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PROVANENCE

Carol F. Holliday donated the papers to the State Historical Society of Missouri on August 31, 2015.

HISTORY

James Bowlin was originally from Virginia, where he studied law before moving to St. Louis to continue his law practice. After serving as a district attorney and as an elected judge of the criminal court, Bowlin ran for and was elected to Missouri's 1st Congressional District in 1842. He served four terms as a Democrat before his unsuccessful reelection campaign in 1850. He died in 1874 in St. Louis, Missouri.

William Monroe was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1834 and 1836 for Morgan County, and was elected as a State Senator for the 21st District in 1838 and for the 20th District in 1842.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains three letters sent to various delegates of the Democratic Party in Missouri regarding the election of 1844 for Missouri's 1st Congressional District. The two letter writers, William Monroe and James Bowlin, were campaigning for the Democratic nomination for the seat. The letters contain details regarding the positions of the candidates on various political issues, both local and national in scope. A few of the national issues discussed include the Independent Treasury, the annexation of Texas, and the claims to the Oregon Territory.

FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

1. Letter from William Monroe to the committee for questioning candidates for the Democratic nomination, March 11, 1844
2. Letter from William Monroe to delegates from St. Louis County to the state Democratic Convention, March 9, 1844
3. Letter from James Bowlin to delegates from St. Louis County to the state Democratic Convention, March 14, 1844

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