

# **Francis O. J. Smith Digest of Congressional Reports**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Francis O. J. Smith Digest of Congressional Reports

**Span Dates:** 1844

**ID No.:** MSS84574

**Creator:** Smith, Francis O. J. (Francis Ormond Jonathan), 1806-1876

**Extent:** 1 item ; 9 containers ; 3.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** U.S. representative from Maine. A digest of the reports of committees of the United States Congress, First to Twenty-eighth Congress, compiled by Smith.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Smith, Francis O. J. (Francis Ormond Jonathan), 1806-1876.

### Organizations

United States. Congress.

### Places

United States--Politics and government--1783-1865.

### Occupations

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Maine.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The digest of congressional reports of Francis O. J. Smith, U. S. representative from Maine, was transferred from the Rare Book and Special Collections Division of the Library of Congress in 1932.

### Processing History

The collection was processed circa 1950. The finding aid was created circa 1965 and revised in 2012.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Francis O. J. Smith is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions

The Francis O. J. Smith Digest of Congressional Reports are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

### Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Francis O. J. Smith Digest of Congressional Reports, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1806, Nov. 23	Born, Brentwood, N.Y.
1826	Admitted to the bar and began law practice, Portland, Maine
1829-1834	Division advocate of the fifth division of the circuit court-martial in Maine
1831	Member, Maine house of representatives
1833	Member, Maine state senate
1833-1839	Member, U.S. House of Representatives (chairman, Committee on Commerce, Twenty-fifth Congress)
circa 1843	Partner in venture with Samuel F. B. Morse to introduce the electric telegraph
1863-1864	Member, Maine house of representatives
circa 1872	Published, <i>History Getting Right on the Invention of the American Electro-magnetic Telegraph</i> . np
1876, Oct. 14	Died, Deering, Maine

## Scope and Content Note

The digest of congressional reports compiled by Francis Orman Jonathan Smith (1806-1876) in 1844 consists of handwritten drafts and clippings from printed records of the reports of committees of the Senate and House of Representatives from the First to the Twenty-eight Congress. Included is a printed prospectus. Smith was a United States Representative from Maine from 1833-1839 and chairman of the Committee on Commerce from 1837-1839.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged according to Smith's arrangement.

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