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Collection Summary

Title: H. W. Halleck Papers

Span Dates: 1843-1896

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1862)

ID No.: MSS24554

Creator: Halleck, H. W. (Henry Wager), 1815-1872

Extent: 230 items

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Summary: Army officer, lawyer, and businessman. Chiefly military and personal correspondence, telegrams, military notebook and scrapbook, and a fragment of an article.

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

Buell, Don Carlos, 1818-1898--Correspondence.
Cullum, George W. (George Washington), 1809-1892--Correspondence.
Curtis, Samuel Ryan, 1805-1866--Correspondence.
Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879--Correspondence.
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.
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Halleck, H. W. (Henry Wager), 1815-1872.
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Correspondence.
McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885--Correspondence.
Meigs, Montgomery C. (Montgomery Cunningham), 1816-1892--Correspondence.
Prentiss, Benjamin M. (Benjamin Mayberry), 1819-1901--Correspondence.
Schofield, John McAllister, 1831-1906--Correspondence.
Scott, Thomas Alexander, 1823-1881--Correspondence.
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.
Steele, Frederick, 1819-1868--Correspondence.
Stoneman, George, 1822-1894--Correspondence.
Strong, William Kerley, 1805-1867--Correspondence.
Thomas, Lorenzo, 1804-1875--Correspondence.
Tower, Z. B. (Zealous Bates), 1819-1900--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Army--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.
United States. Army--Surgeons.
United States. Army. Department of Mississippi.
United States. Army. Department of the Missouri.

Subjects

Fort Donelson, Battle of, Tenn., 1862.

Places

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

Titles

Henry Wager Halleck papers

Occupations

Army officers.

Businessmen.

Lawyers.

Provenance

The papers of H. W. Halleck, army officer, lawyer and businessman, were acquired by purchase in 1951 and transfer in 1954.

Processing History

The papers of H. W. Halleck were arranged and described in 1966. The finding aid was revised in 2003.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of H. W. Halleck is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of H. W. Halleck 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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1815, Jan. 16	Born, Westernville, N.Y.
1837	Graduated, Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.
1839	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1846	Published <i>Elements of Military Art and Science; or, Course of instruction in strategy, fortification, tactics of battles, &c.; embracing the duties of staff, infantry, cavalry, artillery, and engineers. Adapted to the use of volunteers and militia.</i> New York: D. Appleton & Co.
1847-1853	United States Army
1854	Resigned from United States Army
1854-1861	Practiced law in California
1861	Published <i>International law; or, Rules regulating the intercourse of states in peace and war.</i> San Francisco: H. H. Bancroft & Co.
	Succeeded John C. Fremont as commander of the Department of the Missouri, U. S. Army
1862	Commander of the Department of the Mississippi, U.S. Army General-in-chief, United States Army
1864	Chief of staff, United States Army

1865-1869	Commander, Military Division of the James, the Military Division of the Pacific, and the Division of the Pacific
1872, Jan. 9	Died, Louisville, Ky.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of H. W. Halleck (1815-1872) consist of a military notebook, drafts of telegrams by Halleck, letters received, and a fragment of a manuscript "A Review of European Armies in 1792," translated from the French of General Antoine Henri Jomini. Although the papers range in date from 1843 to 1896, nearly all are dated 1862, principally in February and March, and relate almost exclusively to Halleck's command of the army departments of the Missouri and Mississippi in that year. Topics include the treatment of surgeons on the field of battle, Ulysses S. Grant's capture of Fort Donelson, and conscription.

Correspondents include Don Carlos Buell, George W. Cullum, Samuel Ryan Curtis, John A. Dix, Ulysses S. Grant, Abraham Lincoln, George Brinton McClellan, Montgomery C. Meigs, Benjamin M. Prentiss, John McAllister Schofield, Thomas Alexander Scott, William T. Sherman, Frederick Steele, George Stoneman, William Kerley Strong, Lorenzo Thomas, and Z. B. Tower.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1861-1863, undated (4 folders)
BOX 1	Notebook, 1843-1896
BOX 1	"Review of European Armies at 1792," fragment, undated