

**The Filson Historical Society**

**The Papers of  
Henry Clay Pindell**

The papers of Henry Clay Pindell, lawyer.

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**Size of Collection**

**0.66 cubic feet**

**Locator Number Mss.\A\P648**

### **Scope and Content Note**

Papers consist of correspondence of a committee for a statue of Henry Clay for the Jefferson County Courthouse, and include letters, 1857-1876, from Joel Tanner Hart discussing sculpting the statue, an 1867 Mar. 26, letter from Millard Fillmore to the committee declining being the speaker at the statue's dedication and discussing the sad current state of the country and its need for Henry Clay, and letters to Pindell relating to the administration of Hart's estate; subscription lists for the statue, 1862-1863; accounts and receipts of expenses for erecting the statue; and manuscripts of Hart's poems, 1830-1873.

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A Henry Clay Pindell  
P648 Papers. 1857-1882.

Box 1

- fl. 1 Dr. Richard Pindell letter to John C. Howard, 1816 Nov. 20.  
Memorial to Md. legislature about Richard Pindell's services as a surgeon in the Revolutionary War.  
Letter of General Samuel Ringgold to Dr. Pindell, 1817 Mar. 22.
- fl. 2 Joel Tanner Hart correspondence, 1857-1876.  
Correspondence of the Committee on the Henry Clay statue.
- fl. 3 Joel Tanner Hart letters. (Typed copies.)

Box 2

- fl. 4 Joel Tanner Hart estate papers, 1877-1882.
- fl. 5 Joel Tanner Hart poems, 1830-1873.
- fl. 6 Joel Tanner Hart: Contract and subscription lists for a statue of Henry Clay for the rotunda of the Louisville Court House, 1860-1863.
- fl. 7 Committee for Statue of Henry Clay for Louisville Court House.  
Insurance policy, bills of lading, statements of account of expenses in erecting the statue, 1866-1867.
- fl. 8 Last will and testament of Mary Meade, n.d.

## Biographical Note

Joel Tanner Hart

- 1810            Born near Winchester, Ky.
- 1838            Went to the Hermitage to sculpt Andrew Jackson.
- 1845            Commissioned by the Ladies' Clay Association for a full-length sculpture of Henry Clay for the Va. state capitol.
- 1849            Went to Italy to transfer his molds into marble and remained in Florence the rest of his life.
- 1860            Hart was commissioned to provide a copy of the Clay sculpture in the Va. state capitol for the Jefferson County Court House.
- 1877            Died in Florence, Italy.

For more information, consult the [Kentucky Encyclopedia](#).