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BIOGRAPHY
Edward Lander (1816-1907) was born in Salem, Mass. and died in Washington, D. C. He graduated from Harvard in 1835 and then studied law. In 1841 he moved to Indiana where he was a prosecuting attorney for eight counties. At the outbreak of the Mexican War he enlisted and raised a company of light infantry which later served with Gen. Taylor's Army. He was honorably discharged in 1848. In 1850 he was appointed to the Indiana Court of Common Appeals. In 1853 he was appointed by President Franklin Pierce to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory. In 1857, he
declined reappointment and became counsel for the Hudson Bay Company in a case heard before the International Commission at Washington in 1865-70. Henceforth he practiced law in the nation's capitol.

Frederick Lander (1822-1862) was born in Salem and died as a result of wounds received fighting in the Civil War. In 1854 Frederick became Chief Civil Engineer for Gov. Stevens, and explored the headwaters of the Mississippi to Puget Sound to find a pass for the Pacific Railroad.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The papers of Edward Lander consist of a photograph of the bust of Edward; letters from his father and relatives, 1853-1858; miscellaneous legal, military and financial documents; political and military broadsides; printed speeches and poems; and numerous clippings.

The papers of Frederick Lander include six letters to Frederick or by him (two of the letters are by Frederick to Edward). There are a considerable number of clippings relating to Lander's activities in Washington and the Northwest; and the Civil War.

The collection also includes a few items pertaining to a sister Louisa.

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**Frederick W. Lander. Papers**

2. ND. NP. Photograph. Ip. containing two portraits of Lander, a poem by Lander and a poem about him.
3. ND. "Virginia Dare" reprint Ip. poem by F.W. Lander.
8. ND. Envelope to Uncle Fred with 3 photos of General Lander.
11. 1853. Nov. 2. NP. Clipping discovery of the Northwest Passage by Capt. McClure.
17. ND. clip. 2pp. interview with F. Lander and wife by N.P. Willis.
18. 1862(early). ND. clip biographical sketch of F. Lander after wound, before death.
22. ND. Clip from Wash. Territory re: difficulties with surveying during the Indian Wars.
24. 15 clippings re: General Lander's death and the battle which caused it.
27. ND. small notice re: Mrs. J. Pierce [F. Lander's sister].
28. Copy of a legislative bill "To provide for the construction of a Railroad from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean" empowering F.W. Lander to build the railroad.
29. ND. 3 clippings re: The Pacific Railroad.
30. 1856.2 clippings re: “Affairs in Oregon” pertaining to Governor Stevens and his arrest of Judge F.W. Lander.
31. ND. 4 clippings re: the contested will of Mr. Codman.
32. 2 photographs of 4pp. explanation of the Statue of Virginia Dare, sculpted by Miss Louisa Lander.
33. 1 photograph. Louisa Lander’s statue of Virginia Dare with a clipping re: Louisa Lander’s activities in Rome and her next project.
34. 2 mounted clippings plus address of F.W. Lander. All pertain to the Pacific Wagon Road and the first proposal for the Pacific Railroad.

Box 1, Folder 2

Edward Lander. Letters and Legal Papers.
4. 1853 Dec. 3. Salem. “Father to Frederick W. Lander” Olympia ALS, 2 1/2pp. with self cover
5. 1854. Jan. 4. Salem. Father to F.W.L. (Olympia?) ALS, 4pp. (with attached clippings)
8. 1858. May 10. Salem, Father to Sarah and Louisa. NP. ALS. 2pp
24. ND. Printed circular from Wm Webster “to Merchants…”

Box 1, Folder 3

Edward Lander. Newspapers and clippings
3. 1844. Aug. 30. Shelbyville, Ind. The Indiana Sun newspaper, 4pp
4. 1856. Oct. 13. Salem Register. newspaper, with name of Edward Lander handwritten on first page. 2pp
5-7. ND. Three small clippings re: Justice Lander and Gen. Lander.
16. (1856?) Olympia, W.T. Pioneer and Democrat. newspaper fragment. 2pp
28. ND. NP. Photograph of bust of Judge Lander with two obituary notices.