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
Extent: 1 container
Extent: 0.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79024554
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.
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885.
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
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Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, H. W. Halleck Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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


Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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