



Jeremiah Sullivan Black Collection 1753 - 1884

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Object ID No.:N/A

Title: Jeremiah Sullivan Black

Creator: Jeremiah Sullivan Black, 1810-1883

Dates: 1737-1884

Media: Books,

pamphlets

Quantity: 38 linear feet

BIOGRAPHY OF JEREMIAH SULLIVAN BLACK

Jeremiah Sullivan Black was born on January 10, 1810 in Stony Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, the son of Henry Black and Mary Sullivan. Black studied law in the office of Chauncey Forward, a renowned lawyer in Somerset. He later married Chauncey Forward's oldest child, Mary. Black was admitted to the bar in 1830 and briefly took over Forward's practice when he left for Congress. In 1831, he was appointed Deputy Attorney General for Somerset County.

Black was a Democrat and supporter of Andrew Johnson. He became friends with fellow Democrat James Buchanan early in his career, and eventually became part of Buchanan's cabinet. Black accepted an appointment as President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 16th District of Pennsylvania, in 1842. In 1851, he was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Black served the first three years as Chief Justice and was reelected in 1854. At the end of his second term, newly-elected President Buchanan appointed Black as United States Attorney General. When Secretary of State Lewis Cass resigned in 1860, Black was appointed the Secretary of State. In 1861, Buchanan appointed Black to the United States Supreme Court, but he was not confirmed by the Senate. He then was appointed the United States Supreme Court reporter.

After the Civil War, Black vigorously opposed the Congressional Plan for Reconstruction and drafted President Johnson's message vetoing the Reconstruction Act. Black briefly acted as counsel for President Johnson during his impeachment trial before the United States Senate. He also served as counsel for William W. Belknap, United States Secretary of War, during his impeachment, and represented Samuel J. Tilden before the Electoral Commission during Tilden's contest for the presidency against Rutherford B. Hayes.

Beginning in 1873, Black was involved in revising Pennsylvania's constitution. He began to distance himself from the political arena after his party lost the election of 1876. Black's last public appearance was before the Senate Judiciary Committee of the Pennsylvania Legislature on March 9, 1883. His health began to fail in the final years of his life. Black passed away at the age of 73 on August 19, 1883 at his mansion, "Brockie", in York, Pennsylvania, and was buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, also in York.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection consists of books and pamphlets from Jeremiah Sullivan Black's personal library, most of which are about law or politics.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

Due to the nature of this collection and its relatively small size, the items are not arranged in any particular order.

SEE ALSO

Jeremiah Sullivan Black, MSS file 11656, which includes the pamphlets that were also part of Black's library, a journal of Black's, and original newspaper clippings

Scrapbook of Obituaries of Black, Object ID No. 41026 (also see MSS file 11656 for additional newspaper clippings)

Jeremiah Sullivan Black: A Defender of the Constitution and The Ten Commandments by William Norwood Brigance, published 1934 by University of Pennsylvania Press, Object ID No. 07633B (Call No. B B628)

Reminiscence of Jeremiah Sullivan Black by Mary Black Clayton, published 1887 by Christian Publishing Company, Object ID No. 05454B (Call No. B B628)

Essays and Speeches of Jeremiah S. Black by Chauncey F. Black, published 1886 by D. Appleton and Company, Object ID No. 01014B (Call No. B B628)

Photographs of Jeremiah Sullivan Black, Object ID Nos. 11656.001P through 11656.007P

Photograph of Former Law Office of Jeremiah Sullivan Black, Object ID No. 39278.007E.120P

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

BOOKS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>American Law Journal</i>	1-6	1808 -
<i>American Law Magazine</i>	1-4	1843 -
<i>American Law Register</i>	4	1856
Arnd, <i>Wahres Christenthum, Zullichau</i>		1753
Baker, H., <i>Medulla Poetarum Romanorum, or, The Most and Instructive Passages of the Roman Poets</i> (2		1737
Black, J.S., <i>Agricultural Society Address</i>		1854
Brackenridge, <i>Law Miscellanies</i>		1814
Brightly's <i>Digest</i> , 10 th edition (2 copies)	2	
Brightly's <i>Federal Digest</i>		
Brightly's <i>Purdon's Digest</i> (5 volumes)		
Burn, <i>Justice of The Peace</i>	1	1788
<i>The Dual Revolutions: Anti-Slavery and Pro-Slavery</i>		1862
Elliot's <i>Debates on the Federal Constitution</i>	4	1788 -
Espinasse, <i>Cases Argued and Ruled at Nisi Prius</i>		1795
Flippin, <i>U.S. Court Reports, 6th Circuit</i>	1	1881
<i>Graera Majora</i>		1854
<i>House of Representatives Miscellaneous Documents, Index</i>		1883 -
Johnson, <i>New York Reports</i>	1-20	1839
<i>The Life and Time of David Zeigberger</i>		1870
Mason's <i>Reports</i> (5 volumes)		
<i>Massachusetts Reports</i>	109	
McNally, <i>Atlas of the World</i>		1883
Metcalf, <i>Massachusetts Reports</i>	1-9	1845 -
Minot, <i>U.S. Statutes at Large</i>	9-10	1851 -
<i>Pennsylvania House Journal</i>		1885
<i>Pennsylvania Law Journal</i>	3-4	1844
<i>Pennsylvania Senate Journal</i> (2 volumes)		1883
<i>Pepper and Lewis Digest</i>		
Peters, <i>U.S. Statutes at Large</i>	1-8	1845 -
Phillips, <i>A Treatise on the Law of Evidence</i>		1822
Pickering, <i>Massachusetts Reports</i>	1-24	18? - 1845
<i>Purdon's Digest</i>		1824
<i>Sailor's Magazine</i>	2, 4	1830, 1832
Sanderson's <i>Lives</i>		
Sanger, <i>U.S. Statutes at Large</i>	13-15	1866 -
Sargent, C.S., <i>16 Maps Accompanying Report on Forest Trees Of North America, from the 10th Census</i>		
Stark, Johann Friedrich, <i>Tagliches Hand-Buch in Guten und Bosen Tagen</i>		1825
<i>Synoptical Index of the Laws of the United States</i>		

<u>Title</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Testimony Relating to Expenditures in the Department of Justice</i> (4 volumes)		1884
<i>Texas Reports</i>	5, 9	1852, 1853
Tyng, <i>Massachusetts Reports</i> 1846	2-4, 6-14, 16-17	1837 -
<i>U.S. Patent Office Reports</i> (30 volumes)		1850 - 1859
<i>U.S. vs. William Kellogg</i>		1884
<i>U.S. Statues at Large, an Appendix</i>		
Viner, <i>A General Abridgment of Law and Equity</i> , 2 nd ed. 1794 Viner, <i>Supplement</i> 1801	1-24 1-4	1791 - 1799 -
Wallace, <i>U.S. Supreme Court Reports</i>	4, 18	1868, 1874
Watson's <i>Annals of Philadelphia</i>	1-3	
Williams, <i>Massachusetts Reports</i>	1	1838

PAMPHLETS (see MSS file 11656)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Black, J.S., <i>Argument of the Attorney General before the Supreme Court in Ableman v. Booth and US v. Booth</i>	1859
Black, J.S., <i>Observations of Territorial Sovereignty</i>	186
0 Black, J.S., <i>Speech of Hon. Jeremiah S. Black At the Hall of the Keystone</i> 4 <i>Club, in Philadelphia</i>	186
Black, J.S., <i>Speech of Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, of York, A Delegate at Large Of the Convention to Amend the Constitution</i>	1873
Black, J.S., <i>Hon. Jeremiah S. Black to Hon. James A. Garfield</i>	1876
Black, J.S., <i>The Electoral Conspiracy</i>	1877
Black, J.S., <i>Speech of Hon. Jeremiah S. Black</i>	1880
Black, J.S., <i>Argument before the Supreme Court in Sunbury et al v.</i>	
Black, J.S., <i>The Religion of All Sensible Men</i>	
<i>Short Essays On A Gold Note Currency</i>	1858
<i>The Reporter</i>	1866
<i>The North American Review</i> No. 297	1881