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Collection Summary

Title: John Alexander Logan Family Papers

Span Dates: 1836-1925

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1860-1917)

ID No.: MSS30445

Creator: Logan, John Alexander, 1826-1886

Extent: 46,000 items

Extent: 145 containers plus 31 oversize and 1 vault

Extent: 61.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Chiefly papers of John Alexander Logan (1826-1886), Union Army officer and United States senator and representative from Illinois; and of his wife, Mary Simmerson Cunningham Logan (1838-1923), author. Correspondence, legal and military papers, drafts of speeches, articles, and books, scrapbooks, maps, memorabilia, and printed matter relating chiefly to the Logans and the military, political, and social history of the Civil War and postwar periods.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Barton, Clara, 1821-1912--Correspondence.

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925--Correspondence.

Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940--Correspondence.

Dodge, Grenville M., 1831-1916--Correspondence.

Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.

Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875.

Lincoln, Robert Todd, 1843-1926--Correspondence.

Logan family.

Logan, John A., Jr., 1865-1899. John Alexander Logan papers.

Logan, John A., Mrs., 1838-1923. Mrs. John A. Logan papers.

Logan, John Alexander, 1826-1886.

Sherman, John, 1823-1900--Correspondence.

Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.

Tucker, George Edwin. George Edwin Tucker papers.

Tucker, Mary Logan, 1858-1940. Mary Logan Tucker papers.

Organizations

American Association of the Red Cross.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Society of the Army of the Tennessee.

United States. Army--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)

Subjects

Elections--United States--1884.

Exhibitions--Illinois.

Impeachments.

Memorial Day.

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

Veterans--United States--Societies, etc.

Women--Suffrage.

World War, 1914-1918--War work--Belgium.

Places

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Veterans.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations

Army officers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Illinois.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Illinois.

Provenance

The papers of the John Alexander Logan family, including John Alexander Logan (1826-1886), army officer and United States senator and representative from Illinois, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Mary Logan Tucker and John A. Logan III in 1925, 1931, and 1941. In 1952 all deposits were converted to gift by John A. Logan III.

Processing History

The John Alexander Logan family papers were arranged and described in 1963. This register was revised in 1999 and again in 2008.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographic material has been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Some maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the John Alexander Logan Family Papers.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of the John Alexander Logan family 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

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Biographical Notes

John Alexander Logan

Date	Event
1826, Feb. 9	Born, Jackson County, Ill.

1846-1848	Lieutenant, United States Army
1851	Began law practice
1852	Elected to Illinois legislature
1855	Married Mary Simmerson Cunningham (died 1923)
1858	Elected to Congress as representative from the eleventh Illinois district
1861	Colonel, 31st Illinois Regiment
1862-1865	General, United States Army
1866-1870	Representative-at-large from Illinois, United States Congress
1868	Conceived idea of Memorial Day
1871-1877,1879-1886	United States senator from Illinois
1884	Vice-presidential candidate on Republican ticket with James Gillespie Blaine
1886, Dec. 26	Died, Washington, D.C.

Mary Simmerson Cunningham Logan

Date	Event
1838, Aug. 15	Born, Petersburg, Mo.
1855	Married John Alexander Logan (died 1886)
1886-1923	Editor and author
1923, Feb. 22	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The John Alexander Logan Family Papers span the years 1836-1925, with the bulk of the material originating between 1860 and 1917. Most of the items pertain to the lives and activities of John Alexander Logan and his wife Mary Simmerson Cunningham Logan. Material relating to Mary Logan Tucker, George Edwin Tucker, John Alexander Logan, Jr., and other family members is also present. The collection is organized in seven series, [General Correspondence](#); [Family Correspondence](#); [Subject File](#); [Speech, Article, and Book File](#); [Scrapbooks](#); [Miscellany](#) and [Oversize](#) and includes correspondence, legal and military papers, speeches, articles, drafts of books, plays, poetry, scrapbooks, maps, memorabilia, photographs, printed matter, and miscellaneous material.

Topics reflected in the collection include the Civil War, Reconstruction, the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, the presidential campaigns of 1880 and 1884, Memorial Day, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, the District of Columbia Belgian Relief Fund, the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, the Spanish-American Red Cross, and woman's suffrage.

Principal correspondents include Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, William Jennings Bryan, George B. Cortelyou, Grenville Mellen Dodge, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert Todd Lincoln, John Sherman, and William T. Sherman.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eight series:

- [General Correspondence, 1836-1925](#)
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- [Speech, Article, and Book File, 1857-1915](#)
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Description of Series

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BOX 41-50	<u>Subject File</u> Correspondence, reports, legal and military papers, memoranda, memorabilia, printed matter, and miscellaneous items. Grouped by type of material but otherwise unarranged.
BOX 51-90	<u>Speech, Article, and Book File, 1857-1915</u> Speeches, articles, books, plays, poetry, and miscellaneous writings. Grouped by name of author and therein by type of material. Arranged chronologically or alphabetically in part.
BOX 91-139	<u>Scrapbooks, 1859-1917</u> Newspaper clippings, memorabilia, correspondence, and miscellaneous matter. Grouped by name of author and therein chronologically by volume.
BOX 140-145	<u>Miscellany</u> Biographical material, notebooks, memorabilia, printed matter, and miscellaneous papers. Grouped by type of material but otherwise unarranged.
BOX OV 1-OV 31	<u>Oversize</u> Bound volumes containing military orders, letters, maps, and reports of engagements and scrapbooks containing clippings, memorabilia, correspondence, and other material. Organized and described according to the series and containers from which they were removed.
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Speech, Article, and Book File, 1857-1915

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Speech, Article, and Book File, 1857-1915

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Oversize

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