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Collection Summary

Title: Daniel Edgar Sickles Papers

Span Dates: 1821-1918

ID No.: MSS39958

Creator: Sickles, Daniel Edgar, 1819-1914

Extent: 1,100 items; 5 containers; 2 linear feet; 8 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: United States Army officer, United States representative from New York and diplomat. Correspondence, speeches, documents, legal and financial papers, clippings, and printed matter, including drafts of reports to the secretary of state while Sickles was serving as minister to Spain (1869-1873) relating, in part, to the Cuban Insurrection and to the *Virginus* affair. Other topics include service as chairman (1868-1912) of the New York Monuments Commission for the Battlefields of Gettysburg and Chattanooga and as a member of the House of Representatives in the 53rd Congress.

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

McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.

Sickles, Daniel Edgar, 1819-1914.

Sickles, George Garrett, 1800-1887--Correspondence.

Sickles, George Stanton, ca. 1872-1939--Correspondence.

Organizations

New York (State). Monuments Commission for the Battlefields of Gettysburg and Chattanooga.

United States. Congress (53rd : 1893-1895). House.

Virginus (Steamer)

Subjects

Chattanooga, Battle of, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1863.

Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863.

Places

Cuba--History--Insurrection, 1868-1878.

Spain--Foreign relations--United States

United States--Foreign relations--Spain.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Monuments.

Occupations

Army officers.

Diplomats.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--New York (State)

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Daniel Edgar Sickles, United States Army officer, United States representative from New York and diplomat, were obtained by purchase and gift, 1900-1971.

Processing History

The Sickles Papers were processed and prepared for microfilming in 1973. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of Daniel Edgar Sickles 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

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1819, Oct. 20	Born, New York, N.Y.
1852	Married Teresa Bagioli (died 1867)
1843	Member New York assembly
1846	Admitted to the bar
1853	Became corporation counsel, New York, N.Y.
1853-1855	Secretary under James Buchanan, United States legation, London, England
1856-1857	Member, New York senate
1857-1861	Democratic representative in Congress
1859	Shot and killed Philip Barton Key, district attorney of the District of Columbia, over domestic affair

1861-1867	Served in United States Army during and after the Civil War as colonel Seventeenth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry and brigadier general and major general of volunteers; wounded and had leg amputated at Battle of Gettysburg
1871	Married Carmina Creagh
1869-1874	Minister to Spain
1886-1888	Chairman, New York Monuments Commission for the Battlefields of Gettysburg and Chattanooga
1888-1889	Chairman, New York State Civil Service Commission
1890	Sheriff, New York, N.Y.
1893-1895	Democratic representative in Congress
1914, May 3	Died, New York., N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Daniel E. Sickles (1819-1914) span the years 1821-1918. The collection consists of correspondence, speeches, documents, legal and financial records, clippings, and printed matter. Included are drafts of reports to the secretary of state while Sickles was serving as minister to Spain (1869-1873) relating, in part, to the Cuban Insurrection and to the *Virginius* affair. Other topics include Sickles's service as chairman (1886-1912) of the New York Monuments Commission for the Battlefields of Gettysburg and Chattanooga and as a member of the House of Representative in the 53rd Congress. Correspondents include Sickles's father, George Garrett Sickles, his son, George Stanton Sickles, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, and Elihu Root. Some of the material consists of transcripts.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,173. Reels 3-5 also available on microfilm shelf no. 16,012

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