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OID BUTLER PAPERS, 1841–1893

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes; 1 bound volume

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ovid Butler (1801-1881) was an Indianapolis, attorney; owner of the *Free Soil Banner* (1848) and the *Indianapolis Journal* (1854); and founder and first president of North Western Christian University which later was named Butler University in his honor. Mr. Butler sold twenty acres of his property for the original site of the university.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of papers, letters and personal writings. There are also drafts for various speeches. Some of the papers are thoughts about religion, political issues of the day, and North Western Christian University.

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