

C Harlan, Andrew Jackson, Scrapbook, 1857-1906
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INTRODUCTION

The scrapbook of Andrew Jackson Harlan contains both personal and professional material. Included are correspondence, obituaries, family records, newspaper articles, and legal documents such as loan receipts, public notaries, and land contracts. Also included are newspaper articles about U.S. finances, information about the Democratic and Republican parties, politics and racism in the South, and voting returns for Andrew County, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, and Kansas.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Andrew Jackson Harlan was born on March 29, 1815, in Clinton County, Ohio, to Jonathan and Hannah Morrison. Very little is known about Harlan's early years, but it is known that he attended public schools as a child. When he was 24 years old, Harlan married Delilah Hendrix with whom he had two children, Adelia and David.

Harlan studied law and was admitted to the bar 1839 and opened a practice in Richmond, Indiana. In 1839, he moved to Marion, Indiana, and in 1842 worked as a clerk in the Indiana House of Representatives during the 1846-1848 terms. A. J. Harlan was elected as a Democrat to the thirty-first Congress and thirty-third Congress. In 1854, he was read out of the Democratic Party for voting against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise and declined the nomination from the People's Party for the thirty-fourth Congress; instead he allied with the Republican Party.

A.J. Harlan moved to Dakota Territory in 1861, where he acted as member and speaker for the Territorial House of Representatives. This move did not last, however, as he was driven from the territory by Indians in 1862 and then relocated to Savannah, Missouri, where he resumed his law practice. Harlan served as member of the Missouri House of Representatives from 1864 to 1868. In 1885 he moved to Wakeeney, Kansas, where he continued to practice law and was also worked as postmaster from 1890 to 1894 after his appointment by President William Henry Harrison. After concluding his position as postmaster in Wakeeney, Harlan moved back to Savannah, Missouri, and lived there until his death on May 19, 1907.

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