

Daniel O. Drennan Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Daniel O. Drennan Papers

Span Dates: 1775-1904

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1861-1895)

ID No.: MSS19026

Creator: Drennan, Daniel O., circa 1840-1905

Extent: 4,750 items

Extent: 10 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Military aide. Copies of correspondence, military dispatches, reports and other documents, as well as original letters, newspaper clippings, notes, architectural drawings, memorabilia, and printed matter collected by Drennan during his service as military secretary to Philip Henry Sheridan from 1865 to 1888.

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

Drennan, Daniel O., approximately 1840-1905.

Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1831-1888.

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

Tracy, Amasa Sawyer, 1829-1908.

Organizations

United States. Army--Officers.

Subjects

Cedar Creek, Battle of, Va., 1864.

Dakota Indians--Wars, 1890-1891.

Fires--Illinois.

Fortification--Illinois.

Great Fire, Chicago, Ill., 1871.

Indians of North America--Government relations.

Indians of North America--Wars--1866-1895.

Massacres--South Dakota.

National parks and reserves--Idaho.

National parks and reserves--Montana.

National parks and reserves--Wyoming.

Nez Percé Indians--Wars, 1877.

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

Wounded Knee Massacre, S.D., 1890.

Places

Fort Dearborn (Ill.)

Mexico--Boundaries--United States.

New York--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Southern States--History--1865-1877.

United States--Boundaries--Mexico.

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

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

West (U.S.)--History--1860-1890.
Yellowstone National Park.

Occupations

Clerks, U.S. Army.

Provenance

The papers of Daniel O. Drennan, military secretary to Philip Henry Sheridan, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Charles H. Kneessi in 1946. Some material was transferred to the Philip Henry Sheridan Papers in 1960.

Processing History

The papers of Daniel O. Drennan were processed in 1960. The collection was reprocessed in 2007.

Related Materials

A related collection in the Manuscript Division is the [Philip Henry Sheridan Papers](#) .

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Daniel O. Drennan is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Daniel O. Drennan 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

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Daniel O. Drennan Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Daniel O. Drennan (circa 1840-1905) span the years 1775-1904, with the bulk concentrated in the period 1861-1895. The collection mostly consists of copies of correspondence, military dispatches, reports and other documents, as well as original letters, newspaper clippings, reports, notes, architectural drawings, memorabilia and printed matter. The material was compiled by Drennan whose duties as military secretary to Philip Henry Sheridan from 1865-1888 probably provided routine access to many of the original documents that are reproduced.

The papers center primarily on the military career of Sheridan and related events. Copies of correspondence and military dispatches exchanged between Sheridan and other military and government officers span the period 1864-1868 and document Sheridan's battlefield command in Virginia in the last months of the Civil War, administration of Reconstruction policy, and actions along the Mexican border. A file of newspaper clippings comprises the bulk of the collection and contains a range of topics including the Civil War, military officers, Reconstruction, Indian affairs, Yellowstone National Park, and the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Copies of annual reports by General of the Army William T. Sherman to the secretary of war report on military activities in the West, the Nez Perce uprising, and other Indian affairs. Other documents relate to military administration, the Wounded Knee Massacre in South Dakota, and Fort Dearborn, Illinois. Also included

is a muster roll of militia volunteers from New York dated April 26, 1861, and an account of the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, by A. S. Tracy.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material, topic, or name of individual or organization.

Container List

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BOX 1	Biographical material, 1877, 1895
BOX 1	Cavalry notes, undated
BOX 1	Cedar Creek, Va., recollections of Civil War battle by A. S. Tracy, 1888
BOX 1	Confederate States of America, copies of military dispatches and field returns, 1864-1865 <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Drennan, Daniel O., 1873, 1885-1904, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Lincoln, Abraham, to Philip Henry Sheridan, facsimiles, 1864
BOX 1	Sheridan, Philip Henry, and other government and military officers, copies, 1864-1868 (5 folders)
BOX 2	(7 folders)
BOX 2	Stanton, Edwin McMasters, to Ulysses S. Grant, copy, 1865
BOX 2	Fort Dearborn, Ill., 1897-1899, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 2	Household recipes, undated
BOX 2	Maps, 1882, undated
BOX 2	Memorabilia, 1882, 1893, undated
BOX 2	Miles, Nelson Appleton, copy of military record, undated
BOX 3	Military administration, reference material, 1775-1889, undated (4 folders)
BOX 3	Miscellany, 1868, 1893, 1898, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 3	New York state militia volunteers, muster roll, 1861 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 3	Newspaper file
BOX 3	Civil War battles
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BOX 5	Battle reports, 1864, undated
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BOX 6	Literature, 1864-1885, undated
BOX 6	Mexican affairs, 1862-1867, undated
BOX 6	Miscellany, 1861-1902, undated (5 folders)
BOX 7	(11 folders)
BOX 7	Nasby, Petroleum V., 1866, undated
BOX 7	Poetry, 1860-1886, undated (2 folders)
BOX 8	(3 folders)
BOX 8	Reconstruction, 1861-1867, 1879, undated
BOX 8	Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1864-1902, undated (8 folders)
BOX 9	Sherman, William T., 1861-1891, undated (4 folders)
BOX 9	Yellowstone National Park, 1882-1883, undated
BOX 9	Presidential proclamation charging Jefferson Davis and others with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, copies, 1865
BOX 9	Printed matter, 1864-1901, undated (3 folders)
BOX 10	(1 folder)
BOX 10	Reports
BOX 10	Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1862-1883 (3 folders)
BOX 10	Sherman, William T., 1876-1877, 1883 (4 folders)
BOX 10	Wounded Knee Massacre, military dispatches, 1891, undated
BOX OV 1	Confederate States of America, copies of field returns, 1864-1865 (Container 1)
BOX OV 1	Fort Dearborn, Ill., architectural drawings, undated (Container 2)
BOX OV 1	Miscellany, photograph, 1893 (Container 3)
BOX OV 1	New York state militia volunteers, muster roll, 1861 (Container 3)