17971) |
| 3 | 8 | Letter: Oliver Child, [Canton, N.Y.], to Charles Anthony, Gouverneur, N.Y., December [3], 1845, re: supply of bar iron situated near Harmon, N.Y., which was considered to be of good quality for a blast furnace (transfer from single accession 18220) |

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