

**Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie Papers

**Span Dates:** 1853-1937

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1853-1914)

**ID No.:** MSS26674

**Creator:** Ream, Vinnie, 1847-1914

**Creator:** Hoxie, R. L. (Richard Leveridge), 1844-1930

**Extent:** 2,500 items

**Extent:** 9 containers plus 2 oversize

**Extent:** 6 linear feet

**Extent:** 5 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79026674>

**Summary:** Sculptor Vinnie Ream and her husband, army officer and engineer Richard L. Hoxie. Correspondence, memoranda, commissions, essays, poetry by Vinnie Ream and Albert Pike, reports, notebooks, biographical data, scrapbooks, clippings, printed material, and memorabilia pertaining chiefly to Ream's work following her commission to execute the statue of Abraham Lincoln now standing in the United States Capitol rotunda.

## 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

Bingham, George Caleb, 1811-1879--Correspondence.

Boudinot, Elias A.--Correspondence.

Brandes, Georg, 1842-1927--Correspondence.

Briggs, Olivia--Correspondence.

Cornell, Ezra, 1807-1874--Correspondence.

Custer, Elizabeth Bacon, 1842-1933--Correspondence.

Early, Jubal Anderson, 1816-1894--Correspondence.

Healy, G. P. A. (George Peter Alexander), 1813-1894--Correspondence.

Hoxie, R. L. (Richard Leveridge), 1844-1930. Vinnie Ream and R.L. Hoxie papers. 1853-1937.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Statues.

Miller, Joaquin, 1837-1913--Correspondence.

Noyes, Crosby Stuart, 1825-1908--Correspondence.

Pike, Albert, 1809-1891--Correspondence.

Porter, David D. (David Dixon), 1813-1891--Correspondence.

Ream, Vinnie, 1847-1914.

Rollins, James S. (James Sidney), 1812-1888--Correspondence.

Ross, Edmund G. (Edmund Gibson), 1826-1907--Correspondence.

Shepherd, Alexander Robey, 1835-1902--Correspondence.

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

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Stevens, Thaddeus, 1792-1868--Correspondence.

Voorhees, Daniel W. (Daniel Wolsey), 1827-1897--Correspondence.

Wheeler, George M. (George Montague), 1842-1905.

### Organizations

Geographical Surveys West of the 100th Meridian (U.S.)

United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)

United States. Army. Corps of Engineers.

## **Subjects**

Military engineering.  
Race relations.  
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)--Washington (D.C.)  
Sculpture.  
Sherman's March to the Sea.  
Statues--Washington (D.C.)  
Surveys.

## **Places**

Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.  
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.  
Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

## **Occupations**

Army officers.  
Sculptors.

## **Provenance**

The papers of Vinnie Ream, sculptor, and R. L. Hoxie, army officer and engineer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Ruth Norcross Hoxie in 1923 and converted to a gift in 1930. Further gifts and a purchase were received between 1945 and 1986.

## **Processing History**

The papers of Ream and Hoxie were processed in 1964 and revised and expanded in 1985 and 1994. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

## **Transfers**

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Architectural drawings and some photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. A broadside has been transferred to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division. Sheet music has been transferred to the Music Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie Papers.

## **Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie 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 five 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.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

### Vinnie Ream

Date	Event
1847, Sept. 25	Born, Madison, Wis.
circa 1861	Attended Christian College, Columbia, Mo.
1862	Clerkship, United States Post Office Department, Washington, D.C.
1866	Contracted for statue of Abraham Lincoln
1871	Statue of Abraham Lincoln unveiled
1875	Contracted for statue of David Glasgow Farragut
1878	Married Richard L. Hoxie, Lieutenant, U. S. Army
1914, Nov.	Died, Washington, D.C.

### R. L. Hoxie

Date	Event
1844, Aug. 7	Born, New York, N.Y.
1861-1864	Bugler, private, and corporal, First Iowa Cavalry
1864	Cadet, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1868	Second lieutenant, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1878	Married Vinnie Ream (died 1914)
1895	Major, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1898-1907	Member and Engineer Secretary, U.S. Light-House Board, Washington, D.C.
1907	Colonel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1908	Retired as brigadier general
1917	Married May Ruth Norcross
1930, Apr. 30	Died, Miami, Fla.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Vinnie Ream (1847-1914) and Richard Leveridge Hoxie (1844-1930) span the years 1853-1937, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1853-1914. They include correspondence, memoranda, commissions, biographical data, writings, scrapbooks, reports, notebooks, printed matter, and miscellaneous material. The focus is on Ream after she successfully competed for the commission to execute the statue of Abraham Lincoln that now stands in the rotunda of the United States Capitol. Other topics include racial conditions after the Civil War and social life in Washington, D.C., during Reconstruction.

A smaller portion of the collection focuses on Richard L. Hoxie and deals mainly with military and engineering matters, including Hoxie's Civil War service, participation in the Wheeler Expedition of 1872, and career in the United States

Army Corps of Engineers. Of special importance are two notebooks he kept while on the Wheeler Expedition. Also in the collection is a map said to have been carried by William T. Sherman on his march to the sea during the Civil War.

Among the prominent correspondents are George Caleb Bingham, Elias A. Boudinot, Georg Morris Cohen Brandes, Olivia Briggs, Ezra Cornell, Elizabeth Bacon Custer, Jubal Anderson Early, G. P. A. Healey, Joaquin Miller, Crosby Stuart Noyes, Albert Pike, David D. Porter, James S. Rollins, Edmund G. Ross, Alexander Robey Shepherd, William T. Sherman, Thaddeus Stevens, and Daniel W. Voorhees.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	General correspondence Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 21,139
BOX 1 REEL 1	1854-1873 (14 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 2	1874-1889 (15 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 3	1890-1927, undated (33 folders)
BOX 4 not filmed	Commissions, 1866-1928, undated (6 folders)
BOX 5 not filmed	Miscellany
BOX 5 not filmed	Ream, Vinnie, poetry, essays, songs
BOX 5 not filmed	Pike, Albert, poetry and other material (2 folders)
BOX 5 not filmed	Clippings and notes (2 folders)
BOX 5 not filmed	"Journal from Abroad," 1869-1870
BOX 6 not filmed	Memorabilia and clippings (7 folders)
BOX 7 not filmed	<i>Supplemental Report of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War</i> (1866), including loose and inserted clippings, 1866, 1874
BOX 7 not filmed	Scrapbooks
BOX 7 not filmed	Memorabilia, postcards, and photographs
BOX 7 not filmed	Novelettes
BOX 7 not filmed	Magazine articles about Ream
BOX 7 not filmed	Baker, Mrs. Isador
BOX 7 not filmed	"Vinnie Ream Hoxie, Her Statue of Lincoln and Other Work," <i>Midland Monthly</i> , Nov. 1897
BOX 7 not filmed	"The Ream Statue of Farragut," <i>Gartner's Monthly</i> , May 1899
BOX 8 REEL 4	Bayard, Mary Temple, "Vinnie Ream Hoxie," <i>Home Monthly</i> , Feb. 1898
BOX 8 REEL 4	"Vinnie Ream Hoxie," <i>America's Greatest Men and Women</i> , 1894
BOX 8 REEL 4	Book, <i>Vinnie Ream</i> , "Printed for private distribution only; and to preserve a few souvenirs of artist's life from 1865 to 1878," 1908
BOX 8 REEL 4	Autograph book, 1869-1894, undated
BOX 8 REEL 4	Scrapbooks
BOX 8 REEL 4	1866-1878, undated
BOX 8 not filmed	1864-1876, 1901, 1914, undated <a href="#">See Oversize</a>
BOX 8 not filmed	Map attested by Hoxie to have been carried by William T. Sherman on his march to the sea <a href="#">See Oversize</a>
BOX 8 not filmed	Copy of Emancipation Proclamation <a href="#">See Oversize</a>
BOX 8 not filmed	Memorabilia <a href="#">See Oversize</a>
BOX 9 not filmed	Richard L. Hoxie material

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BOX 9 not filmed	General correspondence, 1853-1937, undated (27 folders)
BOX 9 not filmed	Notebooks, Wheeler Expedition, 1872, 1872-1873 (2 vols.)
BOX 9 not filmed	Clippings (3 folders)
BOX 9 not filmed	Miscellany
REEL 1	Microfilm reproduction of Ream material in papers of the U.S. Architect of the Capitol Available only on microfilm. Shelf no. 8,090
BOX OV 1 not filmed	Oversize
BOX OV 1 not filmed	Scrapbook, 1864-1876
BOX OV 2 not filmed	Map attested by Hoxie to have been carried by William T. Sherman on his march to the sea
BOX OV 2 not filmed	Copy of Emancipation Proclamation (signatures of Abraham Lincoln and William H. Seward not in their respective handwriting)
BOX OV 2 not filmed	Memorabilia