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General James W. Denver Collection

Denver, James William (1817–1892). Papers, 1849–1891. .50 foot.

Lawyer and U.S. Army general. Correspondence (1855–1888) from the Denver family, from politicians concerning national politics and political appointments, and from Denver's legal practice, including cases involving damage claims for cotton illegally seized by the U.S. government during the Civil War; a manuscript account (n.d.) of Denver's activities as a Union brigadier general, 1861–1863; a pamphlet (1884) endorsing Denver as a Democratic nominee for the presidency; typescripts of a journal (1850) kept by Denver during an overland journey from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, to California; pamphlets (1865–1891) of speeches by Denver and others; bills for legislation in which Denver had an interest; and a genealogical chart (n.d.) of the Francis Xavier Rombach family.

Box D-19

Folder:

1. Letters concerning the reinstatement into the Army of J.J. Sheperd
2. Letters and affidavits concerning the Theodore Kendig Case re: mail contracts of New Orleans & Memphis Packet Co.
3. Letters of W.H.H. Brooks case re: seizure of cotton by military forces.
4. Inquiries by Denver & Nutt re: locating men illegally mustered out of the service.
5. Miscellaneous inquiries for addresses, information, etc. 1872-1888.
6. Business letters from John T. Mitchell to JWD; 1886-1888.
7. Correspondence regarding legal cases of JWD:
 - 1872 - letter re legal claim of Mary A. Cobb
 - 1873 - 4 letters re legal claim of Mary A. Cobb
 - 1873 - letter re: 1000 lbs. of beef taken by US Army during war
 - 1871 - letter from Treasury Dept. re: claims
 - n.d. - testimony of C.M. Thurston examined by JWD
 - 1875 - Power of Attorney and agreement on fees between JWD and Charles F. Peck and Martha Rhea, et al
 - 1869 - letter to JWD re: John Taylor
 - 1869 - legal papers regarding Isaac Roop estate
 - 1873 - 3 letters on case of Earl D. Barden
 - 1874 - letter on case of Earl D. Barden
 - 1976 - letter on case of Earl D. Barden
 - n.d. - interrogation of Earl D. Barden

8. Legal Cases

- 1866 - 1871-8 letters from John P. Murray to JWD re: cotton claims
- 1866 - 2 letters to JWD from George Pearce re: land titles
- 1866 - letter from JWD to Treasury Dept. re: power of attorney for Patrick Hamilton in the case of the steamer "Wren"
- 1869 - power of attorney from F. *Baettice* (?) to JWD
- 1865 - 4 letters from Harriss & Howell re: claims against the US govt.
- 1865 - 2 letters from Denver & Peck to F. Gascetti re: subpoena to appear as a witness in trial of Mr. Wing
- 1865 - 5 letters between JWD and E.P. Cowles re: trial of J. Maddox
- 1867 - letter from Bliss & Snedicon to Hughes, Denver & Peck
- 1868 - 3 letters from Robert Crozier to JWD re: claim of Clark & Co. vs. Mrs. Louisiana Parrott
- 1867 - letter from Thomas Scott to JWD re; bonds
- 1867 - letter from Samuel Smith to JWD
- 1867 - letter from H.S. Holladay to JWD
- 1868 - 1869 - 9 letters from James C. Pennie to JWD concerning a note by James T. Ryan; payment demanded by Pennie
- 1867 - 4 letters and 1 memo re: claim against govt. by C.W. Pollard for additional salary from Treasury Dept.
- 1867 - letter from H.B. Hawkins to JWD re: claim against Treasury Dept.
- 1867 - power of attorney to JWD from George B. Skinner
- 1868 - 2 letters from G.B. Skinner to JWD re: claim against govt. for feeding gov. horses
- 1868 - 1871 - 2 letters between Gyles & JWD re: skinner claim
- 1868 - 2 letters from L.H. Whitney to JWD re: claims
- 1868 - 1869 - copy of a Navy request fro detachment and an officers claims for reimbursement for transportation charges
- 1869 - letter from C. Sweeney to Hughes, Denver & Peck re: claim
- 1869 - 2 letters re: claim on California Steam Navigation Co. for transportation furnished to the Indian Dept.
- 1868 - 1869 - 3 letters re: land claim by Miles Gibson
- 1868 - 3 letters re: recovery of money, which a collector named George Metlar stole.

9. Legal Cases

- 1871 - papers relating to dissolution of law firm of Denver, Peck, and Hughes
- 1872 - 1874 - transcript of cases of James Hughes vs. Denver & Peck
- 1876 - letter from Wm. Henry Smith to JWD re railroad claims
- 1876 - 3 letters re: claim against govt. on behalf of heirs of Dr. Gustavus B. Horner who served throughout the Revolutionary War surgeon
- 1875 - letter re: claim collected and held until collectors fee was paid
- 1877 - 4 letters re: claim of Jules A. Blanc vs. US Govt.; cotton loses
- 1885 - letter from Charles Murphy to JWD re: new trial
- 1886 - letter from Gen. Rosecrans to JWD re: Murphy's trial
- 1884 - 1888 - 19 letters from A. Overton to JWD re: claim against govt.

for seizure of steamer "Pocohontas" during war

1882 - letter and affidavit of Charles Peck re: Elliot vs. Denver & Peck

1884 - 1885 - 2 letters re: claim of John W. Griffen vs. US for rent and lumber

1881 - letter to JWD from George Ferris re: inability to collect on a claim

1877 - letter from B. Bruce to M. Delaney re: claims collected by Delaney

1877 - 2 letters from Thaddeus Street to Hughes, Denver & Peck re: papers that Street wanted returned

1885 - letter from S.P. Nutt remarking on progress of Reis vs. Bell Telephone case

1886 - letter from H.H. Sibley to JWD re: clarification of statement made in reference to dropping a claim

1886 - letter to JWD re: claim for cotton tax

1886 - letter from T.J. Shackelford to JWD re: claim of William Hunter vs. US for property destroyed by federal troops.

1886 - 3 letters re: claims for rent of building at Mescalero Agency in Tularosa, New Mexico owned by George W. Maxwell

1886 - correspondence and copies of reports re: claim of George F. Brott for recovery of monies due him for seizure of schooner "Sea Lion" during Civil War

1886 - statement of C.B. Walker, Secretary of business on hand, belonging to National Law & Trust Co.

1868 - letter from H.M. Brown to Comm. of Pensions rejecting claim of Charles W. Geddes

1886 - 3 letters from Wm. Toller to C.B. Walker re: Walker re: claim for informants fee of \$5,000

1887 - letter to JWD re: legal claim

1887 - 2 letters to JWD from Benton McMillin re: cotton claims of S.D. Burton against the US govt.

1886 - 1887 - 6 letters re: case of Francis de Freitas vs. Great Britain as pertains to confinement in asylum.

1887 - letter from George Hamilton re: claim of heirs of heirs of Nyfrolite Christian against US govt. for seizure of cotton, wagons, etc.

1888 - letter from JWD to J.H. Mitchell, US Senator, re: facts of law in Charles Gallaghers claim against govt for loss of schooner "Nimrod"

1888 - letter from John W. Hartman to JWD re: claim of Capt. Benjamin Lord for two vessels seized by French govt.

1887 - letter to A.P. Gorman from Dep. Quartermaster Gen of USA denying request of Mrs. E. Bowie for her father's papers.

Box D-20

Folder:

1. Undated biography in an unknown hand chronicling Denver's life from his appt. by Lincoln as a Brig. Gen. in 1861 to his resignation

1884 - pamphlet nominating Denver as Democratic candidate for president

in 1884

1850 - typed manuscript detailing an overland trip to California by Denver from May 20 to Aug. 17

2. Correspondence, etc.

1869 - pay envelope for Edward Willis

n.d. - inquiry re: appointment of C.W. Irish to the office of Surveyor Gen.

1865 - letter to JWD commenting upon the claiming of Confederate properties, esp. cotton

1866 - deposition of O.S. Sparks re: cotton shipments

1866 - deposition of Munroe Ogden re: ""

1866 - 3 letters from Howell Bobb to JWD re: cotton belonging to Joseph Day

1865 - Letter from Will (Denver?) to his wife commenting upon Charleston and Sherman's march; attached is a poem "I'm Going Home"

1863 - letter from JWD to his wife re: sale of land

1865 - letter from JWD to his wife describing Atlanta and a typical train ride

1861 - letter from JWD to his wife describing his wait in Wash. D.C. for orders from Gen. Scott

1865 - letter to JWD from Crittenden commenting on claiming of Confederate properties

1865 - military order concerning unlawful agent

1866 - letter to JWD from Crittenden listing difficulties

1865 - letter to JWD from H.B. Titus re: Giff cotton case

1863 - 3 receipts for meals

3. 1884 - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD re: change of address

1886 - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD concerning back pay

December 14, _? - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD

1886 - December 14, _? - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD

1888 - December 14, _? - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD

1883 - letter to JWD soliciting support for a veterans reunion

1883 - letter from W.L. Alexander, Adjutant Gen. of Iowa, to JWD soliciting his opinion as to where a National Militia Law convention should be held; also has a circular with letter

1886 - letter from Mr. Ward to JWD requests meeting in Wash. D.C.

1887 - letter from JWD to Edward Clark (architect of the capitol) requesting position for Isiah Dean, a Mex. War veteran

1888 - letter to JWD from Sallie Denver (his sister) requesting his help in pursuing claims against the Mex. govt.

1888 - letter from Beverley (?) Tucker to JWD concerning the "McKee matter" and requesting information.

1888 - letter from C.F. Peck to JWD re: sale of property

- 1888 - letter from J.B. Hopper to JWD general note
 - 1888 - letter from W.B. Lyon to JWD re: readmittance to the I.O.O.F.
 - 1888 - letter from A.C. Bradford to JWD re: Readmittance to the I.O.O.F.
 - 1889 - letter from James S. Valk (?) to JWD business reply letter
- 4.
- 1858 - letter from Pres. Buchanan to JWD re: Kansas statehood
 - 1859 - letter from JWD to Buchanan resigning his position as Comm. of Ind. Affairs
 - 1859 - letter from Buchanan to JWD accepting resignation
 - 1887 - letter from J.D. Stevenson to JWD requesting some receipts and original papers
 - 1888 - letter from W.T. Bishop to ___? re: a recommendation for F.M. Clavenger to receive a job as storekeeper
 - 1888 - letter from F.M. Clavenger to W.T. Bishop requesting the return of all papers and applications
 - 1887 - letter from E.J. Curtis (Secretary of Idaho) to JWD inviting him to be a delegate to Gov's Conf.
 - 1888 - letter from J.D. Stevenson to JWD requesting that his papers be sent
 - 1887 - 1888 - 3 letters from E.A. Stevenson (Gov. of Idaho) to JWD re: Idaho statehood, Gov's Conf., and judgeship appointments
 - 1887 - letter from Gov. David B. Hill of New York to the Gov. of Idaho concerning extradition laws
 - 1887 - certificate empowering JWD to act as delegate for Idaho at Gov's Conf.
 - n.d. - 2 blank forms concerning extradition of criminals
 - 1885 - letter from S.A. Stone to JWD requesting Denver to speak to President on behalf of Judge T.J. Bowers for position
 - 1885 - letter from Wm. Smith to JWD petitioning for Denver's support for a secret service position with the Post Office
 - 1886 - letter from George Whittington to William Endicott (Sec. of War) requesting a clerkship
 - 1887 - letter from A.M. Kenady to JWD recommending Holmes C. Patrick's appointment as Collector of Customs at Pudget Sound; attached is a letter from Patrick to Kenady insinuating corruption in the Customs Office
 - 1886 - letter to John H. Young to JWD requesting Denver to speak to the President on behalf of James Taylor for appt. as Dist. Collector of the IRS
 - 1886 - letter from Treasury Dept. to JWD informing him that he has authority to practice law before the Dept.
 - 1887 - letter from R.H. McWhorten (?) to Calvin B. Walker asking for support for a bill
 - 1888 - letter from G.W. Mum (?) to Calvin B. Walker asking for support for a bill
 - 1885 - letter from ___ ? to JWD on behalf of petitioner for a job
 - 1879 - letter from JWD to his daughter re: Grant and third term of office
 - 1875 - 1876 - 4 letters from Olevor E. Woods to JWD re: drafts of bills

5. Family Correspondence

- 1855 - letter from Lou to JWD
- 1869 - letter from Sallie to Lou
- 1858 - letter from Frank Denver to Lou; has reference to first school in Sacramento, Calif.
- 1869 - letter from Lou to her parents; has reference to Republican majority in Ohio
- 1860 - letter from George to cousin (?); refers to Lincoln's victory
- 1860 - letter from Lou to her parents; mentions Stephen Douglas
- 1861 - letter from Lou to her parents; mentions Calif. legislature
- 186? - letter from Lou to her parents
- 1861 - letter from Mollie Denver to Lou; comments on Douglas's political machine
- 1860 - letter from Lou to her parents; comments of a Douglas speech
- n.d. - typed extracts of letters written to his (?) sister, Mrs. E.A. Johns

6. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Documents

- n.d. - typed manuscript "The Francis Xavier Rombach Family Record"
- 1891 - pamphlet by JWD "Remarks on the Free Coinage of Silver by J.W. Denver, of Wilmington, Ohio" 16 pp
- 1889 - letter from John Lucksinger to Col. Everhard Welter
- 1856 - pamphlet by JWD "Speech of Hon. J.W. Denver of California, against the Bill to expedite the issuing of patents for confirmed land claims in California" 16 pp
- 1884 - pamphlet "Argument of Jas. W. Denver, Gilbert Mayers, and W. Penn Clark, in relation to Private Claims," 48 pp
- 1875 - document US Court of Claims #2539
- 1876 - House of Rep. document; letter of Sec to Treasury concerning cotton claims
- 1885 - review of the opinion of Judge Wm. M. Merrick in the case of Strong v. District of Columbia
- 1886 - report #2894 House of Rep. June 17, 1886
- 1886 - report #209 Senate March 10, 1886
- 1884 - bill for the relief of Jacob Bogert
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- 1884 - agreement of fees between JWD and Jacob Bogert
- 1875 - US Court of Claims; Second Report of Comm. E. Eveleth in sundry cotton cases
- 1880 - Court of Claims #3490 E.F. Randle vs. US

7. Miscellaneous Printed Documents

- 1867 - printed petition from members of Bar at Toledo (Ohio)
- 1880 - Report # 1095 House of Rep. certain lands in San Mateo County, Calif.

n.d. - US Supreme Court #283 J.D. Hegler vs. George Faulkner
n.d. - printed page concerning Hedges Family Association of US
n.d. - application to Pres. G. Cleveland on behalf of Everhard Welter
1873 - Supreme Court ruling re: partnership dissolution.

Addition to the James William Denver Collection, purchased from Charles Apfelbaum, Feb. 1988.

Folder 1

1855 - Horatio King, Asst. Postmaster General, to Denver re: appointment of postmaster for Cedarville, California.
1857 - Gen. Joseph G. Totten to Denver re: appointments to West Point from California.
1857 - Horatio King to Denver re: assistance in publishing an advertisement in California.
1858 - Charles E. Mix, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs re: receipt of papers concerning a contract between Delaware chief Sarcoxie and James H. Forsythe.
1858 - John B. Floyd, Secretary of War, to Denver concerning an appointment to West Point.
1862 - Gen. James Shields to Denver re: gratitude of Shields to Denver for unspecified actions.
1864 - S.S. Cox, U.S. Representative from Ohio, to Denver re: politics in the House of Representatives.
1867 - W.W. Gilbert to Denver re: compensation from United States Army for services during the War.

Folder 2

1868 - Denver to Barry Lack re: the impeachment of President Johnson.
1864 - Denver to his wife re: family affairs.
1865 - Denver to his wife re: family affairs.

Folder 3

1849 - John W. Kelly to Denver re: death of a soldier in Mexico.
1851 - Countersigned note by J.F. and Kennedy, regarding dates they saw Denver in Sacramento in 1850.
1856 - Denver to Joseph Walker re: death of unidentified lady near Fort Scott.
1856 - Daniel Chase to Denver re: Denver's failure to be renominated to Congress.
1858 - Isaac M. Payten to Denver re: a political favor desired by Payton.
1858 - Everhead Welter to Denver re; Welter's political ambitions.
1860 - J. Logan to Denver re: Denver's opinion of the 1860 Democratic Presidential convention.

Folder 4

1867 - Endorsed check from L.A. Whiteley to Denver.
1866 - Account of Denver with Pettus & Co, New York.
1867 - 2 Promissory notes signed by Denver.

Addition to the James William Denver Collection. This item was housed in room 458 before placed in its permanent location in oversize. 8313

1. Broadside - Message of Acting-Governor, J.W. Denver to the Territorial Legislature, January 4, 1858.
Re: His views on the condition and wants of the Territory of Kansas.