

# George S. Denison Papers

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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 ; 4 containers ; .8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**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 Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### 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.

### Occupations

Civil servants.

Lawyers.

## Administrative Information

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George S. Denison is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1833, Aug. 15	Born, Royalton, Vt.
1854	Graduated from University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.
1854-1857	Taught school in San Antonio, Tex.
1857	Married Cordelia M. Forsyth (died 1858)
1859-1861	Read law and administered wife's estate
1861	Fled Texas after secession; appointed United States Department of the Treasury special agent by Samuel P. Chase
1862-1865	Acting collector of customs for recently captured port of New Orleans; acting surveyor, acting collector of internal revenue for the district of New Orleans
1866, Aug. 24	Died aboard steamer <i>Monterey</i> ; buried at sea

## 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.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Bound vols.
BOX 1	1851, Sept. 28-1860, Dec. 25
BOX 2	1861, Feb. 9-1863, Sept. 21
BOX 3	1863, Oct. 1-1866, Sept. 21
BOX 4	Unbound material
BOX 4	<i>Discourse Commemorative of Geo. Stanton Denison, Preached at Royalton, Vt., September 9, 1866, by Matthew H. Buckham, 1866</i> (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