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

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**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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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 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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