

# Alden Partridge Papers

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# Collection Summary

Title: Alden Partridge Papers

Span Dates: 1807-1959

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1817-1842)

Creator: Partridge, Alden, 1785-1854

Extent: 650 items; 4 containers; 1.4 linear feet; 2 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: U.S. Army officer, engineer, educator, and state legislator from Vermont. Principally letters (1817-1842) received by Partridge from students and their parents relating to educational matters at the United States Military Academy, the American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy, and other academies with which Partridge was associated from 1808-1850; letters and documents concerning military activities during the War of 1812, a dispute between Sylvanus Thayer and Partridge over the administration of the United States Military Academy and Partridge's court martial; a library journal; student rolls; and letters or copies of letters written by Partridge, including several to James Monroe.

## 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.

### Personal Names

Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882--Correspondence.

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850--Correspondence.

Gadsden, James, 1788-1858--Correspondence.

Legaré, Hugh Swinton, 1797-1843--Correspondence.

McArthur, Duncan, 1772-1839--Correspondence.

Monroe, James, 1758-1831--Correspondence.

Partridge, Alden, 1785-1854.

Swift, J. G. (Joseph Gardner), 1783-1865--Correspondence.

Thayer, Sylvanus, 1785-1872.

Wolcott, Oliver, 1760-1833--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy.

United States Military Academy.

### Subjects

Courts-martial and courts of inquiry.

Military education--United States.

Military education--Vermont--Norwich.

### Locations

United States--History--War of 1812.

### Occupations

Army officers.

Educators.

Engineers.

Legislators--Vermont.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of Alden Partridge, U.S. Army officer, engineer, educator, and state legislator from Vermont were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1967. Additional material was acquired through gift and purchase, 1966-1986.

### Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Alden Partridge is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions:

The papers of Alden Partridge 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.

### Microfilm:

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on two reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

### Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Alden Partridge Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Alden Partridge (1785-1854) span the years 1807-1959, with the bulk of the material dated between 1817 and 1842. They include correspondence, papers relating to Partridge's court-martial, a library journal, notes, lists, student rolls, and printed matter.

Correspondence to Partridge from students and their parents relates to educational matters at the United States Military Academy and other academies with which Partridge was associated, including the American Literary, Scientific, and Military Academy at Norwich, Vermont, which was later incorporated into Norwich University. Letters and copies of letters written by Partridge include several to James Monroe.

The papers also include material concerning military activities during the War of 1812 and a dispute between Sylvanus Thayer and Partridge over control of the United States Military Academy. The addition is made up of three letters to Partridge, including letters from Levi Woodbury and Oliver Wolcott (1760-1833).

Correspondents include Edmund Burke, John C. Calhoun, James Gadsden, Hugh Swinton Legaré, Duncan MacArthur, J. G. Swift, and Oliver Wolcott (1760-1833).

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material, followed by an addition.

# Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 14,571

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	Court-martial records, 1817-1818
BOX 1 REEL 1	Family correspondence, 1817-1842
BOX 1 REEL 1	Letters by Partridge, 1808-1843
BOX 1 REEL 1	General correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 1	1807-1817  (10 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 1	1818-1825  (10 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 2	1826-1865, 1881-1886, 1892-1910, undated  (18 folders)
BOX 4 REEL 2	Miscellany, 1807-1959, undated
BOX 4 REEL 2	Lists and a speech, 1836
BOX 4 REEL 2	Printed matter
BOX 4 REEL 2	Student rolls and library journal  (2 folders)
BOX 4 not filmed	Addition, 1816, 1823, 1837