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John Quincy Adams Biographical Sketch

John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) was the sixth president of the United States from 1825-1829. He had a long and fruitful career in public service, including positions such as American statesman and diplomat, ambassador to foreign nations, United States Senator and House Representative from Massachusetts, and more. He was the son of John Adams, the second president of the United States.

Adams was a strong supporter of social reform, with some of the areas of specific interest being public education, abolition, and temperance. A number of the pamphlets in this collection represent his thoughts on these issues.

John Quincy Adams Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of published pamphlets of speeches and writings. Most are from John Quincy Adams, and a number of others are from his father, John Adams, and Timothy Pickering, an adversary of both John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams. The bulk of the collection (box 1-7) is arranged in specialty boxes made for the pamphlets, with each box representing a specific theme.

John Quincy Adams Box and Folder List

Box 1

John Quincy Adams Speeches, 1806-1838

1. *Mr. Adam's Oration: An Inaugural Oration, Delivered at the Author's Installations, as Boylston Professor of Rhetorick and Oratory, at Harvard University, in Cambridge,*

- Massachusetts. On Thursday, 12 June, 1806.* Boston: Printed at the Anthology Office, by Munroe & Francis, 1806.
2. *Vindication of Mr. Adams's Oration.* Concord, N.H: Printed by Hill and Moore, 1821.
 3. *An Address Delivered at the Request of a Committee of the Citizens of Washington; on the Occasion of Reading the Declaration of Independence, on the Fourth of July, 1821.* City of Washington: Printed by Davis and Force, Pennsylvania Avenue, 1821.
 4. *Mr. Adams' Oration: An Oration addressed to the Citizens of the Town of Quincy, on the Fourth of July, 1831, the Fifty-Fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America.* Boston: Richardson, Lord and Holbrook, 1831.
 5. Adams, John Quincy and Lewis Condict. *Mr. Adams's Report on Manufactures: Report of the Minority of the Committee on Manufactures, Submitted to the House of Representatives of the United States, February 28, 1833.* Boston: John H. Eastburn, Printer no. 18 State Street, 1833.
 6. *Speech [Suppressed by the Previous Question] of Mr. John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts, on the Removal of the Public Deposites, and its Reasons.* Washington: Printed by Gales and Seaton, 1834.
 7. *Speech of the Hon. John Quincy Adams, in the House of Representatives, on the State of the Nation: Delivered May 25, 1836.* New York: H.R. Piercy, 7 Theatre Alley, 1836.
 8. *Speech of the Hon. John Q. Adams, of Massachusetts, on his Resolution for the Appointment of a Select Committee to Inquire into the Causes of the Failure of the Fortification Bill at the Last Session of Congress. Delivered Jan. 22, 1836.* Washington: Blair & Rives, Printers, 1836.
 9. *Oration at Newburyport, by Hon. John Quincy Adams: An Oration Delivered before the Inhabitants of the Town of Newburyport, at their Request, on the Sixty-First Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4th, 1837.* Printed by Morss and Brewster, Newburyport Herald Office, 1837.
 10. *Speech of John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts, upon the Right of the People, Men and Women, to Petition; on the Freedom of Speech and of Debate in the House of Representatives of the United States; on the Resolutions of Seven State Legislatures, and the Petitions of More than One Hundred Thousand Petitioners, Relating to the Annexation of Texas to this Union.* Washington: Printed by Gales and Seaton, 1838.

Box 2

John Quincy Adams Speeches, 1839-1843

1. *Jubilee of the Constitution. A Discourse Delivered at the Request of the New York Historical Society, in the city of New York, on Tuesday, the 30th of April 1839; Being the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Inauguration of George Washington as President of the United States, on*

Thursday, the 30th of April, 1789. New York: Published by Samuel Colman, VIII Astor House, 1839.

2. *Substance of the Speech of John Quincy Adams, Together with a Part of the Debate in the House of Representatives of the United State, Upon the Bill to Ensure the More Faithful Execution of the Laws Relating to the Collection of Duties of Imports.* Boston: Printed by Perkins & Marvin, 1840.
3. *Address of John Quincy Adams, to His Constituents of the Twelfth Congressional District, at Braintree, September 17th, 1842.* Boston: J.H. Eastburn, Printer, 1842. **Two copies.**
4. *The Social Compact, Exemplified in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; with remarks on the Theories of Divine right of Hobbes and of Filmer, and the Counter Theories of Sidney, Locke, Montesquieu, and Rousseau, Concerning the Origin and Nature of Government: A Lecture, Delivered before the Franklin Lyceum, at Providence, R.I. November 25, 1842.* Providence: Knowles and Vose, Printers, 1842.
5. *Address to the Norfolk County Temperance Society, at their Meeting at Quincy, 29 September, 1842.* Quincy: Caleb Gill, Jr. Boston: Gould, Kendall & Lincoln, 1842.
6. *Mr. Adam's Discourse: A Discourse Delivered before the Massachusetts Historical Society, at Boston, on the 29th of May, 1843; in Celebration of the Second Centennial Anniversary of that Event.* Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1843. **Two copies.**

Box 3

John Quincy Adams Letters

1. Pickering, Timothy. *A Letter from the Hon. Timothy Pickering, A Senator of the United States from the State of Massachusetts: Exhibiting to his Constituents a View of the Imminent Danger of an Unnecessary and Ruinous War. Addressed to His Excellency James Sullivan, Governor of the said State.* Boston, Printed. New-Haven, Re-printed by Oliver Steele and Co., 1808.
2. Adams, John Quincy. *A Letter to the Hon. Harrison Gray Otis, a member of the Senate of Massachusetts, on the Present State of our National Affairs with Remarks upon Mr. Pickering's Letter to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.* By John Quincy Adams. Sidney's Press, New-Haven, 1808.
3. *Remarks and Criticisms on the Hon. John Quincy Adams's Letter to the Hon. Harrison Gray Otis.* Boston: Printed by Joshua Cushing, No. 79, State Street, 1808.
4. *Correspondence Between John Quincy Adams, Esquire, President of the United States, and Several Citizens of Massachusetts Concerning the Charge of a Design to Dissolve the Union Alleged to have Existed in that State.* Boston: Press of the Boston Daily Advertiser, W.L. Lewis, Printer, No. 8 Congress-street, 1829. **Three copies; Two 1st editions, One 2nd edition.**

5. *Letters of John Quincy Adams to Edward Livingston, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and Late Secretary of State of the said States.* Stereotype Edition. Published by the “Young Men’s Antimasonic Association for the Diffusion of Truth.” Boston, 1833. **Two copies.**

Box 4

John Quincy Adams Eulogies on James Madison and James Monroe

1. *Eulogy on James Madison: An Eulogy on the Life and Character of James Madison, Fourth President of the United States; Delivered at the Request of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Boston, September 27, 1836.* Boston: John H. Eastburn, City Printer, no. 18 State Street, 1836. **Two copies.**
2. *Mr. Adams’s Eulogy, on the Life and Character of James Monroe: An Eulogy on the Life and Character of James Monroe, Fifth President of the United States. Delivered at the Request of the Corporation of the City of Boston, on the 25th of August, 1831.* Boston: J.H. Eastburn, City Printer, 1831. **Two copies.**

Box 5

John Quincy Adams Eulogies

1. *Token of a Nation’s Sorrow. Addresses in the Congress of the United States, and Funeral Solemnities on the Death of John Quincy Adams.* Washington: Printed by J. and G.S. Gideon, 1848. **Three copies total. Two 1st editions, one 2nd edition.**
2. *Testimonials of Respect to the Memory of John Quincy Adams, by the Legislature of Massachusetts.* Dutton & Wentworth, State Printers, No. 37, Congress Street, Boston, 1848.
3. *The Adams Memorial; containing a sketch of John Adams, the Elder, together with the life, character, public services, last sickness, death, and funeral obsequies of the late venerable John Quincy Adams.* Published by J.B. Hall--for sale at Skinner’s Publication Rooms 60 1-2 Cornhill, Boston, 1848.
4. *Discourse Occasioned by the Death of the Hon. John Quincy Adams, Delivered in the Rowe Street Baptist Church, February 27, 1848.* By William Hague, Pastor of the Church. Boston: William D. Ticknor & Company, 1848.
5. *Discourse Delivered in Quincy, March 11, 1848, at the Interment of John Quincy Adams, Sixth President of the United States.* By William P. Lunt, Minister of the First Congregational Church in Quincy. Boston: Dutton and Wentworth, State Printers, No. 37, Congress Street, 1848.
6. *Discourse Occasioned by the Death of John Quincy Adams: Delivered at the Melodeon in Boston, March 5, 1848.* By Theodore Parker, Minister of the Twenty-Eighth Congregational Church in Boston. Boston: Published by Bela Marsh, 25 Cornhill, 1848.

7. *Oration on the Death of John Quincy Adams, Delivered Before the Legislature of the State of New-York, at Albany, on the 6th Day of April, 1848, by William H. Seward.* Published by Order of the Legislature. Albany: Charles Van Benthuysen, Public Printer, 1848.
8. *An Oration on the Life and Character of John Quincy Adams: Delivered before the Citizens of Cincinnati, on the twenty-second day of March, 1848.* By Timothy Walker. Cincinnati: J. F. Desilver. Gazette Office.....Wright, Fisher & Co., Printers, 1848.
9. *Discourse on the Life and Character of John Quincy Adams; Delivered the Sabbath after his Death, Feb. 27, 1848, at the Church of the Saviour.* By R. C. Waterston. Boston: William D. Ticknor & Company, 1848.

Box 6

Correspondence of the Late President John Adams

1. *Letter on the Militia, Addressed to John Adams, Late President of the United States: An Inquiry into the Importance of the Militia to a Free Commonwealth; in a Letter from William H. Sumner, Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to John Adams, Late President of the United States; with his Answer.* Boston: Published by Cummings and Hilliard, No. 1, Cornhill. Treadwell's Power Press, 1823.
2. *Correspondence of the Late President Adams: No. 2.* [Originally published in the Boston Patriot in a series of letters, numbered 1-10]. c. 1809.
3. *Correspondence of the Late President Adams: No. 4.* [Originally published in the Boston Patriot in a series of letters, numbered 1-10]. c. 1809.
4. *Correspondence of the Late President Adams: No. 5.* [Originally published in the Boston Patriot in a series of letters, numbered 1-10]. c. 1809.
5. *Correspondence of the Late President Adams: No. 6.* [Originally published in the Boston Patriot in a series of letters, numbered 1-10]. c. 1809.
6. *Correspondence of the Late President Adams: No. 7.* [Originally published in the Boston Patriot in a series of letters, numbered 1-10]. c. 1809.
7. *Correspondence of the Late President Adams: No. 8.* [Originally published in the Boston Patriot in a series of letters, numbered 1-10]. c. 1809.

Box 7

Timothy Pickering Review of the Correspondence: John Adams and William Cunningham

1. Pickering, Timothy. *A Review of the Correspondence Between the Hon. John Adams, Late President of the United States, and the Late Wm. Cunningham, Esq. Beginning in 1803, and Ending in 1812.* By Timothy Pickering. Salem: Published by Cushing and Appleton. Joshua & John D. Cushing, Printers, 1824. **Three copies; Two 1st editions, One 2nd edition.**

Box 8

John Quincy Adams Lectures (36 lectures in two volumes)

1. *Lectures on Rhetoric and Oratory, Delivered to the Classes of Senior and Junior Sophisters in Harvard University.* By John Quincy Adams. **Volume 1.** [Contains 18 lectures]. Cambridge: Printed by Hilliard and Metcalf, 1810.
2. *Lectures on Rhetoric and Oratory, Delivered to the Classes of Senior and Junior Sophisters in Harvard University.* By John Quincy Adams. **Volume 2.** [Contains 18 lectures]. Cambridge: Printed by Hilliard and Metcalf, 1810.

Box 9

1. *Four Letters: being an Interesting Correspondence between those Eminently Distinguished Characters, John Adams, Late President of the United States; and Samuel Adams, Late Governor of Massachusetts. On the Important Subject of Government.* [Incomplete] Boston: Printed for Adams & Rhoades, 1802.
2. *Memoir of the Life, Character, and Writings of John Adams; Read, March 16, 1827, in the Capital, in the City of Washington, at the Request of The Columbian Institute, and Published by their Order.* By William Cranch. City of Washington: S.A. Elliot, Printer, Eleventh Street, Near Pennsylvania Avenue, 1827.
3. *Discourse on Education. Delivered at Braintree, Thursday, Oct. 24, 1839.* By John Quincy Adams. Boston: Printed by Perkins & Marvin, 1840.
4. *Argument of John Quincy Adams, before the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of the United States, Appellants, vs. Cinque, and others, Africans, captured in the Schooner Amistad, by Lieut. Gedney, Delivered on the 24th of February and 1st of March, 1841.* New York: S.W. Benedict, 128 Fulton Street, 1841.