Collection Summary
Title: Alden Partridge Papers
Span Dates: 1807-1959
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1817-1842)
Creator: Partridge, Alden, 1785-1854
Extent: 650 items
Extent: 4 containers
Extent: 1.4 linear feet
Extent: 2 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78052597
Summary: U.S. Army officer, engineer, educator, and state legislator from Vermont. Principally letters (1817-1842) received by Partridge from students and their parents relating to educational matters at the United States Military Academy, the American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy, and other academies with which Partridge was associated from 1808-1850; letters and documents concerning military activities during the War of 1812, a dispute between Sylvanus Thayer and Partridge over the administration of the United States Military Academy and Partridge’s court martial; a library journal; student rolls; and letters or copies of letters written by Partridge, including several to James Monroe.

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
Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882--Correspondence.
Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850--Correspondence.
Gadsden, James, 1788-1858--Correspondence.
Legaré, Hugh Swinton, 1797-1843--Correspondence.
McArthur, Duncan, 1772-1839--Correspondence.
Monroe, James, 1758-1831--Correspondence.
Partridge, Alden, 1785-1854.
Swift, J. G. (Joseph Gardner), 1783-1865--Correspondence.
Thayer, Sylvanus, 1785-1872.
Wolcott, Oliver, 1760-1833--Correspondence.

Organizations
American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy.
United States Military Academy.

Subjects
Courts-martial and courts of inquiry.
Military education--United States.
Military education--Vermont--Norwich.

Places
United States--History--War of 1812.

Occupations
Army officers.
Educators.
Engineers.
Legislators--Vermont.
Provenance

The papers of Alden Partridge, U.S. Army officer, engineer, educator, and state legislator from Vermont were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1967. Additional material was acquired through gift and purchase, 1966-1986.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Alden Partridge is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Alden Partridge 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

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Preferred Citation

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

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Alden Partridge (1785-1854) span the years 1807-1959, with the bulk of the material dated between 1817 and 1842. They include correspondence, papers relating to Partridge's court-martial, a library journal, notes, lists, student rolls, and printed matter.

Correspondence to Partridge from students and their parents relates to educational matters at the United States Military Academy and other academies with which Partridge was associated, including the American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy at Norwich, Vermont, which was later incorporated into Norwich University. Letters and copies of letters written by Partridge include several to James Monroe.

The papers also include material concerning military activities during the War of 1812 and a dispute between Sylvanus Thayer and Partridge over control of the United States Military Academy. The addition is made up of three letters to Partridge, including letters from Levi Woodbury and Oliver Wolcott (1760-1833).

Correspondents include Edmund Burke, John C. Calhoun, James Gadsden, Hugh Swinton Legaré, Duncan MacArthur, J. G. Swift, and Oliver Wolcott (1760-1833).
Container List

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