Guide to the
James A. Garfield.
Memorabilia 1871-1881

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Descriptive Summary

Identifier  ICU.SPCL.GARFIELD

Title  Garfield, James A., Memorabilia

Date  1871-1881

Size  0.5 linear feet (1 box)

Repository  Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library
            1100 East 57th Street
            Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract  The Garfield collection in the University of Chicago Library consists of newspaper clippings, photographs and other miscellaneous memorabilia, together with three letters and some autographs. The material relates mainly to the political campaigns of 1880, to Garfield's inauguration, and to his assassination.

Acknowledgments

Information on Use

Access  No restrictions.

Citation  When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: James A. Garfield. Memorabilia, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note  James Garfield, twentieth President of the United States, was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1831. After embarking on an academic career, he joined the Ohio volunteer infantry regiment, and in 1863 was appointed Major General in the same regiment. He served as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives from 1863 to 1880, when he was elected President. His inauguration took place on March 4, 1881, but his term of office was unfortunately brought to an abrupt end with his assassination by Charles Caiteau in July of that same year. After an initial recovery, his would proved fatal, and he died on September 19, 1881.

Scope Note  Contains three letters by Garfield, newspaper clippings, campaign ribbons and buttons, family photographs, a scrapbook, and other memorabilia. Material relates primarily to Garfield's 1880 political campaign, inauguration, and death. Includes clippings and facsimile bulletins.
concerning the assassination of the President by Charles Guiteau, souvenirs of memorial services, and correspondence to the Rev. James S. Hoyt of Massachusetts about his memorial sermon for Garfield.

**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

**Subject Headings**

- Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881
- Presidents -- United States -- Assassination

**INVENTORY**

_**Box 1**_  
**Folder 1**  
Letters from Garfield  
- Garfield, James Abram, Washington D.C., to Eliza Garfield, Hiram, Ohio. 1881 August 11 A.L.S. 1p. (Facsimile)  
- Garfield, James Abram, Mentor, Ohio, to C.M. Keyes, Sandusky, Ohio. 1880 November 3 L.S. 1p.  

_**Box 1**_  
**Folder 2**  
Memorabilia of campaigns and conventions of 1880. Clippings, tickets, and notices for the Republican Anti-Third Term, Republican National Conventions.

_**Box 1**_  
**Folder 3**  
Ribbons and buttons supporting Garfield, worn at the Republican National Convention in June, 1880.

_**Box 1**_  
**Folder 4**  
Material on Garfield’s assassination, including facsimiles of bulletins on the President’s condition, newspaper clippings, photos of Gaiteau and the dying President, and souvenirs of memorial services.

_**Box 1**_  
**Folder 5**  
Newspaper clippings and extras relating to Garfield’s death, funeral, etc.

_**Box 1**_  
**Folder 6**  
Newspaper clippings and copies of poems and songs written in Garfield’s honor after his death, and copies of some of his favorite songs.
Miscellaneous memorabilia not fitting into the above categories--mainly pictures of Garfield's early years.

**Box 1**

**Folder 8**

Photographs of the President and his immediate family.

**Box 1**

 Scrapbook with original letters to and copies of letters from the Rev. James S. Hoyt of Massachusetts, relating to his memorial sermon for Garfield, which earned him nationwide praise and appreciation.