



## **Samuel H. Hempstead Letters, 1836-1837 37 27 -z 037 27 .z**

---

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on February 06, 2025.  
Finding aid written in English

Wilson Special Collections Library

---

## Table of Contents

---

Summary Information .....	3
Biographical Note .....	4
Scope and Content .....	4
Administrative Information .....	4
Controlled Access Headings .....	5
Additional Descriptive Resources .....	6
Collection Inventory .....	6
Samuel H. Hempstead Letters, 1836-1837. ....	6

## Summary Information

Summary Category	Description
<b>Repository:</b>	Wilson Special Collections Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Hempstead, Samuel H.
<b>Title:</b>	Samuel H. Hempstead Letters, 1836-1837.
<b>ID:</b>	03727.z
<b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>	/repositories/2/resources/16126
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1836-1837
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 items
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Materials in English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Samuel H. Hempstead (1814-1862), native of Connecticut, moved to Little Rock, Ark., in 1836 and was clerk of the Arkansas House of Representatives, 1836-1838; adjutant general of militia under Governor Yell; prosecuting attorney, 1842; United States district attorney, 1856; solicitor general of Arkansas, 1858; and sometime special judge of the state supreme court. The collection includes six long letters, 1836-1837, from Samuel H. Hempstead in Little Rock, Ark., to his uncle, William Hempstead, a St. Louis merchant, describing his situation and prospects as a beginning lawyer, and the atmosphere and politics of the new state of Arkansas.

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], in the Samuel H. Hempstead Letters, #3727-z, Southern Historical Collection, Wilson Special Collections Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Biographical Note

---

Samuel H. Hempstead (1814-1862) was a son of Joseph and Celinda Hutchinson Hempstead and was a nephew of William Hempstead, a St. Louis, Mo., merchant. Hempstead was born in New London, Conn., and moved to St. Louis, Mo. with his father in 1828. In 1830 Samuel and his brother Stephen Hempstead (1812-1883) went to Galena, Ill., where their uncle Charles S. Hempstead was a lawyer, and they clerked in a general store there. Both boys were for a time students at Illinois College at Jacksonville. Stephen fought in the Black Hawk War, settled at Dubuque, Iowa, in 1836, and was governor of Iowa, 1850-1854.

Samuel H. Hempstead studied law under Edward Bates; moved to Little Rock, Ark., in 1836; was clerk of the Arkansas House of Representatives, 1836-1838; adjutant general of militia under Governor Yell; prosecuting attorney, 1842; United States district attorney, 1856; solicitor general of Arkansas, 1858; and was sometime special judge of the state supreme court. He wrote the *Reports of Cases argued in Arkansas Territorial and State Federal Courts 1820-1836* (1856), compiled swampland laws, and was prominent in real estate bank cases. He married Elizabeth A. Beall in 1841.

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Scope and Content

---

The collection includes six long letters from Samuel H. Hempstead in Little Rock, Ark., to his uncle, William Hempstead describing his situation and prospects as a beginning lawyer, and the atmosphere and politics of the new state of Arkansas.

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Publication Statement

Wilson Special Collections Library

### Restrictions to Access

No restrictions. Open for research.

## **Restrictions to Use**

No usage restrictions.

## **Acquisitions Information**

Purchased from Robert K. Black, dealer, of Upper Montclair, N.J., February 1966.

## **Processing Information**

Processed by: SHC Staff

Encoded by: Noah Huffman, December 2007

Updated by: Kate Stratton and Jodi Berkowitz, July 2010

This collection was rehoused and a summary created with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

This finding aid was created with support from NC ECHO.

Diacritics and other special characters have been omitted from this finding aid to facilitate keyword searching in web browsers.

## **Copyright Notice**

Copyright is retained by the authors of items in these papers, or their descendants, as stipulated by United States copyright law.

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## **Controlled Access Headings**

---

- Lawyers--Arkansas--History--19th century.
- Arkansas--Politics and government--To 1950.
- Little Rock (Ark.)--History--19th century.
- Hempstead, Samuel H.
- Hempstead, William, fl. 1836-1837.

---

## Additional Descriptive Resources

---

A copy of the original finding aid for this collection is filed in folder 1.

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Collection Inventory

---

### Samuel H. Hempstead Letters, 1836-1837., 1836-1837

Original finding aid	SHC Z Box 216 folder 1
Letters, 1836-1837	SHC Z Box 216 folder 1

[Return to Table of Contents](#)