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Collection Overview

Repository:	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
Title:	Niles' National Register
Date:	1845; 1846
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Language:	English .

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The *Niles National Register* was founded in Baltimore, MD in 1811 by Hezekiah Niles. The weekly publication covered national and international news and events, and provided non-partisan political coverage. The text-heavy paper contained no advertising, few illustrations, and no local news. Instead, the paper focused on commercial, agricultural, industrial, and political news broadly. In 1836, Niles gave control of the paper to his son, William Ogden Niles, due to his age and declining health. William changed the weekly's name from the *Niles Weekly Register* to the *Niles National Register* and moved the establishment to Washington, DC. Relocating the paper was unsuccessful so it returned to Baltimore in 1839.

William Ogden Niles' tenure as editor also ended that year after his step-mother, who retained his father's legal title to the paper, sold it to Jeremiah Hughes. Hughes published the paper until July 1848, when George Beatty assumed editorship and moved the headquarters to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where the paper ran for a year. The last full issue of the weekly appeared in June 1849 followed by abbreviated issues in September 1849.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of two issues of the *Niles' National Register*. Includes articles on the American Colonization Society, B & O Railroad, the African Slave Trade, and the annexation of Texas.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- 19th century
- Government and politics
- Periodicals -- Publishing
- United States

Names:

- Niles, William Ogden, -1857

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1

[Niles' National Register: Fifth Series. No. 19, Vol. XVIII, July 12, 1845](#)

Notes: Articles on United States relations with Mexico and annexation of Texas. Also, B & O Railroad expanding to Wheeling, West Virginia. Large article on possibility of using steam powered ships for the Navy. Three page article on treaty between Great Britain & France for suppression of African Slave Trade.

Box 1, Folder 2

[Niles' National Register: Fifth Series, No. 1, Vol. XX, March 7, 1846](#)

Notes: Article on American Colonization Society wanting to move blacks to Liberia, West Africa. Also, includes article on Liberia.