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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886
Title:	Chester Alan Arthur papers
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Date [inclusive]:	1881-1885
Physical Description:	19 linear feet 76 volumes in 38 boxes
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Biographical / Historical

President of the United States, 1881-1885.

Chester A. Arthur was elected vice president in 1880. After the assassination of President James A. Garfield in 1881, he became president on 19 September of that year. As president, Arthur distanced himself from the Stalwarts and attempted to deal with government corruption. He launched investigations of the civil service and the post-office and was instrumental in helping to pass the Pendleton Civil Service Act of 1883. After losing the support of the Stalwarts and failing to make new political alliances with reformers, he was not nominated by his party for the presidency in 1884. He died of Bright's disease on 18 November 1886.

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Summary

Newspaper clippings relating to the career, life, activities, and political milieu of Chester A. Arthur, compiled for him while he was president, and covering only the period of his presidency. The clippings are mounted in 76 volumes and were gathered from both the major New York papers and local and specialized journals from all over the country. The volumes are grouped in several sequences as follows: 45 volumes labelled "Current Comment" 1881-1885; 6 volumes "Presidential Predictions, 1883-1884; 7 volumes "Canal and foreign questions" 1881-1885; 2 volumes "Personal" 1882-1883; 3 volumes "Appointments" 1882-1885; 3 volumes "Conventions" 1881-1884; 2 volumes "Civil Service" 1881-1885; 2 volumes "Mormonism" 1881-1885; 2 volumes "Southern" 1881-1884; 1 volume "Financial and Statistical" 1881-1885; 1 volume "Tariff discussions" 1884-1885; 1 volume "Social" 1884-1885; 1 volume "Miscellaneous notes" 1884-1885.

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Arrangement

Chronological within each volume.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Civil service
- Customs administration
- Mormon Church
- Presidents -- United States
- Southern States

- United States -- Officials and employees
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1881-1885
- United States -- Foreign relations
- Scrapbooks
- Politicians

Collection Inventory

Series I: Scrapbooks		
Title/Description	Instances	
Current Comments, 1881	box 1	volume 1-2
Current Comments, 1881	box 2	volume 3-4
Current Comments, 1881	box 3	volume 5 & 6
Current Comments, 1882	box 4	volume 7 & 8
Current Comments, 1882	box 5	volume 9 & 10
Current Comments, 1882	box 6	volume 11 & 12
Current Comments, 1882	box 7	volume 13 & 14
Current Comments, 1882	box 8	volume 15 & 16
Current Comments, 1882	box 9	volume 17 & 18
Current Comments, 1882	box 10	volume 19 & 20
Current Comments, 1882	box 11	volume 21 & 22
Current Comments, 1882	box 12	volume 23 & 24
Current Comments, 1883	box 13	volume 25 & 26
Current Comments, 1883	box 14	volume 27 & 28
Current Comments, 1883	box 15	volume 29 & 30
Current Comments, 1883		

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	box 16	volume 31 & 32
Current Comments, 1884	box 17	volume 33 & 34
Current Comments, 1884	box 18	volume 35 & 36
Current Comments, 1884	box 19	volume 37 & 38
Current Comments, 1884	box 20	volume 39 & 40
Current Comments, 1884	box 21	volume 41 & 42
Current Comments, 1885	box 22	volume 44 & 45
Presidential Predictions, 1883	box 23	volume 1 & 2
Presidential Predictions, 1883/1884	box 24	volume 3 & 4
Presidential Predictions, 1883/1884	box 25	volume 5 & 7
Presidential Predictions, 1884	box 26	volume 8
Conventions, 1881	box 26	volume 1
Conventions, 1881-1884	box 27	volume 2 & 3
Civil Service, 1881-1885	box 28	volume 1 & 2
Social, 1884/1885	box 29	volume 1
Miscellaneous, 1884/1885	box 29	volume 1
Mormonism, 1881-1885	box 30	volume 1-2
Financial & Statistical, 1881-1885	box 31	volume 1
Tariff Discussion, 1884/1885	box 31	volume 1
Southern, 1881-1884	box 32	volume 1 & 2
Canal & Foreign Questions, 1882	box 33	volume 1 & 2
Canal & Foreign Questions, 1882	box 34	volume 3 & 4
Canal & Foreign Questions, 1882-1885	box 35	volume 5 & 6
Canal & Foreign Questions, 1882		

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	box 36	volume 7
Appointments, 1882	box 36	volume 1
Appointments, 1882-1885	box 37	volume 2 & 3
Personal, 1882/1883	box 38	volume 1 & 2

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