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William Schley papers, 1826-1840 (bulk 1834-1837)

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Title: 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

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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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