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Collection Summary

Title: Gideon Welles Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1777-1911

Bulk Dates: 1820-1876

ID No.: MSS45054

Creator: Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878

Extent: 15,070 items

Extent: 45 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 18.2 linear feet

Extent: 36 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Secretary of the navy and newspaper editor. Correspondence, diaries, writings, naval records, scrapbooks, and other papers relating to Welles's work as editor of the *Hartford Times*; his activities as a member of the Democratic Party and, later, the Republican Party in state and national politics; the role of the navy in the Civil War; and the presidential administrations of Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson.

Online Content: The papers of Gideon Welles are available on the Library of Congress Web site at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000078>. *To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the online edition.*

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

Allyn, Joseph Pratt, 1833-1869--Correspondence.
Babcock, James F. (James Fairchild), 1809-1874--Correspondence.
Blair, Montgomery, 1813-1883--Correspondence.
Burr, Alfred Edmund, 1815-1900--Correspondence.
Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873--Correspondence.
Cleveland, Edward Spicer--Correspondence.
Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence.
Cox, Samuel Sullivan, 1824-1889--Correspondence.
Dahlgren, John Adolphus Bernard, 1809-1870--Correspondence.
Dana, Charles A. (Charles Anderson), 1819-1897--Correspondence.
Day, Calvin--Correspondence.
Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879--Correspondence.
Dixon, James, 1814-1873--Correspondence.
Eads, James Buchanan, 1820-1887--Correspondence.
Elliott, Henry H.--Correspondence.
Faxon, William, 1822-1883--Correspondence.
Ferry, Orris S. (Orris Sanford), 1823-1875--Correspondence.
Field, David Dudley, 1805-1894--Correspondence.
Foote, Andrew H. (Andrew Hull), 1806-1863--Correspondence.
Forbes, John Murray, 1813-1898--Correspondence.
Fox, Gustavus Vasa, 1821-1883--Correspondence.
Hale, R. C. (Reuben Charles), 1812-1863--Correspondence.
Hawley, Joseph R. (Joseph Roswell), 1826-1905--Correspondence.
Howard, Mark, 1817-1887--Correspondence.
Jackson, Amasa--Correspondence.
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845.
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826.

Jenkins, Thornton A. (Thornton Alexander), 1811-1893--Correspondence.
 Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875.
 Johnson, Richard M. (Richard Mentor), 1780-1850--Correspondence.
 Jouett, James E. (James Edward), 1828-1902--Correspondence.
 Judson, Andrew T. (Andrew Thompson), 1784-1853--Correspondence.
 Learned, Henry Barrett, 1868-1931. Henry Barrett Learned papers.
 Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.
 Mitchell, Henry, 1830-1902--Correspondence.
 Morgan, Edwin D. (Edwin Denison), 1811-1883--Correspondence.
 Niles, John M. (John Milton), 1787-1856--Correspondence.
 Niles, Nathaniel, Jr., 1791-1869--Correspondence.
 Parker, Foxhall A. (Foxhall Alexander), 1821-1879--Correspondence.
 Patton, William, 1798-1879--Correspondence.
 Paulding, Hiram, 1797-1878--Correspondence.
 Pease, J. J. R.--Correspondence.
 Pettit, William V.--Correspondence.
 Pratt, James J.--Correspondence.
 Smith, Albert, 1805-1870--Correspondence.
 Smith, Joseph, 1790-1877--Correspondence.
 Southworth, Sylvester S.--Correspondence.
 Tompkins, Daniel D., 1774-1825--Correspondence.
 Warner, Charles Dudley, 1829-1900--Correspondence.
 Weed, Thurlow, 1797-1882--Correspondence.
 Welles, Edgar Thaddeus, 1843-1914, Diary of Gideon Welles, secretary of the navy under Lincoln and Johnson. 1911.
 Welles, Edgar Thaddeus, 1843-1914--Correspondence.
 Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878.
 Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878. Lincoln and Seward; remarks upon the memorial address of Chas. Francis Adams, on the late Wm. H. Seward, with incidents and comments illustrative of the measures and policy of the administration of Abraham Lincoln, and views as to the relative positions of the late President and Secretary of State. 1874.
 Welles, Mary Hale, 1817-1895--Correspondence.
 Wilkes, Charles, 1798-1877--Correspondence.

Organizations

Democratic Party (U.S.)
 Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)
 United States. Navy Department.
 United States. Navy--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
 United States. Navy.

Subjects

American newspapers--Connecticut.
 Federal government--United States.
 Natural history.
 Political parties--United States.
 Presidential candidates--United States.
 Press and politics--United States.
 Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
 States' rights (American politics)

Places

Connecticut--Politics and government--19th century.
 Hartford (Conn.)--History.
 Slavery--United States.
 United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
 United States--Politics and government--1861-1865.

United States--Politics and government--1865-1869.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.

Titles

Gideon Welles Papers at the Library of Congress
Hartford times.

Occupations

Cabinet officers.
Newspaper editors.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Gideon Welles, secretary of the navy and newspaper editor, were deposited in the Library of Congress in several installments from 1911 to 1914 by Welles's son, Edgar Thaddeus Welles. Formal conveyance of the papers to the Library was recorded in 1941. Another gift from the Welles family was made in 1915 by Alice Welles, Gideon Welles's granddaughter. Other items were acquired through various gifts and purchases, 1906-2009. The research papers of Henry B. Learned relating to Welles were given to the Library by his wife, Emily Cheney Learned, in 1931.

Processing History

The papers were arranged and bound in volumes in 1918, and an addition was appended in 1979. In 1963, a partial index for approximately four thousand items of correspondence in the collection was completed by John de Porry of the Manuscript Division. In 1987 the volumes were disbound and the papers reorganized and arranged for microfilming by Michael McElderry. Additions to the papers were made in 1997 by Nan Thompson Ernst and 2010 by Karen Linn Femia. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Gideon Welles 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 the first eight series of these papers is available on thirty-six 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.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1802, July 1	Born, Glastonbury, Conn.
1819-1821	Attended Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn.
1823-1825	Attended the American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy (Norwich University), Norwich, Vt.
1826-1836	Editor and part owner, <i>Hartford Times</i>
1827-1835	Member, Connecticut House of Representatives
1834	Unsuccessful Democratic Party candidate for Congress
1835	Married Mary Jane Hale
1835	Elected Connecticut state comptroller of public accounts
1836-1841	Appointed postmaster of Hartford, Conn.
1842-1843	Elected Connecticut state comptroller of public accounts
1846-1849	Chief, Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, U.S. Navy
1850	Unsuccessful Democratic Party candidate for U.S. Senate
1854	Resigned from the Democratic party
1856	Unsuccessful Republican Party candidate for governor of Connecticut Founder, Republican Party newspaper, <i>Hartford Evening Press</i>
1856-1864	Member, Republican National Committee and National Executive Committee
1860	Leader, Connecticut delegation, Republican National Convention, Chicago, Ill.
1861-1869	Secretary of the navy
1868	Rejoined the Democratic Party
1869-1877	Published historical articles in <i>Galaxy</i>
1872	Resigned from the Democratic Party to become a Liberal Republican
1874	Published <i>Lincoln and Seward</i> . New York: Sheldon & Co.
1878, Feb. 11	Died, Hartford, Conn.
1911	Posthumous publication, <i>The Diary of Gideon Welles</i> . Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co. (3 vols.)

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Gideon Welles (1802-1878) span the period 1777-1911, with the core of the material concentrated in the years 1820-1878. The papers include [diaries](#), [correspondence](#), [writings](#), [naval records](#), and [scrapbooks](#) reflecting all phases of Welles's career as a newspaper editor, politician, and naval administrator. Welles was a gifted diarist, correspondent, and essayist, and his papers are a rich source of primary materials for the study of the political and social history of the United States in the nineteenth century.

The [Diaries](#) series includes a fifteen-volume diary, 1862-1869, written when Welles was secretary of the navy, and a three-volume retrospective narrative, 1861-1869, plus notes and journal entries for earlier periods in his life. Welles's Civil War diaries were excerpted and edited by his son, Edgar Thaddeus Welles, for publication in a three-volume set in 1911, drafts of which are also included in the series.

Documentation for Welles's political, literary, and personal endeavors is distributed throughout the collection. Welles's administration of the navy is most substantially documented in his [diaries](#) and in the series of official [letterbooks](#). His [diaries](#) contain observations about cabinet members during the administrations of Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson.

The [Letterbooks](#) record the day-to-day operational and administrative policies enacted by the Navy Department during the Civil War including those related to the establishment of blockades, ship construction and naval ordnance, the outfitting of ironclads, naval engagements and tactical maneuvers, and the pursuit and capture of Confederate cruisers and subsequent rewarding of prize money.

In addition to the [Diaries](#) and [Letterbooks](#), the papers also include a series of [Navy Department records](#) collected by Edgar Thaddeus Welles while he was employed as chief clerk of the Navy Department, 1865-1869. The records are mostly concerned with routine administrative detail, especially solicitations for positions and appointments of clerks, midshipmen, surgeon's mates, and other minor officials.

The [Diaries](#) also document Welles's literary ambitions, evident even in his youth. He attended Cheshire Episcopal Academy and the newly founded Literary, Scientific and Military Academy in Norwich, Vermont. While enrolled at the latter school, Welles drafted one of his earliest writings entitled "Journal of an Excursion to the White Mountains," an account of a field trip undertaken by Welles and fifty other students in 1824 under the leadership of Alden Partridge, headmaster and founder of the academy. The draft of this journal is included in his diary and another copy is located in the [Speeches and Writings](#) file. Exclusive of his Civil War entries, the remainder of the diaries include occasional drafts of prose and poetry, meditations in essay form, drafts of letters, travel descriptions, and entries recording Welles's keen interest in observing the political and natural world around him. The [correspondence](#) series also contains material relating to Welles's school years and letters exchanged with family members, friends, and schoolmates from Cheshire and Norwich.

Welles was a lifelong adherent to Jeffersonian principles and, until his departure in 1854, an active participant in the Democratic party. As a writer and politician, he helped organize and promote Jacksonian democracy in his home state of Connecticut through the editorial policy of his newspaper, the *Hartford Times*, and through his involvement as a Democratic party spokesman and state legislator. The [Correspondence](#) series is composed primarily of political correspondence documenting Welles's commitment to the principles of Jefferson and Jackson on both statewide and national levels first as a member of the Democratic party and then in the newly-established Republican party. Welles's correspondence with Democratic party leaders and functionaries concerns the party from Jackson's administration to that of Franklin Pierce. Letters in the [Miscellany](#) series written to Welles by John M. Niles, senator from Connecticut, 1835-1839 and 1843-1849, and postmaster general, 1840-1841, provide detailed accounts of personalities and political issues.

The [Correspondence](#) series further chronicles Welles's withdrawal from the Democratic party in 1854 over the issue of slavery and the development of the Republican party. Other correspondence dates from his term of office as secretary of the navy throughout the Civil War and the early years of Reconstruction.

Observations of a more personal or family nature are interwoven throughout the correspondence. Welles's letters to his cousin, R. C. Hale, 1833-1835, were written while he was courting Hale's sister and Welles's future wife, Mary Hale.

As an editorial writer and journalist, Welles contributed many articles on local and national politics to the *Hartford Times* and, after his retirement in 1869, to the *Galaxy*. The [Speeches and Writings](#) series contains copies of many of these articles, and material in the [Correspondence](#) series reveals interaction between newspaper policy and politics in nineteenth century America.

A [Miscellany](#) series includes correspondence files for Welles's longtime political ally and personal friend, John M. Niles, as well as for Welles's wife Mary and son, Edgar Thaddeus. The [Henry B. Learned](#) series contains research material relating to Welles compiled in the course of Learned's research on the executive branch of government.

A partial index to the correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent and identifies items in the [Correspondence](#) series, the [Records of the Navy Department](#), and the correspondence files of John M. Niles, Edgar Thaddeus Welles, and Mary Hale Welles. It also lists correspondents other than Gideon Welles in the [Miscellany](#) series for the inclusive dates 1 January 1777-25 February 1828 and 14 March 1860-19 January 1911. Correspondents include Joseph Pratt Allyn, James F. Babcock, Montgomery Blair, Alfred Edmund Burr, Salmon P. Chase, Edward Spicer Cleveland, John Adolphus Bernard Dahlgren, Calvin Day, James Dixon, James Buchanan Eads, Henry H. Elliot, Andrew H. Foote, John Murray Forbes, Joseph R. Hawley, Mark Howard, Amasa Jackson, Thornton A. Jenkins, Richard M. Johnson, James E. Jouett, Andrew T. Judson, Henry Mitchell, Edwin D. Morgan, Nathaniel Niles, William Patton, Hiram Paulding, J.J.R. Pease, William V. Pettit, James J. Pratt, Albert Smith, Sylvester S. Southworth, Daniel D. Tompkins, Charles Wilkes.

The [Additions](#) include correspondence to and from Welles, 1822-1877, letters relating to Welles, and undated drafts of his writings covering a wide range of personal, business, and political subjects, especially naval matters, the Civil War,

and Reconstruction policies. In Addition I, the letters and writings concern political parties and presidential candidates and questions on the limits and uses of federal and state powers. A few items date from Welles's youth in Connecticut or concern his early interest in local politics. Correspondents include Schuyler Colfax, Samuel Sullivan Cox, Charles A. Dana, John A. Dix, William Faxon, Orris S. Ferry, David Dudley Field (1805-1894), Gustavus Vasa Fox, Foxhall A. Parker, Joseph Smith, Charles Dudley Warner, and Thurlow Weed. Addition II includes a draft of his 1874 book *Lincoln and Seward* as well as notes and draft writings for a series of articles for *Galaxy* magazine that formed the basis of the 1874 book. Addition II also contains a letter by Welles to Orville H. Browning relating to William Henry Seward and to a history being written by Thurlow Weed. The [Additions](#) have not been microfilmed or indexed.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in ten series:

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- [Speeches and Writings, 1822-1878](#)
- [Scrapbooks, 1834-1900](#)
- [Miscellany, 1777-1911](#)
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Description of Series

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BOX 7-9 REEL 5-8	<p><u>Letterbooks, 1862-1869</u></p> <p>Letterbooks from the office of the secretary of the navy containing copies of mostly outgoing letters and memoranda of Gideon Welles and other naval officials.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically. Alphabetical name indexes with accompanying subject abstracts are located at the beginning of each volume.</p>
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