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Collection Summary
Title: George S. Denison Papers
Span Dates: 1851-1884
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1851-1866)
ID No.: MSS18259
Creator: Denison, George S. (George Stanton), 1833-1866
Extent: 300 items
Extent: 4 containers
Extent: .8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mss18259
Summary: Lawyer and civil servant. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, drafts and printed copies of articles, and broadsides. Correspondence with family members in Vermont details northern views on social conditions in the South prior to the Civil 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
Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873--Correspondence.
Denison family--Correspondence.
Denison, George S. (George Stanton), 1833-1866.

Organizations
United States. Bureau of Internal Revenue.
United States. Department of the Treasury.

Subjects
Practice of law--Texas--San Antonio.
Taxation--Louisiana--New Orleans.

Places
New Orleans (La.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Southern States--Social conditions.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Vermont--History.

Titles
George Stanton Denison papers

Occupations
Civil servants.
Lawyers.

Provenance
The papers of George S. Denison, lawyer and civil servant, were given to the Library of Congress by James Denison, Franklin Denison, and Mary Jameson, 1904-1935.
Processing History
The main portion of the Denison Papers were bound circa 1930, The finding aid was created in 2016.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George S. Denison is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of George S. Denison 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, George S. Denison Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1833, Aug. 15</td>
<td>Born, Royalton, Vt.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1854</td>
<td>Graduated from University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.</td>
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<td>1854-1857</td>
<td>Taught school in San Antonio, Tex.</td>
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<td>1857</td>
<td>Married Cordelia M. Forsyth (died 1858)</td>
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<td>1859-1861</td>
<td>Read law and administered wife's estate</td>
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<td>1861</td>
<td>Fled Texas after secession; appointed United States Department of the Treasury special agent by Samuel P. Chase</td>
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<td>1862-1865</td>
<td>Acting collector of customs for recently captured port of New Orleans; acting surveyor, acting collector of internal revenue for the district of New Orleans</td>
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<td>1866, Aug. 24</td>
<td>Died aboard steamer Monterey; buried at sea</td>
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Scope and Content Note
The papers of George Stanton Denison (1833-1866) span the years 1851-1884, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1851-1866. The collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, drafts and printed copies of articles, and broadsides relating chiefly to Denison's life and work as a lawyer in San Antonio, Texas; collector of internal revenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the Civil War; and supervising special agent of the U.S. Department of the Treasury in Texas, 1865-1866. The collection includes correspondence with Salmon P. Chase. Also included is correspondence with family members in Vermont detailing northern views on social conditions in the South prior to the Civil War.

Arrangement of the Papers
The bulk of the collection is organized chronologically in bound volumes with loose items filed in a separate container at the end.
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| BOX 4     | *Discourse Commmemoritive of Geo. Stanton Denison, Preached at Royalton, Vt., September 9, 1866, by Matthew H. Buckham*, 1866  
(2 copies) |
| BOX 4     | United States v. Flanders, Supreme Court, October term, 1883, transcript of case |
| BOX 4     | United States v. Flanders, Supreme Court, October term, 1884, brief of defendants |
| BOX 4     | Scrapbook of clippings, 1863-1865 |