
Sidney D. Maxwell Papers.
1852-1902, n.d.
Mss qM465

Creator	Maxwell, Sidney D. (Sidney Denise), 1831-1913 (Author/Creator)
Abstract	This collection contains the correspondence, papers and diaries of Sidney D. Maxwell, including those of his time as a Civil War correspondent for the <i>Cincinnati Gazette</i> and with the Ohio National Guard.
Quantity	6 boxes (3 cubic feet)
Date Span	1852-1902, n.d.
Call Number	Mss qM465
Repository	Cincinnati History Library and Archives, Cincinnati Museum Center, 1301 Western Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45203, USA

Scope and Content

This collection is organized into two series, the first of which is Correspondence and Papers. While there are some letters and reports from the Civil War era, the majority are letters to his mother after the war. There is also a loose diary in this series in very poor condition. Some of the pages are missing the bottom half and are quite fragile.

The second series, Volumes, is a collection of small diaries, ledger books and note books kept by Sidney D. Maxwell. As they were already numbered their order was maintained although it is not always chronological. Of special note here are volumes 31-43 from his time in the Civil War and with the National Guard.

When this collection was re-boxed and re-processed the order was maintained since the letters were numbered. There are a few problems with the numbering; mainly that it starts over a few times. In box 3 folder 8 the letters jump from 1896 back to 1893 and the letters skip from #877 to #644a, for reasons unknown. Once again, in folder 12 in box 3 the last letter is #699a, but although it maintains chronological order the numbers in folder 13 of box 3 go back to #670. This means that there are numbers repeated with and without the "a" at the end. In box 4 folder 4 the "a" is dropped from the numbers but they continue in order. The reason for this is not known, but since this collection had been open to the public for decades and cited by researchers it was maintained.

Historical/Biographical Information

Col. Sidney Denise Maxwell was born in Centerville, Ohio on Dec. 23, 1831. He was educated in the "academies of his area" and then read law with the Honorable Lewis B. Gunckel and Colonel Hiram Strong at Dayton, Ohio.

During the early part of the Civil War, Col. Maxwell was a reporter for the *Cincinnati*

Commercial. In 1864, he served as an assistant clerk in the Senate of Ohio and became vitally involved in the organization of the Ohio National Guard. When the Guard was activated in May, 1864, Col. Maxwell went with it as a private. In September 1864, he was assigned as an aide de camp to Governor John Brough of Ohio. After Gov. Brough was killed, Col. Maxwell was assigned as an aide de camp to Governor Charles Anderson.

His business career began after the Civil War. He was first made General Agent in Indiana of the Accident Insurance Companies of Columbus, Ohio. While planning to open a law office in Dayton, Mr. Maxwell as offered the position of Assistant City Editor of the *Cincinnati Gazette* in March 1868.

In 1870 he had accepted a position as a kind of roving reporter for the Western Associated Press. In 1871, he was elected superintendent of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and voluntarily retired on Nov. 21, 1891 after twenty years of service.

Sidney Maxwell and Isabella Neff were married on June 30, 1875. Three children were born to their marriage: Caroline (Mrs. Earle Lewis Lee) Sept. 25, 1877, Nathaniel, Jan. 28, 1880 and Rudolph, Feb. 7, 1882. Sidney Maxwell was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and was a founder of Westminster Presbyterian Church. He was also active in Lane Seminary, Union Bethel and Northside Presbyteries. He was a member of the Pork Association and many civic associations. He died Nov. 13, 1913 after a long illness.

[Written by Adele Hollum, 1983]

Related Resources

Summary of Related Archive Materials

Mss 668 Sidney D. Maxwell Papers

Mss 763 Sidney D. Maxwell Papers

Archival Arrangement

Arranged into two series:

1. Correspondence and Papers
2. Volumes

Language

English

Originals/Copies

Mix of some originals and some copies

Restrictions on Access and Use

This collection is open for research.

Subjects

Cincinnati (Ohio) -- Archival resources
Maxwell, Sidney D. (Sidney Denise), 1831-1913
Ohio. National Guard
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Provenance

Gift from Mrs. Lewis Earle Lee (Caroline Maxwell Lee),
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Collection Listing

Series 1. Correspondence and Papers. 1852-1898, n.d.

Sub-series 1. Correspondence and Papers. 1861-1887, n.d.

Box 1. Correspondence and Papers. 1861-1887, n.d.

Folder: 1. Correspondence and reports, 1-13. October-June 1861, n.d.

Folder: 2. Correspondence and reports, 14-25. July-September 1862, n.d.

Folder: 3. Correspondence and reports, 26-38. January-November 1863, n.d.

Folder: 4. Correspondence and reports, 38-51. June-October 1864.

Folder: 5. Correspondence, 52-65. November-December 1864.

Folder: 6. Correspondence, 66-77. January-March 1865.

Folder: 7. Correspondence, 78-89. April-June 1865.

Folder: 8. Correspondence, 90-103. July 1865-March 1866.

Folder: 9. Correspondence, 104-116. June 1866-June 1868.

Folder: 10. Correspondence, 117-126. July 1868-January 1869.

Folder: 11. Correspondence, 127-140. July-December 1877, n.d.

Description Contains letter to Santa Clause from Caroline Maxwell.

Folder: 12. Correspondence, 141-157. January-March 1878.

Folder: 13. Correspondence, 158-171. April 1878-December 1880.

Folder: 14. Correspondence, 172-179b. January 1881-December 1882.

Folder: 15. Correspondence and receipts, 180-190. September 1884-November 1885, n.d.

Folder: 16. Correspondence, 191-201. January-March 1886.

Folder: 17. Correspondence, 202-226. April 1886.

Folder: 18. Correspondence, 227-248. May 1886.

Folder: 19. Correspondence, 249-274. June 1886.

Folder: 20. Correspondence, 275-296. July 1886-September 1887.

Box 2. Correspondence. 1864-1892, n.d.

Folder: 1. Correspondence, 297-317. October 1887-February 1888.

Folder: 2. Correspondence, 318-333. March 1888, n.d.

Folder: 3. Correspondence, 334-364. June-July 1888.

Folder: 4. Correspondence, 365-388. August 1888-May 1889.

Folder: 5. Correspondence, 389-405. July-August 1889.

Folder: 6. Correspondence, 406-425. September-November 1889.

Folder: 7. Correspondence, 426-446. December 1889.

Folder: 8. Correspondence, 447-471. January 1890.

Folder: 9. Correspondence, 472-497. February-August 1890.

Folder: 10. Correspondence, 498-520. September-October 1890.

Folder: 11. Correspondence, 521-542. November 1890.

Folder: 12. Correspondence, 543-565. December 1890-February 1891.

Folder: 13. Correspondence, 566-581. March-October 1891.

Folder: 14. Correspondence, 582-604. November-December 1891.

Folder: 15. Correspondence, 605-623. January-August 1892.

Folder: 16. Correspondence, 624-643. September-December 1892.

Folder: 17. Correspondence, 644-658. April-June 1864.

Description Fort Federal Hill

Folder: 18. Correspondence, 659-677. July-August 1864, n.d.

Folder: 19. Correspondence, 678-704. October 1867-October 1887.

Description 693 withdrawn

Folder: 20. Correspondence, 705-717. September 1888-February 1890.

Box 3. Correspondence. 1890-1896, n.d.

Folder: 1. Correspondence, 718-738. April 1890.

Folder: 2. Correspondence, 739-763. May-September 1890, n.d.

Description 743 withdrawn

Folder: 3. Correspondence, 764-784. January-September 1891.

Folder: 4. Correspondence, 785-808. October-December 1891.

Folder: 5. Correspondence, 810-830. February 1892-November 1893, n.d.

Description 809 missing

Folder: 6. Correspondence, 831-868. July 1894-August 1895.

Folder: 7. Correspondence, 869-877. May-November 1896.

Folder: 8. Correspondence, 644a-656a. January 1893.

Folder: 9. Correspondence, 657a-665a. February 1893.

Folder: 10. Correspondence, 666a-677a. March 1893.

Folder: 11. Correspondence, 678a-691a. April-May 1893.

Folder: 12. Correspondence, 692a-699a. June-July 1893.

Folder: 13. Correspondence, 670a-681a. July-September 1893.

Description Numbers start repeating at this point.

Folder: 14. Correspondence, 682a-706a. December 1893-July 1894.

Folder: 15. Correspondence, 707a-724a. August-October 1894.

Folder: 16. Correspondence, 725a-737a. January-November 1895.

Folder: 17. Correspondence, 738a-755a. December 1895.

Folder: 18. Correspondence, 756a-774a. January-April 1896.

Folder: 19. Correspondence, 775a-800a. May-June 1896.

Box 4. Correspondence. 1896-1898, n.d.

Folder: 1. Correspondence, 801a-823a. July-December 1896.

Folder: 2. Correspondence, 824a-843a. January 1897.

Folder: 3. Correspondence, 844a-863a. February-April 1897.

Folder: 4. Correspondence, 864a-877a, 878-880. May-July 1897.

Folder: 5. Correspondence, 882-904. September 1897.

Folder: 6. Correspondence, 905-918. October 1897.

Folder: 7. Correspondence, 919-940. November 1897, n.d.

Folder: 8. Correspondence, 941-963. December 1897.

Folder: 9. Correspondence, 964-987. January 1898.

Folder: 10. Correspondence, 988-1008. February-March 1898.

Folder: 11. Correspondence, 1009-1027. April 1898.

Sub-series 2. Diary. 1852-1862

Box 4. Diary. 1852-1862

Folder: 12. Diary, pp. 1-162. January 1852-August 1853.

Folder: 13. Diary, pp. 163-370. May 1854-January 1857.

Folder: 14. Diary, pp. 371-578. January 1857-January 1858.

Folder: 15. Diary, pp. 579-770. January 1858-June 1859.

Box 5. Diary. 1859-1862

Folder: 1. Diary, pp. 771-930. June 1859-June 1860.

Folder: 2. Diary, pp. 931-1115. June 1860-January 1862.

Series 2. Volumes. 1860-1902

Box 5. Loose items. 1871-1874, n.d.

Folder: 3. Loose items from vol. 49. 1871-1872, n.d.

Folder: 4. Loose items from vol. 50. 1870-1874, n.d.

Box 6. Account Books, Diaries and Notes. 1862-1883

Volume: 1. Account memo book. August 1875-February 1876.

- Volume: 2.** Account memo book. February-July 1876.
- Volume: 3.** Account memo book. July-November 1876.
- Volume: 4.** Account memo book. November 1876-April 1877.
- Volume: 5.** Account memo book. April-August 1877.
- Volume: 6.** Account memo book. August-December 1877.
- Volume: 7.** Account memo book. December 1877-April 1878.
- Volume: 8.** Account memo book. April-August 1878.
- Volume: 9.** Account memo book. August 1878-January 1879.
- Volume: 10.** Account memo book. January-April 1879.
- Volume: 11.** Account memo book. April-July 1879.
- Volume: 12.** Account memo book. July-August 1879.
- Volume: 13.** Account memo book. December 1879-March 1880.
- Volume: 14.** Account memo book. March-June 1880.
- Volume: 15.** Account memo book. June-August 1880.
- Volume: 16.** Account memo book. August-November 1880.
- Volume: 17.** Account memo book. November 1880-February 1881.
- Volume: 18.** Account memo book. February-May 1881.
- Volume: 19.** Account memo book. May-July 1881.
- Volume: 20.** Account memo book. July-October 1881.
- Volume: 21.** Account memo book. October 1881-January 1882.
- Volume: 22.** Account memo book. January-April 1882.
- Volume: 23.** Account memo book. April-June 1882.
- Volume: 24.** Account memo book. June-August 1882.
- Volume: 25.** Account memo book. August-October 1882.
- Volume: 26.** Account memo book. October 1882-January 1883.
- Volume: 27.** Account memo book. January-May 1883.
- Volume: 28.** Account memo book. May-August 1883.
- Volume: 29.** Account memo book. August-November 1883.
- Volume: 30.** Yellow Fever Fund account book. 1878.
- Volume: 31.** Diary. May-June 1862.
Description Cumberland
- Volume: 32.** Diary. April-May 1863.
Description Central Kentucky
- Volume: 33.** Diary. September-November 1863.
Description Chickamauga
- Volume: 34.** Diary. July-November 1866.
Description Indianapolis work
- Volume: 35.** Diary. June-July 1867.
Description Indiana work
- Volume: 36.** Expense book as war correspondent. 1862-1863.
- Volume: 37.** Notes on Army of the Cumberland. 1862.
- Volume: 38.** Notes on Army of the Cumberland. 1862.

Box 7. Record and Diaries. 1864-1867

Volume: 39. Record of Fort Federal Hill, Baltimore. 1864.

Volume: 40. Diary. May-August 1864.

Description National Guard

Volume: 41. Diary. August-November 1864.

Description National Guard

Volume: 42. Diary. November 1864-April 1865.

Description National Guard

Volume: 43. Diary. April-July 1865.

Volume: 44. Diary. July-October 1865.

Volume: 45. Diary. October-December 1865.

Volume: 46. Diary. December 1865-April 1866.

Volume: 47. Diary. April-July 1866.

Volume: 48. Diary. December 1866-February 1867.

Box 8. Ledgers and Diaries. 1860-1902

Volume: 49. Account ledger. 1860-1872.

Volume: 50. Account ledger. 1872-1877.

Volume: 51. Diary. 1885.

Volume: 52. Diary. 1886.

Volume: 53. Diary. 1887.

Volume: 54. Diary. 1888.

Volume: 55. Diary. 1889.

Volume: 56. Diary. 1890.

Volume: 57. Diary. 1891.

Volume: 58. Diary. 1892.

Volume: 59. Diary. 1893.

Volume: 60. Diary. 1894.

Volume: 61. Diary. 1895.

Volume: 62. Diary. 1896.

Volume: 63. Diary. 1897.

Volume: 64. Diary. 1898.

Volume: 65. Diary. 1899.

Volume: 66. Diary. 1900.

Volume: 67. Diary. 1902.

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