Collection Summary
Title: Joseph Warren Keifer Papers
Span Dates: 1850-1865
ID No.: MSS28332
Creator: Keifer, Joseph Warren, 1836-1932
Extent: 1,100 items; 6 containers plus 1 oversize; 2.2 linear feet; 3 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Army officer, lawyer, banker, and congressman. Correspondence, military orders, casualty lists, ordnance and paymaster records, and other military records documenting military life and operations of the Third and 110th Ohio infantry regiments, the Army of the Ohio, and the Army of the Potomac during campaigns in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia.

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
Keifer family.
Keifer, Eliza Stout, -1899.
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Assassination.

Organizations
United States. Army of the Ohio.
United States. Army of the Potomac.
United States. Army--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States. Army--Ordnance and ordnance stores.
United States. Army--Pay, allowances, etc.
United States. Army. Corps, Sixth.
United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 110th (1862-1865)
United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1864)

Subjects
Draft Riot, New York, N.Y., 1863

Places
Alabama--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Kentucky--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Tennessee--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations
Army officers.
Bankers.
Lawyers.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Ohio.
Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Joseph Warren Keifer, army officer, lawyer, banker, and congressman, were given to the Library of Congress in 1958 by his son, William W. Keifer.

Processing History

The papers of Joseph Warren Keifer were arranged and described in 1990. The collection was rearranged and the finding aid revised in 1994 and in 2007.

Additional Guides


Transfers

Five maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joseph Warren Keifer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Joseph Warren Keifer 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on three reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Joseph Warren Keifer Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>Enlisted, United States Army</td>
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1865
Mustered out of army
Resumed law practice

1868-1869
Member, Ohio State Senate

1876
Delegate, Republican national convention

1877-1885
Member, United States House of Representatives

1898-1899
Major General, United States Army

1900
Published *Slavery and Four Years of War* (New York: Putnam. 2 vols.)

1905-1911
Member, United States House of Representatives

1911
Addressed Conference on Universal Peace, Brussels, Belgium

1932, Apr. 22
Died, Springfield, Ohio

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Joseph Warren Keifer (1836-1932) span the years 1850-1865 and chronicle Keifer's service in the Union army during the Civil War. Included in the collection is Keifer's extensive correspondence with his wife, Eliza Stout Keifer. These letters reflect Keifer's attitudes and observations during military campaigns in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia and cover such topics as camp life, morale, the New York draft riots in 1863, and the reaction in the army to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

In addition to this correspondence, the collection also contains military correspondence, a letterbook of the Third Brigade, Third and Sixth Army Corps (16 June 1863-20 June 1865), general orders in both printed and manuscript form, ordnance and paymaster records, casualty lists, reports on operations, and related material.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material.
Container List

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