

Ulysses Simpson Grant Collection

1862–1917, bulk 1862–1885

.25 linear feet

Mss. # 275

Abstract

Ulysses Simpson Grant (1822-1885) was General-in-Chief of the Union army during the final year of the Civil War and the eighteenth president of the United States (1869-1877). This collection draws together correspondence Grant composed during and after the Civil War with other material related to Grant. Included in the collection are six letters written by Grant.

Background Note

Ulysses Simpson Grant (1822-1885) was General-in-Chief of the Union army during the final year of the Civil War and the eighteenth president of the United States (1869-1877). During and after the war, Grant corresponded with his cousin and close boyhood friend, Silas A. Hudson. Grant died in Mount McGregor, New York, in 1885, shortly after finishing his memoirs.

Scope and Content

This collection draws together correspondence Grant composed during and after the Civil War with other material related to Grant. The collection has been arranged chronologically.

Series 1: Correspondence (October 24, 1862 – January 6, 1883)

Of the six letters in this collection written by Grant, three are directed to Hudson. The first two, dated November 15, 1862 and January 14, 1863, were written in Tennessee and relate to the appointment of Hudson's nephew, Peter, to a position in the army. Grant mentions plans to attack Vicksburg in these letters. In the other letter to Hudson, written in Washington, D.C. (April 21, 1865), Grant voices support for newly inaugurated President Andrew Johnson. Also included are letters Grant wrote to General Dodge (October 24, 1862) and Major General Burbridge (February 24, 1863), documenting matters related to the war. This series also contains a letter Hudson wrote to Major General Hurlbut requesting passage to see Grant near Vicksburg on a matter of personal business, with Hurlbut's approval on the reverse side (June 27, 1863). A much later letter from Grant to M. Thompson declines a wedding invitation (January 6, 1883). A note on this letter states "On the marriage of Miss Ella M. Thompson of Dubuque, IA." The final folder in this series contains undated typescripts of the five Hudson letters.

Series 2: Related Material (July 23, 1885 – February 17, 1917)

Most of the remaining material in this collection relates to Grant's death in 1885. A copy of Colorado Governor Benjamin Eaton's proclamation on Grant's death (July 23, 1885) is included. Also present is a newspaper clipping documenting a resolution passed by the Meade Relief Corps no. 6 expressing sympathy for Mrs. Grant (July 25, 1885), with Mrs. Grant's handwritten thank-you note (August, 1885). Later materials include a booklet documenting William Taussig's address to the Missouri Historical Society titled *Personal Recollections of General Grant* (October 15, 1903), a reprint of an army-issued Memorial Card for Grant (with an accession note from the Shiloh Association Auxiliary #1 dated

February 22, 1917), and a *Century Magazine* article titled “Baptism of U.S. Grant” (undated), which is based on the diary of Dr. John Philip Newman and chronicles the final days before Grant’s death. Finally, this series contains two undated typescripts documenting Grant’s visit to Colorado in 1873. The first typescript is a copy of an 1873 *Denver Weekly Tribune* article, “President Grant in Denver,” while the second, “General Grant’s Visit to Colorado with Daughter Nellie,” is an anonymous first-person account of Grant’s visit and includes a description of the coach business between Denver and Central City.

Subjects

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Manuscripts.
 Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885.
 Burbridge, Stephen G. (Stephen Gano), 1831-1894--Correspondent.
 Dodge, Grenville Mellen, 1831-1916--Correspondent.
 Hudson, Silas A., 1815-1896--Correspondent.
 Correspondence.

Contents List

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1	Letter from U.S. Grant to General Dodge.	October 24, 1862
2	Letter from U.S. Grant to Silas A. Hudson.	November 15, 1862
3	Letter from U.S. Grant to Silas A. Hudson.	January 14, 1863
4	Letter from U.S. Grant to Major General Burbridge.	February 24, 1863
5	Letter from Silas A. Hudson to Major General Hurlbut.	June 27, 1863
6	Letter from U.S. Grant to Silas A. Hudson.	April 21, 1865
7	Letter from U.S. Grant to M. Thompson.	January 6, 1883
8	Correspondence - Miscellaneous.	undated
9	Governor Eaton’s Proclamation of Grant’s death.	July 23, 1885
10	Meade Relief Corps. Sympathy for Mrs. Grant Resolution and Thank You Note.	July 25, 1885 - circa August, 1885
11	Personal Recollections of General Grant.	October 15, 1903
12	Army-issued Memorial Card (reprint).	February, 1917
13	Baptism of U.S. Grant (article).	undated
14	President Grant in Denver (typescript).	undated
15	General Grant’s Visit to Colorado with Daughter Nellie (typescript)	undated

Additional Information:

Provenance

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