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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.

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**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.

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**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,*

2. Vindication of Mr. Adams’s Oration. Concord, N.H: Printed by Hill and Moore, 1821.


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.


Box 3
John Quincy Adams Letters


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.

**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.


**Box 5**

**John Quincy Adams Eulogies**


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.


**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.


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**


**Box 8**
John Quincy Adams Lectures (36 lectures in two volumes)


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.
