

Cartter Family Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Cartter Family Papers

Span Dates: 1836-1893

ID No.: MSS52134

Extent: 800 items ; 3 containers ; 1.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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 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

Cartter 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.

Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881--Assassination.

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.

Administrative Information

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

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|---------------|--|
| 1812, June 22 | Born, Jefferson County, N.Y. |
| 1832 | Admitted to the bar and began law practice, Rochester, N.Y. |
| 1836 | Moved to Akron, Ohio, and later to Massillon, Ohio |
| 1849-1853 | U.S. representative from Ohio |
| 1856 | Moved to Cleveland, Ohio |
| 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 aboard 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.

Container List

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i> |
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| BOX 1 | Diary, Nancy Hanford Cartter, 1852-1892 |
| BOX 1 | Family correspondence |
| BOX 1 | Cartter, David K. (1812-1887), 1861-1883 (5 folders) |
| BOX 1 | Cartter, David. K., Jr., 1853-1862 (6 folders) |
| BOX 1 | Cartter, Nancy Hanford, 1836-1882, undated (4 folders) |
| BOX 2 | Carter, William H., 1852-1888, undated (11 folders) |
| BOX 2 | Hanford family (4 folders) |
| BOX 2 | General correspondence |
| BOX 2 | 1850-1869 |
| BOX 3 | 1870-1893, undated (2 folders) |
| BOX 3 | Miscellany |
| BOX 3 | Cards, invitations, and tickets |
| BOX 3 | Envelopes |
| BOX 3 | General |
| BOX 3 | Guiteau, Charles, trial |
| BOX 3 | Printed matter (4 folders) |
| BOX 3 | Receipts and financial papers |