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Guide to the Republican National Convention Collection 1884-1888



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.REPUBLICAN1888
Title	Republican National Convention. Collection
Date	1884-1888
Size	0.25 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 collection includes items from the 1888 Republican National Convention, held at the Auditorium Building in Chicago, Illinois, on June 19-25, 1888, and a ticket from the 1884 convention.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Saxe, John Godfrey. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Historical Note

The 1888 Republican National Convention was held at the Auditorium Building in Chicago, Illinois, on June 19-25, 1888. The convention was held to select the official Republican Party nominee for the 1888 US Presidential Election. Of the seventeen candidates, Benjamin Harrison eventually received the party's nomination on the eighth ballot. Levi P. Morton was selected as the vice presidential nominee on the first ballot. Also up for nomination were John Sherman (brother of famous Civil War general William Tecumseh Sherman), Robert Todd Lincoln (son of President Abraham Lincoln), and Frederick Douglass, a former slave and the first African-American to be nominated as a U.S. Presidential candidate. Douglass has originally been invited to the convention to give a speech, but received one vote from Kentucky during the fourth ballot.

In the 1888 Presidential Election, Republican nominees Harrison and Morton defeated the Democratic incumbents, Grover Cleveland and Allen G. Thurman. Cleveland did win back the position in the 1892 elections, however, making him the only US President to serve two non-consecutive terms.

Scope Note

The Republican National Convention Memorabilia collection contains four items related to the 1884 and 1888 conventions. The first item is a souvenir program booklet given out at the 1888 convention. This book contains short biographies on all of the nominees, as well as advertisements from sponsors of the convention. Next is a stapled packet of ballot sheets, also from the 1888 convention. The first sheet is filled in with pencil, but the rest are blank. Finally, there are two guest's tickets included in the collection. One ticket is for the 1888 convention, and the other is for the 1884 convention, where James G. Blaine and John A. Logan won the party bid but went on to lose the presidential election to Grover Cleveland and Thomas A. Hendricks.

The collection was previously part of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection.

Related Resources

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

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/scrc/findingaids/topics.php>

Subject Headings

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- Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-) -- History -- 19th century
- Political conventions -- United States
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1885-1889
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INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Souvenir Programme, National Republican Convention, June 19, 1888

Box 1

Folder 2

Ballots and tickets, 1884-1888

- Ballot Sheets, June 19, 1888
- Guests Ticket, June 19, 1888
- Guests Ticket, June 3, 1884