

# **Alexander Campbell Stevenson collection**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b> | Rare Books and Manuscripts               |
| <b>Creator</b>    | Stevenson, Alexander Campbell, 1802-1889 |
| <b>Title</b>      | Alexander Campbell Stevenson collection  |
| <b>Date</b>       | 1804-1882                                |
| <b>Extent</b>     | 0.05 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box         |
| <b>Language</b>   | English                                  |

### Preferred Citation

Alexander Campbell Stevenson collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Alexander Campbell Stevenson was born on November 21, 1802 in Woodford County, Kentucky. He attended common schools and graduated from Transylvania University medical school in Lexington, Kentucky. He married during 1850 and had twelve children.

Stevenson moved to Parke County, Indiana during 1821. He returned to Kentucky and moved back to Putnam County, Indiana in 1826 starting practice in Greencastle, Indiana. While living in Greencastle, Stevenson campaigned for Indiana Asbury University to be located in the city; upon success of this campaign in 1837, he served on the school's Board of Trustees for the next ten years, acting as President for the first three.

Stevenson was very active in state politics, serving on both the Indiana House of Representatives and the Senate. A member of the Whig Party, he represented Putnam County in the House during 1831-1832 and 1844-1845; during his second term, he served as Speaker of the House. He served in the Senate for three consecutive terms from 1839-1842.

After his political career, he began another venture as an agriculturalist and stock breeder. He was appointed to an unofficial State Board of Agriculture in 1847 and helped with the founding of the Indiana State Fair.

Stevenson died on January 2, 1889 in Putnam County, Indiana.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes correspondence, receipts, an account book and journal, as well as miscellaneous memorabilia from Alexander Campbell Stevenson in Kentucky and Indiana ranging from 1804-1882 regarding Stevenson's political and agricultural career.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

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### **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from the Anderson Public Library on March 13, 2015.

### **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

### **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2015/03/13 by Jill Campbell. EAD finding aid created 2015/03/24 by Bethany Fiechter.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Anderson Public Library (Anderson, Ind.).

**Geographic Name(s)**

- Kentucky
- Putnam County (Ind.)

**Personal Name(s)**

- Stevenson, James P.

**Subject(s)**

- Account books
- Agriculture--Indiana
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Receipts

## Collection Inventory

|  | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Alexander Campbell Stevenson correspondence, 1833-1846                     | 1          | 1             |
| Alexander Campbell Stevenson correspondence, 1850-1882                     | 1          | 2             |
| James P. Stevenson and family receipts, 1830-1839                          | 1          | 3             |
| James P. Stevenson and family receipts, 1804-1828                          | 1          | 4             |
| Alexander Campbell Stevenson receipts, 1818-1839                           | 1          | 5             |
| Alexander Campbell Stevenson receipts, 1840-1882                           | 1          | 6             |
| Alexander Campbell Stevenson miscellaneous memorabilia, 1804-1882          | 1          | 7             |
| Alexander Campbell Stevenson cattle account book and journal,<br>1835-1853 | 1          | 8             |