

Sumner Family Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Sumner Family Papers

Span Dates: 1836-1940

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1858-1862)

ID No.: MSS79401

Creator: Sumner Family

Extent: 113 items

Extent: 1 container plus 1 oversize

Extent: .5 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Correspondence, legal documents, reports, and photographs of Edwin V. Sumner (1797-1863) and his sons, Edwin Vose Sumner (1835-1912) and Samuel Storrow Sumner (1842-1937), all military officers.

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

Frederick William IV, King of Prussia, 1795-1861.

Harney, William S. (William Selby), 1800-1889.

Summers family.

Sumner family.

Sumner, Edwin V. (Edwin Vose), 1797-1863. Edwin V. Sumner papers.

Sumner, Edwin Vose, 1835-1912. Edwin Vose Sumner papers.

Sumner, Samuel S. (Samuel Storrow), 1842-1937. Samuel Storrow Sumner papers.

Subjects

Antietam, Battle of, Md., 1862.

Dakota Indians.

Fredericksburg, Battle of, Fredericksburg, Va., 1862.

Indians of North America--Wars--1815-1875.

Military training camps--Oklahoma.

Places

El Reno (Okla.)

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

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

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

Williamsburg (Va.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Provenance

The Sumner Family Papers were given to the Library of Congress by Charlotte Sumner Pratt in 1989.

Processing History

The papers of the Sumner family were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Sumner family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

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

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Sumner family span the years 1836-1940 and consist of the correspondence, legal documents, photographs, and reports of Edwin Vose Sumner (1797-1863) and his sons, Edwin Vose Sumner (1835-1912) and Samuel Storrow Sumner (1842-1937). Edwin Sumner I was a career military officer and with his sons served in the United States Army during the Civil War. His papers document his audience with the King of Prussia, a military expedition against the Sioux in 1855, a disagreement with General W. S. Harney, battles at Fredericksburg and Williamsburg, Virginia and Antietam, Maryland, and military maneuvers and administration in Northern Virginia. The papers of his sons also document the Battle of Fredericksburg. The papers of Edwin Sumner II contain a letter from Fort Reno in the Indian Territory describing soldier training at that post in the 1880s.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically according to type of material or name of family member.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Family history, 1940, undated
BOX 1	Photographs, circa 1862-circa 1939
BOX 1	Sumner, Edwin V. (1797-1863), 1836, 1842, 1850-1862, 1871, 1881-1884, 1927 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Sumner, Edwin V. (1835-1912), 1862-1866, 1871-1880, 1887-1893, 1904
BOX 1	Sumner, Samuel Storrow, 1862-1865, 1897, 1931, 1937, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Sumner, Samuel Storrow, circa 1880s (Container 1)