

**SCHLEY, WILLIAM, 1786-1858.**  
**William Schley papers, 1826-1840 (bulk 1834-1837)**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Schley, William, 1786-1858.  
**Title:** William Schley papers, 1826-1840 (bulk 1834-1837)  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 227  
**Extent:** .25 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of lawyer, legislator, and Georgia governor William Schley including letters, biographical information, and an address to the Georgia Assembly.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

William Schley (1786-1858) was born in Frederick County, Maryland on December 15, 1786. In childhood he moved with his parents to Georgia and attended academies in Louisville and

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Augusta. He was admitted to the bar in Augusta in 1812, served as a judge, as a member of the Georgia Assembly, and as a representative from Georgia in Congress 1833-1835. At the time of his death (November 20, 1858) he was president of the Georgia Medical College at Augusta. He was author of a celebrated law book called *Digest of the English Statutes of Force in the State of Georgia* (Philadelphia: J. Maxwell, 1826). He was governor of Georgia from 1835-1837.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of papers relating to William Schley from 1826-1840. The papers include three letters, a brief biographical sketch, and one document, *A Governor's Address to the Georgia Assembly*, November 7, 1837.

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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Biographical sketch, undated
1	2	<i>A Governor's Address to the Georgia Assembly</i> , 1837, November 7
1	3	Letters, 1826, 1834, 1840

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