

Adee Family Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Adee Family Papers

Span Dates: 1824-1966

ID No.: MSS10231

Creator: Adee family

Extent: 300 items

Extent: 3 containers

Extent: 1.0 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Journals, correspondence, poetry, speeches and writings, newspaper clippings, genealogical records of the Adee and Graham families, and miscellaneous family material, including papers of Alvey A. Adee, chief of the Diplomatic Bureau at the United States Department of State and assistant secretary of state; Augustus Alvey Adee, United States Navy surgeon; and David Graham Adee, author and lawyer.

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

Adee family.

Adee, Alvey A. (Alvey Augustus), 1842-1924. Alvey A. Adee papers.

Adee, Amelia Kinnaird Graham, 1812-1864.

Adee, Augustus Alvey, 1802-1844. Augustus Alvey Adee papers.

Adee, David Graham, 1837-1901. David Graham Adee papers.

Adee, Lucy A. K. (Lucy Amelia Kinnaird), 1812-1864.

Graham family.

Hartsuff, Albert, 1837-1908.

Hartsuff, George Lucas, 1830-1874.

Hunsberger, George S., 1914- George S. Hunsberger papers.

Stansbury family.

Vitte, S. I'U' . (Sergei I'U'l'evich), graf, 1849-1915. Graf Sergei I'U'l'evich Vitte letter. 1893.

Organizations

Potomac (Frigate)

United States. Army--Officers.

United States. Army--Surgeons.

United States. Department of State.

United States. Navy--Cruise, 1835-1837.

United States. Navy--Cruise, 1840-1841.

United States. Navy--Surgeons.

Vincennes (Sloop of war)

Subjects

Book collecting.

Poetry.

Scottish Americans.

Shells.

Places

China--History--Boxer Rebellion, 1899-1901.

Europe--Description and travel.

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

Provenance

The papers of the Adee family were given to the Library of Congress by the District of Columbia Public Library in 1925, with additions received from Carroll Stansbury, Joan Carroll Stansbury, and George S. Hunsberger in 1965-1984 and a transfer from the Library of Congress Preservation Microfilming Office in 1979. A journal of Augustus Alvey Adee covering the years 1835-1836 was purchased in 2011.

Processing History

The papers of the Adee family were arranged and described in 1998. A letter to Alvey A. Adee formerly cataloged under graf S.TU. (Sergei TUL'ich) Vitte letter, 1893, as part of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts collection, was added to the Adee family papers in 1998. A purchased journal of Augustus Alvey Adee was added to the collection in 2018. The finding aid was revised in 2018.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Adee Family Papers.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Adee family 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, Adee Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Adee family span the years 1824-1966 and consist of awards, catalogs, correspondence, journals, a medical degree, newspaper clippings, poetry, speeches, and writings. The papers are chiefly those of Augustus Alvey Adee (1802-1844), United States Navy surgeon, and his sons David Graham Adee (1837-1901), author and lawyer, and Alvey A. Adee (1842-1924), assistant secretary of state and chief of the Diplomatic Bureau, Department of State.

Material of Augustus Alvey Adee includes correspondence to his wife, Amelia Kinnaird (Graham) Adee, written primarily while he was serving as fleet surgeon on the *Potomac* (frigate) along the coast of South America, 1840-1841; journals while he was a surgeon on the *Vincennes* (Sloop of war) during a cruise in the Pacific, 1835-1838; notes on the Adee family of Scotland; marriage and baptism records of the Adee and Graham families; and catalogs of Adee's book and seashell collections.

The David Graham Adee material consists mostly of published writings and poetry and also includes material relating to the Civil War service of Major General George Lucas Hartsuff and his brother, Albert Hartsuff, assistant surgeon in the Union army.

Papers of Alvey A. Adee include correspondence and newspaper clippings concerning his diplomatic career, a journal of an extensive bicycling trip he made throughout Europe in 1867, and manuscript copies of his writings and poetry. Also in the collection are a book of poems and notes on the Adee and Stansbury families by Lucy A. K. Adee and a master's thesis written by George S. Hunsberger on the diplomatic career of Alvey A. Adee, with references to the Boxer Rebellion.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by name of person.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Adee, Augustus Alvey
BOX 1	Catalog of seashells and journal, 1825, undated
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1831-1834, 1840-1841 (5 folders)
BOX 1	Journal, 1835-1838 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1824, undated
BOX 1	Adee, Alvey A.
BOX 1	Catalog of books, undated
BOX 2	Correspondence, 1864-1867, 1877, 1886, 1893, 1906-1922, undated
BOX 2	Journal, 1867
BOX 2	Miscellany, 1870, 1888, undated
BOX 2	Newspaper clippings, 1898-1924, undated (5 folders)
BOX 2	Speech, 1912
BOX 2	Writings, 1856-1857, 1867-1872, undated (4 folders)
BOX 2	Adee, David Graham
BOX 2	Correspondence, 1894
BOX 3	Writings
BOX 3	1856, 1862-1872, 1880-1881, 1891-1894
BOX 3	Undated (3 folders)
BOX 3	Adee, Lucy A. K.
BOX 3	Miscellany, 1953, 1966, undated
BOX 3	Writings, 1957
BOX 3	Hunsberger, George S., 1953 (2 folders)