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## Collection Summary

**Title:** William E. Chandler Papers

**Span Dates:** 1863-1917

**ID No.:** MSS15537

**Creator:** Chandler, William E. (William Eaton), 1835-1917

**Extent:** 25,000 items

**Extent:** 167 containers

**Extent:** 36 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

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**Summary:** United States secretary of the navy, senator from New Hampshire, and lawyer. Principally bound volumes of correspondence documenting Chandler's activities as assistant secretary of the treasury, 1865-1867, secretary of the navy, 1882-1885, United States Senator from New Hampshire, 1887-1901, and chairman of the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, 1901-1908. Includes material reflecting Chandler's prominence in the Republican Party and his role in the presidential campaigns of 1868 and 1872, in the disputed election of 1876 between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel J. Tilden, and in the campaign for president in 1880.

## 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

Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886--Correspondence.  
Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893--Correspondence.  
Blair, Montgomery, 1813-1883--Correspondence.  
Boutwell, George S. (George Sewall), 1818-1905--Correspondence.  
Chandler, William E. (William Eaton), 1835-1917.  
Cooke, Jay, 1821-1905--Correspondence.  
Gresham, Walter Quintin, 1832-1895--Correspondence.  
Hayes, Rutherford B., 1822-1893.  
Kellogg, William Pitt, 1831-1918--Correspondence.  
Knox, Philander C. (Philander Chase), 1853-1921--Correspondence.  
McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Correspondence.  
Orton, William, 1826-1878--Correspondence.  
Platt, Orville Hitchcock, 1827-1905--Correspondence.  
Platt, Thomas Collier, 1833-1910--Correspondence.  
Tilden, Samuel J. (Samuel Jones), 1814-1886.  
Wallace, Lew, 1827-1905--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )  
United States. Department of the Treasury--Officials and employees.  
United States. Navy Department--Officials and employees.  
United States. Spanish Treaty Claims Commission.

### Subjects

Contested elections--United States.  
Presidents--United States--Election--1868.  
Presidents--United States--Election--1872.  
Presidents--United States--Election--1876.  
Presidents--United States--Election--1880.

## Places

New Hampshire--Politics and government--1865-1950.

United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.

## Occupations

Cabinet officers.

Lawyers.

Senators, U.S. Congress--New Hampshire.

## Provenance

The papers of William E. Chandler, United States secretary of the navy, senator from New Hampshire, and lawyer, were given to the Library of Congress in 1929 by his son, Lloyd H. Chandler. An addition was purchased in 1970.

## Processing History

The papers of William E. Chandler were arranged and described in 1963. An item was added in 1970, and the finding aid was revised in 2002.

## Other Repositories

Papers relating to Chandler's career as a New Hampshire lawyer and his activities in local and state politics are housed in the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, New Hampshire.

## Copyright Status

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

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of William E. Chandler 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, William E. Chandler Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1835, Dec. 28	Born, Concord, N.H.
1854	LL.B., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.
1855	Admitted to the bar and practiced law, Concord, N.H.
1859	Married Ann Caroline Gilmore (died 1871) Appointed reporter of decisions, supreme court of New Hampshire
1862-1864	Member, New Hampshire house of representatives
1865	Appointed solicitor and judge advocate general of the navy department

1865-1867	First assistant secretary of the treasury
1868-1880	Resumed law practice; active in national and New Hampshire politics
1874	Married Lucy Lambert Hale
1882-1885	Secretary of the navy
1887-1901	United States senator
1901-1908	Chairman, Spanish Treaty Claims Commission
1917, Nov. 30	Died, Concord, N.H.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Eaton Chandler (1835-1917) span the years 1863-1917 and relate chiefly to Chandler's career as a government official and senator. The collection consists principally of bound volumes of general correspondence, mostly letters received, with some copies of letters sent, and a small number of miscellaneous items documenting Chandler's activities as assistant secretary of the treasury, 1865-1867, secretary of the navy, 1882-1885, United States Senator from New Hampshire, 1887-1901, and chairman of the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, 1901-1908. The papers also reflect Chandler's activities in the Republican Party and his role in the presidential campaigns of 1868 and 1872, in the disputed election of 1876 between Rutherford Birchard Hayes and Samuel J. Tilden, and in the campaign for president in 1880.

Correspondents include Chester Alan Arthur, James Gillespie Blaine, Montgomery Blair, George S. Boutwell, Jay Cooke, Walter Quintin Gresham, William Pitt Kellogg, Philander C. Knox, William McKinley, William Orton, Orville Hitchcock Platt, Thomas Collier Platt, and Lew Wallace.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically and chronological within.

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BOX 167	American Academy of Music, Philadelphia, Pa., seating charts, undated
BOX 167	Bimetallism, 1896
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