

Joseph Warren Keifer Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Joseph Warren Keifer Papers

Span Dates: 1850-1865

ID No.: MSS28332

Creator: Keifer, Joseph Warren, 1836-1932

Extent: 1,100 items

Extent: 6 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 2.2 linear feet

Extent: 3 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

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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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Keifer family.

Keifer, Eliza Stout, -1899.

Keifer, Joseph Warren, 1836-1932.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Assassination.

Organizations

United States. Army of the Ohio.

United States. Army of the Potomac.

United States. Army of the Potomac. Corps, 3rd.

United States. Army of the Potomac. Corps, 6th (1862-1865)

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

United States. Army--Ordnance and ordnance stores.

United States. Army--Pay, allowances, etc.

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.

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

A description of the Keifer Papers appears in *Civil War Manuscripts: A Guide to the Collections in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1986), p. 141; and in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, 20, no. 2 (Jan. 1961), pp. 11-12.

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

Date	Event
1836, Jan. 30	Born, Clark County, Ohio
1858	Admitted to the bar; practiced law in Springfield, Ohio

1860	Married Eliza Stout
1861	Enlisted, United States Army Major, Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry
1862	Colonel, 110th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry
1864	Brigadier General, 110th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry
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 <i>Slavery and Four Years of War</i> (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

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,764

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Letters to Eliza Stout Keifer (wife)
BOX 1 REEL 1	1861, June-1862, Dec. (10 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 1-2	1863 (11 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 2-3	1864, Jan.-1865, June (13 folders)
BOX 4 not filmed	Headquarters records, 110th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry
BOX 4	Correspondence, 1862-1865, undated (3 folders)
BOX 4	General and special orders in manuscript form, 1862-1864 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Letterbook, 1863, June 16-1865, June 20 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 4	Miscellaneous, 1863-1865
BOX 5	Ordnance Office records, 1862-1864 (3 folders)
BOX 5	Reports of operations
BOX 5	1863-1864 (3 folders)
BOX 6	1865
BOX 6	Printed matter
BOX 6	Miscellaneous, 1850, 1862-1865
BOX 6	Orders, War Department
BOX 6	Bound, 1863-1864 (2 vols.)
BOX 6	Unbound, 1861-1865
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Headquarters records, 110th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry
BOX OV 1	Letterbook, 1863, June 16-1865, June 20 (Container 4)