

The Filson Club Historical Society

Daniel Chapman Banks Papers

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Size of Collection

.33 cubic feet

Locator Number: Mss./ A/ B218

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Biographical Note

Daniel Chapman Banks (1782-1844) was a Presbyterian clergyman who traveled as a missionary from Connecticut, through New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, to Louisville, Ky. in search of a ministerial position. In Louisville, Banks was asked to form the First Presbyterian Church in the city. He was released from the church ca. 1822 and traveled as a missionary and sold Bibles. One of Louisville's prominent citizens he helped to organize other Presbyterian churches, and other civic affairs. Banks was buried in Western Cemetery.

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Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, diary, legal papers, ephemera, etc. pertaining to Banks, a Louisville Presbyterian minister. The diary and some of the letters chronicle his 1815-1816 trip from Connecticut to Louisville in which he travels through New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio; his 1821 trip to Indiana; and his 1822 trip to New Orleans. He describes his travel experiences including his activities, the land, and the people. He also pays particular attention to religious matters. Other letters describe his activities in Louisville, including religious matters, and residents. Collection also includes sermon notes, poems, a circular letter about the effort to establish The Kentucky Historical Society, and miscellaneous material.

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Folder List

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1814-1816
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1817-1819
- Folder 3: Correspondence, 1820-1854
- Folder 4: Diary, 1815-1816 (journey from New England to Kentucky)
 - 1821 (missionary trip to Indiana)
 - 1822 (trip to New Orleans)
 - 1828-1838 (scattered entries)
 - Sermon Subjects, 1832 to 1842
- Folder 5: Legal Documents, Deeds, Bills, 1790-1844
- Folder 6: Printed Material, 1821-1840
- Folder 7: Sermon notes and poems, 1817, no date
- Folder 8: Miscellaneous Material, 1916-1932