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Biography
General James William Denver, born in Virginia in 1817, was an important figure in Democratic Party and national politics throughout the second half of the nineteenth century, until his death in 1892. After his family moved to Ohio in 1830, Denver adopted the series of professions available to young men on the frontier—he taught school in Missouri, and then moved back to Ohio to finish his education at Cincinnati College, where he took a law degree and joined the Bar. While practicing law in Xenia, Ohio in the early 1840s, he bought and edited a newspaper. When the Mexican War broke out, Denver joined the army and served as a captain in the Twelfth Regiment, United States Infantry. He immigrated to California in 1850, where he rose to prominence in politics, serving as State Senator from Trinity and Klamath Counties from 1851-1853, and as Secretary of State from 1853-1855. In August 1852, he killed Edward Gilbert, newspaper editor, in a duel which was the result of a political quarrel. Denver became U.S. Congressman from northern California in 1855, and served one term, through March 3, 1857.

Despite Denver's extensive travels, he courted and, in 1856 married Louise Rombach, a local girl from a prominent family near his home in Clinton County, Ohio. Denver's legal residence and political ambitions would remain focused in Ohio for the rest of his life.

After his term in Congress expired, Denver accepted federal appointments as Commissioner of Indian Affairs on April 17, 1857; then, as Governor of the Kansas Territory in June of that year; and finally, as Commissioner of Indian Affairs again from November 8, 1858 through March 31, 1859. He was commissioned Brigadier General in the Union Army on August 14, 1861, and served in the west during the Civil War until his resignation on March 5, 1863, when he left the army to practice law in Washington, D.C. That would remain his principle occupation for the balance of his life.

Denver was twice mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for the presidency (1876 and 1884), and ran, in 1870 and 1886, unsuccessfully for Congress from his readopted home state of Ohio. During his service as Governor of the Kansas Territory, the city of Denver, Colorado was named for him after he "provided the machinery for the civil organization of Arapahoe County, at the time when the town site was laid out" [DAB].

[Biographical Dictionary of the American Congress, 1774-1961]

Scope and Content

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The letters Denver received from friends, political and business associates, clients, and office-seekers, confirm a sense of him as a man who won and kept the friendship and respect of others. Numerous California correspondents, most prominently William McKendree Gwin and Thomas A. Hendricks, remained in close touch with Denver long after he ceased to participate directly in California politics. Others relied on Denver for advice, influence, and funds; the letters from Mike Delaney and Philip Pendleton reveal Denver's kindness and generosity. Personal friendship, political alliance, and family connections profoundly influenced the conduct of the nation's business, and the letters reveal numerous examples of political insiders plotting the passage of legislation or evaluating the likely success of an electoral bid, and place seekers and unhappy citizens pleading their special cases before Denver in their letters.

Naturally, a man with connections so close to the powers of the Democratic Party attracted legal cases where government influence would be of special use. Denver's cases as discerned through these letters often involved claims against the government, especially claims arising out of Civil War confiscations and services rendered to the Union. Tax litigation, most prominently concerning the cotton tax, was also a specialty of the various Denver legal partnerships. His correspondence reflects the presence of clients and political cronies from all sections of the nation. Denver's interest in investing in new industrial inventions and his receptivity toward speculative mining ventures also are revealed in his business correspondence.

Denver's geographically wide-ranging political career enabled him to establish friendships and construct political alliances in many parts of the country and enhanced his stature as a viable presidential candidate. The correspondence bearing upon Denver's unsuccessful races for the House of Representatives in 1870 and 1886, as well as his two failed bids for the Democratic Presidential nomination, in 1876 and 1884, reveal much of the mechanics and techniques of political organizing and campaigning in the late nineteenth century. Decisions about candidacy, details of how delegates were wooed, professions of support from local party functionaries, and worried letters penned in haste from political conventions are
supplemented by printing bills for political propaganda, pamphlets designed to persuade voters, and adulatory articles from the partisan Democratic press. On a detailed level, there is much of interest to political historians of California, Ohio, and the United States as a whole.

As a veteran of both the Mexican and Civil Wars, "General Denver" remained very attached to his military past. He served as an officer in the Ohio National Guard for many years and his son Will, Jr. followed him into this organization. The collection also documents the efforts of the Veterans of the Mexican War to secure adequate pensions, evidenced both in the correspondence with Alexander M. Kenaday, and among the documents in Series 3.

The Denver family correspondence opens a window on a different aspect of nineteenth century life. The intense bonds that linked the nuclear and extended families of James William and Louise Rombach Denver reveal themselves in these letters. Communication among family members was valued highly and every effort was made to keep Denver abreast of the tiniest details of family life and village gossip while he was working in Washington, D.C. From their earliest years, the Denver children were both expected and eager to remain in regular correspondence with their absent father. Denver evinces a genuine desire to return home to Ohio from his work in the nation’s capital and is obviously unhappy when the flow of letters from home is slow.

Denver relied on his family, especially his own siblings, for advice and aid in politics and business. Most notably, he depended on his brother, Arthur, in Washington D.C., to take care of business and keep him abreast of political news when Denver was home with the family in Wilmington or off on business in New York, Philadelphia or elsewhere. Concerns about appointments, lobbying for the passage of legislation, and jockeying for elective office, as well as the nitty-gritty of legal cases, form the focus of Arthur St. Clair Denver’s letters to his brother. In this political family, family correspondence often includes observations on public life. Notable as well is 20 year old daughter Kate Denver William’s vivid eyewitness account (in a letter to her mother) of Republican James Garfield’s inauguration festivities on March 5, 1881.

The family correspondence also discloses Denver’s warmth, his concern for his family, and a whimsical and philosophical side, including a fondness for composing verse for his wife and children. Denver’s letters to his children show his effort to communicate to them his political ideals and belief in high moral purpose. His wife, Louise Rombach Denver, reveals herself as an astute observer and thoughtful writer. Her correspondence casts light upon the social relations in a small Midwestern city, especially the perspectives of and relations among women of the day.

Boxes 1-3

Series 1: Correspondence of James William Denver, 1846-1892.

Scope and Content Note

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically, and then alphabetically

Divided into 3 sub-series: Incoming, Outgoing, and Letters neither to nor from James William Denver. Letters from an individual writing more than one letter in any year have been chronologically arranged within that year.

Contains letters from Denver’s personal friends and political and business associates including U.S. Senators P.B. Plumb, Joseph Blackburn, and Henry Wilson; U.S. Representatives Samuel Caruthers, R.P.C. Wilson, Willard Hall, and A.B. Greenwood; Secretaries of the Treasury James Guthrie and John Sherman; Secretary of the Interior Robert McClelland; and, Governor George Hoadley of Ohio. Correspondents listed may also be represented in folders for years without lists of correspondents.

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Estill, J. M.
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Gwin, William McKendree, 1805-1885
Haley, Robert
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Metcalf, William
Mouson & Valentine
Patterson, J. A.
Smith, Algernon
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[Stark, William ?]
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[Calluse ?], J. F.  
Della Torre, Peter  
[Dodget ?], W. Clark  
Estill, J. M.  
Faulkner, John  
Henley, Thomas J (Thomas Jefferson), 1810-1865  
Hillard, Benj. F.  
Hughes, James M.  
[Isacks, A. J. ?]  
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Long, J. [D.?]  
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Mackinly, R. B.?  
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Steams, Charles  
Stevenson, E. A.  
[Strohm ?], Isaac  
Thompson, Isaac W.  
[Towner, Noble ?]  
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Chubb Brothers  
Delaney, Mike  
Dickinson, [Daniel] S. (Daniel Stevens), 1800-1866  
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[Milton, John]
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Smoot, Luther R.
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Siocomb, R. W.
Wilson, Henry, 1812-1875
Leet, S. F. 1860
McCarthy, [?]
Ryland, C. T. (Caius Tacitus), 1826-1897
Smith, Eliza S.

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| Sands, J. B. |
| Savage, John S. |
| Smith, Samuel B. |
| [Stark, Wm. W. ?] |
| Stevenson, S. H. |
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| Valentine, E. K. |
| Wilkerson, M. |
| Wilson, Jos[eph] S. |
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| Miswander, Lizzie H. |
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 Blackburne, O. P.
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 Burwell, A.
 Childs, J. J.
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 Haskell, [T.?] E.
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 Thatcher, Thomas
 Wilson, E. W.
 Witkowski, Julius

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 Betts, Madison
 Burwell, A.
 Crosby, Henry R.
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 Glascock, Joseph
 Huntington, [Judge] T. H.
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Davis, John B. C.
Guth, Fr.
Hendricks, Thomas A. (Thomas Andrew), 1819-1885
Howe, David J.
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McKinney, J. F.
Murphy, Charles
Nutt, S[argeant] Prentiss
Reading, R. G.
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Thompson, John G.

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Howe, David J.
Johnson, O. B.
Merrill, Katherine
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Pike, Luther H.
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Smith, Samuel B.
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Williams, L. H.

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Conklin, H. C.
Deuel, Lizzie S.
Jones, J. R.
King, H. I.
Nutt, S[argeant] Prentiss
Peck, Charles F.
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Hoover, William H.
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Perry, Charles A.
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Blackburn, Jo[seph] C. S.
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Dahlgren, Madeleine Vinton, 1825-1898
Fleming, Samuel
Follett, John F.
Grady, C. Powell
Guth, Fr.
Hall, James C.
Harper, Frank
Higgins, Thos. W.
Hinton, Frank P.
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King, C. A.

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1886
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Livingston, J. H.
[Medary S. A.?]
Mitchell, John F.
Nutt, S[argeant] Prentiss
Pendleton, Philip [Maj.]
Reedy, George W.
Robinson, C. W.
Safford, W[illiam] H[arrison], 1821-1903
Walker, Calvin B.
Zachry, James Greer
Ziegler, F. J.
Ziegler, G. W.

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1887
Bradford, J. L.
Crawford, George Addison, 1827-1891
Delaney, Mike
Driskill, Joseph
Goodrich, R. C.
Jenkins, J. [F.?]
Maynard, J. C.
Mitchell, Thomas
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Nutt, S[argeant] Prentiss
Walker, Calvin B.
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1888
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Strong, R. P.
Wheeler, Joseph, 1836-1906

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Hall, Frank, 1836-1917
Hummel, J. S.
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Singleton, James J.
Tucker, John Randolph, 1823-1897
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Box 3, folder 7

undated
Delaney, Mike
Democratic Club of Clarksville 1893?
Gray, W. H.
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Mowry, Sylvester, [1830-1871] 1867?
Rogers, Mrs. Leona [A. E?] 1890-92?
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Savage, John S. 1870
Pike, George A. 1870
Routhe, E. A. 1870
Anderson, T. C. [Col.] 1873
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Choller, M. H. [Maj.] 1888
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Whipple, S. G to Thomas J[efferson] Henley, 1810-1865 1857
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Mix, Charles S. to E. B. French 1862

Box 3, folder 11
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Series 2: Denver Family Correspondence, 1841-1925.

Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged by relationship to James William Denver, and then chronologically.
Divided into 3 sub-series: Incoming, Outgoing, and Miscellaneous Family correspondence.
Miscellaneous family correspondence is divided into letters among family members and
between family members and non-family.
Contains letters between Denver and his wife; those Denver received from his brother,
Arthur St. Claire Denver; Denver's letter to his son, James William Denver, Jr., concerning the
party structure in the United States government; and, daughter Katherine Denver Williams' letter describing the 1881 inauguration of James Garfield.

Subseries 2.1: Incoming Letters, 1841-1892

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Box 4, Lindley, Mary Louise Denver 1880-1882
folder 21
Box 4, Denver, Matthew 1878-1882
folder 22
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2.3.1: Among Family Members

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Box 5, folder 21
Lindley, Mary Louise Denver to Louise Rombach Denver 1880-1885

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Denver children joint letters to Louise Rombach Denver 1880

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2.3.2: Between Family Members and Non-family

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to Kate Denver Williams 1878-1914

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to Mary Louise Denver Lindley 1876-1894

to Matthew Denver 1880-1925

Box 6, folder 28-29
Denver, Louise Rombach to miscellaneous non-family 1877-1893

Series 3: Personal Papers, 1832-1908, undated

Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.

Includes poems and short essays by James William Denver; miscellaneous personal and family papers; miscellaneous legal documents, especially some concerned with Cotton Tax litigation; documents relating to meetings and viewpoints of the Mexican War Veterans Association; and newspaper clippings, including articles from Ohio newspapers bearing on Denver's political campaigns and numerous obituaries from newspapers around the country.

Box 6, folder 6-7
Poems by James William Denver circa 1866-1885

Box 6, folder 8
Outline on Reconstruction by James William Denver undated

Box 6, folder 9
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Box 6, folder 10
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Box 6, folder 11
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Box 6, folder 12
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Oversize folder 1A
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