Cartter Family Papers
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Collection Summary
Title: Cartter Family Papers
Span Dates: 1836-1893
ID No.: MSS52134
Extent: 800 items
Extent: 3 containers
Extent: 1.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
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Summary: Members of the Cartter family of Ohio. Correspondence mainly between members of the Cartter and Hanford families, including David K. Cartter, his wife, Nancy Hanford Cartter, and their sons, David K. Cartter, Jr., and William H. Cartter, who served in 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
Carter family.
Cartter, David K. (David Kellogg), 1812-1887--Correspondence.
Cartter, David Kellogg, Jr., 1840-1862--Correspondence.
Cartter, Nancy Hanford, 1817-1896--Correspondence.
Cartter, Nancy Hanford, 1817-1896--Diaries.
Cartter, William H. (William Hanford), 1838-1904--Correspondence.
Guiteau, Charles J. (Charles Julius), 1841-1882--Trials, litigation, etc.
Hanford family.

Organizations
Minnesota (Frigate)
Monitor (Ironclad)
United States. Army. Ohio Cavalry Regiment, 2nd (1861-1865)
United States. Marine Corps.
Virginia (Ironclad)

Subjects
Bull Run, 1st Battle of, Va., 1861.
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Bolivia.
Hampton Roads, Battle of, Va., 1862.
Indians of North America--West (U.S.)
Typhoid fever.

Places
Arkansas--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Bolivia--Foreign relations--United States.
Florida--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Kansas--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Missouri--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
New York (State)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
North Carolina--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--Foreign relations--Bolivia.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Naval operations.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations
Judges.
Justices, State.
Lawyers.
Public officials.
Representative, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

Provenance
The papers of the Cartter family of Ohio were given to the Library of Congress by Eugenia Barnard in 1967.

Processing History
The Cartter Family Papers were processed after being received by the Library in 1967. The finding aid was revised in 2016.

Additional Guides
The papers of the Cartter family are described in *Civil War Manuscripts, a Guide to Collections in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress* (Washington, 1986): 44.

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

Access and Restrictions
The papers of the Cartter family 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, Cartter Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

**David K. Cartter**

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<td>1812, June 22</td>
<td>Born, Jefferson County, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1832</td>
<td>Admitted to the bar and began law practice, Rochester, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1836</td>
<td>Moved to Akron, Ohio, and later to Massillon, Ohio</td>
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<td>1849-1853</td>
<td>U.S. representative from Ohio</td>
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<td>1856</td>
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1860
As delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago, Ill., made second nominating speech for Abraham Lincoln

1861-1862
Ambassador to Bolivia

1863-1887
Chief justice, Supreme Court of the District of Columbia (later the United States District Court for the District of Columbia)

1887, Apr. 16
Died, Washington, D.C.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of the Cartter family of Ohio span the years 1836-1893. The collection consists of family and general correspondence, a diary, printed matter, and miscellaneous material. Included are letters from David K. Cartter (1812-1887), a lawyer, and congressman from Ohio active in Republican affairs who served under President Abraham Lincoln as ambassador to Bolivia, 1861-1862, and later, beginning in 1863, as chief justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Contained in the collection are letters from Cartter to his wife, Nancy Hanford Cartter, and to his mother, including during his service in La Paz, Bolivia. There are also letters of two sons, David K. Cartter, Jr., and William H. Cartter, both of whom served in the Civil War. Letters from William, first lieutenant in the marine corps, to his mother, July 1861-February 1865, concern the 1st Battle of Bull Run, Virginia, and his service abroad the USS Minnesota at Hampton Roads, Virginia, Pensacola, Florida, and off the coast of North Carolina. Included is William Cartter's eyewitness account of the battle of Hampton Roads, also known as the Battle of the Monitor and Merrimac, and information concerning the transportation of prisoners of war from North Carolina to New York. Correspondence from David Kellogg Cartter, Jr., a second lieutenant in the 2nd Ohio Cavalry, relates to the impact of the war in Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas, and problems with Native Americans in the West. Much of the general correspondence dates from the Civil War period and focuses on David's illness and death from typhoid in 1862.

Other material consists of a diary of Nancy Hanford Cartter, wife of Judge Cartter, miscellaneous memorabilia and biographical items, and printed and financial matter. A file on Charles Guiteau includes a petition and legal document pertaining to the trial of the assassin of President James A. Garfield.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is organized by type of material and alphabetically therein by name of person, family, or type of material.
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