

## **FINDING AID FOR THE DANIEL S. DICKINSON STATUE PAPERS**

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### **DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Title**

THE DANIEL S. DICKINSON STATUE PAPERS

#### **ID**

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Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1 Approximate number of items: 100

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#### **Abstract**

The papers were purchased in August, 1979. They relate to the entire process, from 1922-1924, of a statue honoring the Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson, born in Goshen, Connecticut, in 1800, elected to the New York State Senate in 1836, and served in the U.S. Senate from 1844-1851. The statue stands in front of the Broome County Court House in Binghamton, New York. The collection consists mainly of personal correspondence between the architect, John H. Duncan of New York City, Allen G. Newman, the sculptor from Kingston, and Charles F. Tupper of the Exempt Firemen's Association, the major sponsor of the project.

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### **Scope and Content Note**

The papers associated with the statue erected in honor of Daniel S. Dickinson, prominent lawyer and politician (1800-1866), cover the years 1922-1924. They include correspondence which reflects on his life in general, and the more minute details about the development of the statue itself, as seen by the participants.

The correspondence between the Secretaries of the Exempt Firemen's Association, mainly by Charles F. Tupper to John H. Duncan, an architect in New York City, who was also born in Binghamton, New York, in 1854, form the major part of the papers. The sculptor, Allen G. Newman, also corresponded directly with Mr. Tupper.

The technical aspects of making the statue and negotiating the agreements necessary to complete the project are brought out in detail. Some of the social and political life in Binghamton is reflected in the local letters. Charles M. Dickinson, who studied law under Daniel S. Dickinson and later became famous as a newspaperman and diplomat in Turkey and the Middle East from 1897-1908, gave the Statue Dedication Address in 1924. Daniel S. Dickinson, Jr. (1917-), who served in the New York Assembly from 1955-1965, and is presently a Broome County Judge, is a distant relative.

There are several photographs and newspaper clippings adding background. A letter from Dickinson to Daniel Webster affirms their differing political opinion but continued friendship over the years.

### Biographical Note

#### DANIEL S. DICKINSON

1800, September 11	Born in Goshen, Connecticut.
1806	Family moved to Guilford, N.Y., in Chenango County, where he attended common school.
1820-25	Teacher in common and select schools. Studied in the law offices of Clark and Knapp.
1822	Married Lydia Knapp.
1828-31	Admitted to the practice of law. Served as Postmaster of Guilford.
1831	Moved to Binghamton, New York.
1834	Elected President of the Village of Binghamton. Served as Delegate to Democratic National Convention.
1837-40	Served in the New York State Senate.
1842	Elected Lt. Governor of New York State.
1844, December 1	Appointed to the U.S. Senate to replace Senator Talmadge, who resigned.
1844-51	Served continuously in the U.S. Senate.
1852	Delegate to Democratic Convention, Baltimore, March 1852. Supported General Cass for President. Made famous statement, "I'd rather be right than be President."
1852	Returned to the practice of law in Binghamton. Served as U.S. District Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

1861-63	Served as New York State Attorney General.
1864-66	Returned to office of U.S. District Attorney.
1866, April 12	Died in New York City.
1924, May 30	Statue dedicated in his honor at Broome County Court House, Binghamton, New York.

**General Correspondence, 1922-1924.**

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Letters between John H. Duncan and Charles F. Tupper, and other letters collected by Duncan. Arranged by date.

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**Correspondence, 1922-1924.**

**1**

Letters of Charles F. Tupper and other correspondence to other Secretaries of the Exempt Firemen's Association.

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**Correspondence, 1923.**

**1**

Letters, telegrams, receipts from Allen G. Newman to Charles F. Tupper. Arranged by date.

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**Correspondence, 1922-1923.**

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Letters to and from George F. Johnson.

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**Miscellaneous Letters and Records.**

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**Container List**

**CORRESPONDENCE, MAJOR PARTICIPANTS**

**BOX 1**

<u>Container</u>	<u>Contents</u>
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f. 1	John H. Duncan outgoing to Charles F. Tupper, 1922.
f. 2	Duncan outgoing to Tupper, 1923.
f. 3	Duncan outgoing to Tupper, 1924.
f. 4	Duncan outgoing to Allen G. Newman, 1923.
f. 5	Duncan outgoing to others, 1923-1924.
f. 6	John H. Duncan incoming, 1922.
f. 7	Charles F. Tupper outgoing to John H. Duncan, 1923-1924.
f. 8	Tupper incoming, 1922-1924.
f. 9	Other Exempt Firemen's Association, outgoing, 1922, 1924.
f.10	Allen G. Newman outgoing to Charles F. Tupper, 1923.
f.11	George F. Johnson outgoing and incoming, 1922-1923.

#### OTHER LETTERS AND RECORDS

<b><u>Container</u></b>	<b><u>Contents</u></b>
f. 12	Daniel S. Dickinson to Daniel Webster, October 5, 1850.
f. 13	Charles M. Dickinson Dedication Speech, May 30, 1924.
f. 14	Undated tributes to Daniel S. Dickinson.
f. 15	Newspaper Clippings, 1915-1957.
f. 16	Undated photographs.
f. 17	Undated notices and lists.