Collection Summary
Title: Samuel Peter Heintzelman Papers
Span Dates: 1822-1913
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1850-1865)
ID No.: MSS25676
Creator: Heintzelman, Samuel Peter, 1805-1880
Extent: 1,500 items
Extent: 11 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: 4.5 linear feet
Extent: 13 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm76025676
Summary: Union army officer. Correspondence, diaries, journals, and military papers detailing Heintzelman’s service in the United States Army from his years at the United States Military Academy through the Civil War. Includes descriptions of activities in Indian wars in Florida, the Southwest, and California, and during the Mexican War.

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
Halleck, H. W. (Henry Wager), 1815-1872--Correspondence.
Heintzelman, Samuel Peter, 1805-1880.
Hooker, Joseph, 1814-1879--Correspondence.
Kearny, Philip, 1815-1862--Correspondence.
McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885--Correspondence.
McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885.
Stanton, Edwin M. (Edwin McMasters), 1814-1869--Correspondence.
Thomas, Lorenzo, 1804-1875--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States Military Academy.
United States. Army--Officers.

Subjects
Creek War, 1836.
Indians of North America--Alabama--Wars.
Indians of North America--Arizona.
Indians of North America--California.
Indians of North America--Florida--Wars.
Indians of North America--Georgia--Wars.
Mexican War, 1846-1848.
Seminole War, 2nd, 1835-1842.

Places
Huron, Lake (Mich. and Ont.)--Surveys.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Washington (D.C.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations
Army officers.
Provenance
The papers of Samuel Peter Heintzelman, United States Army officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by his
daughter, Mary L. Heintzelman, in 1913 and 1914. The deposit was converted to a gift by his great-granddaughter, Dorothy
Heintzelman Mallan, in 1953.

Processing History
The papers of Samuel Peter Heintzelman were arranged and described in 1976. The finding aid was revised in 2003.

Transfers
Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress where they are identified as
part of the these papers.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Samuel Peter Heintzelman is governed by the Copyright Law of the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

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Samuel Peter Heintzelman 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 these papers is available on thirteen 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 as available.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Samuel
Peter Heintzelman Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1805, Sept. 30</td>
<td>Born, Manheim, Pa.</td>
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<td>1826</td>
<td>Graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1835-1842</td>
<td>Participated in Second Seminole War</td>
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<td>1843-1847</td>
<td>On recruiting service in Buffalo, N.Y., Detroit, Mich., and Louisville, Ky.</td>
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<td>1844</td>
<td>Married Margaret Stuart</td>
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<td>1847</td>
<td>In battle of Huamantla, Mexican War; breveted major for gallant meritorious conduct</td>
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<td>1848-1853</td>
<td>On garrison duty in Southern California</td>
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<td>In expedition against Yuma Indians</td>
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1853-1854  Commander, Southern District of California
1855  Promoted to major
1857-1859  On leave of absence from United States Army President, Sonora Exploring and Mining Co., Ariz.
1859-1860  On frontier duty in southern Texas; in Brownsville expedition against Cortinas
1861  Promoted to colonel, United States Army, and brigadier general of Volunteers; made inspector general, Department of Washington
       Wounded in First Battle of Bull Run
1861-1862  Commanded defenses of Washington, D.C., south of the Potomac
1862  Commander, 3d Corps, Army of the Potomac; promoted to major general of Volunteers; at siege of Yorktown and battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, and Chantilly
1862-1863  Assigned to defenses of Washington, D.C.
1864  Commander, Northern Department, Columbus, Ohio
1865  Promoted to major general, United States Army
1865-1869  Commander, 17th Infantry, mostly in Texas
1869  Retired from active service
1869-1880  Lived in Washington, D.C.
1880, May 1  Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of Samuel Peter Heintzelman (1805-1880), consisting of correspondence, diaries, journals, military papers, and miscellany, span the period 1822-1913. The bulk of the material is concentrated in the years 1850-1865. The collection reflects Heintzelman’s career in the regular army and as a major general of volunteers during the Civil War.

The journals run almost without interruption from 1825, the year before Heintzelman graduated from the United States Military Academy, through 1872, three years after he retired from the army. Heintzelman described his surveys of Lake Huron, 1832-1834, his participation in the Seminole and Creek Indian wars in Florida, and his activities during the Mexican War. He also discusses the history and culture of Indian tribes in the Southwest, especially in Arizona and southern California. Together with the correspondence, the journals reveal in detail Heintzelman’s activities as a corps commander under George Brinton McClellan during the campaigns in Virginia in 1862. Wartime life in northern Virginia and in Washington, D.C., was often noted.

The collection contains little correspondence with members of Heintzelman’s family and with associates in his civilian enterprises, most notably the Sonora Exploring and Mining Company of Arizona. Major correspondents include H. W. Halleck, Joseph Hooker, Philip Kearny, George Brinton McClellan, Edwin McMasters Stanton, and Lorenzo Thomas.

Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged in five series:
- Diaries, 1825-1872
- Correspondence, 1830-1885
- Military Papers, 1822-1869
- Miscellany, 1833-1913
- Oversize, 1842
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(14 vols.) |
| BOX 1 REEL 2 | Copies of notes, 1861-1863 |
| BOX 2 REEL 2 | Journals |
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