

# John Bailey collectionUSGPL.BAI

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Mississippi State University Libraries
<b>Creator:</b>	Bailey, John
<b>Title:</b>	John Bailey collection
<b>ID:</b>	USGPL.BAI
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1797-1925
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1850-1870
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.33 Cubic Feet One half sized record box; one oversized grey flat box; one oversized flat file folder.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical Note

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By best estimates John Bailey was born in the 1810s in Maine. Records indicate that his lineage dates back to one of the original families that colonized New England. He divided much of his adult life between appointments as Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, Justice of the Peace for the State of Maine and District of Columbia, and trustee of the Reform School of the District of Columbia. Many of these appointments overlapped. During a term as Clerk of the House in the 1850s Bailey became involved in a scandal surrounding the Washington Gas Light Company. John Bailey died in 1884 or 1885.

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## Scope and Content

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The John Bailey Collection is organized thematically into five series: Series 1: Clerk of the House, Series 2: Justice of the Peace, Series 3: Reform School of the District of Columbia, Series 4: Currency, and Additional Material. While the inclusive dates range from 1797-1925, the bulk of the material is from the 1850s-1880s. Due to the overlapping appointments of Bailey across his lifetime the collection is arranged thematically. The material included in this collection

reflects Bailey's career as a public official. Several certificates and official appointments make up a large proportion of the collection. The included correspondences largely take an administrative tone, the majority of which are drawn from his time as Clerk of the House. Some correspondences, newspaper articles, and certificates are physically housed in an oversized box and oversized drawer.

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## Series Arrangement

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The John Bailey Collection is organized thematically into five series: Series 1: Clerk of the House, Series 2: Justice of the Peace, Series 3: Reform School of the District of Columbia, Series 4: Currency, and Additional Material.

Series 1: Clerk of the House contains correspondences ranging from 1836-1881, with one undated, relating primarily to John Bailey's position as Clerk of the House.

Series 2: Justice of the Peace contains official documentation certifying John Bailey as Justice of the Peace in the state of Maine and the District of Columbia, ranging from 1843-1876.

Series 3: Reform School of District of Columbia contains official documentation appointing Bailey to the board of trustees, ranging from 1873-1882. This series also holds limited correspondences relating to the Reform School of the District of Columbia.

Series 4: Currency contains several pieces of paper currency from the late eighteenth-century and the first half of the nineteenth-century ranging from five cents to two dollars.

Series 5: The final series Additional Material includes a range of documents dating between 1797 and 1925. The Mason-Dixon Line, Missouri Compromise, and the public reception of the Civil War are featured prominently. The correspondences in this series take a personal tone, however none include Bailey directly. Other notable materials in the final series include a November 24, 1797 letter from Annie Mitchel to Jacob White, a partial obituary of Jacob Thompson from March 24, 1885, an invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelley to appear at the White House January 22, 1903, and a photograph of President Calvin Coolidge with Joseph Kelley in July 1925.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- United States. Congress. House.
- Politics and government
- Reformatories

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## Collection Inventory

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<b>Series 1: Clerk of the House</b>	box 1	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Cullom to Bailey, February 11, 1836	box 1	folder 1
Stephens Felch to R. M. Clell, July 16, 1855	box 1	folder 3
Stephens to Bailey, July 16, 1855	box 1	folder 2
Stephens Felch to President Pierce, July 16, 1855	box 1	folder 5
E. W. Fartey to Cullon, 1856	box 1	folder 6
R. McClelland to Bailey, January 16, 1856	box 1	folder 7
Bailey to (no recipient stated), February 16, 1856	box 1	folder 8
Cullon to Bailey, March 26, 1856	box 1	folder 9
Bailey to President Pierce, April 9, 1856	box 1	folder 10
Bailey to Clellons, April 11, 1856	box 1	folder 11

G. M. Ethrige to Bailey, June 1, 1856	box 1	folder 12
J. W. Fomey to President Pierce, July 12, 1856	box 1	folder 13
Allen to Bailey, February 5, 1858	box 1	folder 14
Envelope for February 5, 1858 Letter, Allen to Bailey	box 1	folder 15
E. M. Memench to Bailey, April 19, 1866	box 1	folder 16
McPherson to Bailey, December 10, 1881	box 1	folder 17
Washburn, Knowiton, Perry, Burnson, Wood to Cullon (copy), no date	box 1	folder 18

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<b>Series 2: Justice of the Peace</b>		oversize 2	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>		
Oversize Box 2 Folder 1	oversize 2	folder 1	
State of Maine: Justice of the Peace Certificate, January 24, 1843	oversize 2	folder 1	item 1
District of Columbia: Justice of the Peace Certificate. March 21, 1873	oversize 2	folder 2	
District of Columbia: Justice of the Peace Certificate, March 21, 1870	oversize 2	folder 3	
State of Maine: Justice of the Peace Certificate, December 20, 1870	oversize 2	folder 3	
District of Columbia: Justice of the Peace Certificate, March 21, 1876	oversize 2		

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<b>Series 3: Reform School of the District of Columbia</b>			
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>		
Reform School of D.C.: Appointment to Board of Trustees, March 13, 1873	box 1	folder 19	
Reform School of D.C.: Appointment to Board of Trustees, March 18, 1876	box 1	folder 20	
Reform School of D.C.: S.F. Phillips to Bailey, February 13, 1882	box 1	folder 21	
Reform School of D.C.: Bailey to Board of Reform School, February 13, 1882	box 1	folder 22	
Reform School of D.C.: Bailey to Curriden, February 15, 1883			

box 1 folder 23

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<b>Series 4: Currency</b>		box 1
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Currency: 5 Cents	box 1	folder 24
Currency: 10 Cents	box 1	folder 25
Currency: 25 Cents	box 1	folder 26
Currency: 25 Cents	box 1	folder 27
Currency: 25 Cents	box 1	folder 28
Currency: 50 Cents	box 1	folder 29
Currency: 2 Dollars	box 1	folder 30

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<b>Series 5: Additional Material</b>		box 1
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Historical Notes: Copy of Gettysburg Address	box 1	folder 31
Historical Notes: Copy of Missouri Compromise, Separated from Newspaper Article	box 1	folder 32
Historical Notes: "Mason-Dixon Line" History, Separated from Newspaper Article	box 1	folder 33
Historical Notes: Typed Description of First Englishman Born in New England	box 1	folder 34
Historical Notes: Bailey Family History	box 1	folder 35
Historical Notes: Envelope Addressed to Bailey	box 1	folder 36
Historical Notes: Annie Mitchel to Jacob White, November 24, 1797	oversize 2	folder 2
Military Commission; Frances R. White, December 15, 1808	box 1	folder 37
Historical Notes: Abigail to Eliga Green, August 3, 1838	oversize 2	folder 3
Historical Notes: Letter Note from August 3, 1838 Letter	box 1	folder 38
Historical Notes: "The American Liberty Almanac for 1846"	box 1	folder 39
Historical Notes: "Mason and Dixon's Line" Article, July 2, 1855	box 1	folder 40

Historical Notes: Card Mr. C.B.B. of Washington Gaslight Company to Bailey, December 10, 1881	box 1	folder 41
Historical Notes: "Reply of J. Holt Certain Calamities of Jacob Thompson, October 8, 1883	box 1	folder 42
Historical Notes: Partial Obituary of Thompson. Died March 24, 1885	box 1	folder 43
Historical Notes: Invitation for Joseph Kelly to Appear at White House, January 22, 1903	box 1	folder 44
Historical Notes: Invitation for Mr. and Mrs. Kelly to Appear at White House, January 22, 1903	box 1	folder 45
Historical Notes: Invitation for Mr. Kelly to Appear at White House, January 22, 1903	box 1	folder 46
Photo of Calvin Coolidge and J.R.K., July 1925	box 1	folder 47
Newspaper Article: The St. Paul Pioneer, July 12, 1863	drawer 1	folder 1

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