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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Records Description

These records consist of volumes and unbound records. The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by the Freedmen's Bureau by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that are not in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of endorsements sent and received, registers of letters received, press copies of letters sent, letters sent, special orders issued, registers of complaints, and registers of contracts. The unbound documents consist of letters received, registered letters received, receipts, accounts, affidavits and settlements, reports of persons and articles hired, and miscellaneous records. Note: The single letter comprising the series Letters Received from Houston, for January 1865, is missing.

Some of the volumes contain more than one type of record, reflecting a common recording practice of clerks and staff officers in that period. For example, 4.36.2.1, Endorsements Sent from Richmond, vol. 1 (146), also contains a register of complaints and a register of contracts. Researchers should read carefully the records descriptions and arrangements in the finding aid to make full use of these records.

Historical Note

[The following is reproduced from the original NARA descriptive pamphlet for M1912.]

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3, 1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts. Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other subordinate staff officers, he prepared reports that he sent to the

Commissioner concerning Bureau activities in areas under his jurisdiction. The Assistant Commissioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "General Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress approved June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366), effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU IN TEXAS

ORGANIZATION

Brig. Gen. Edgar M. Gregory, the first Assistant Commissioner of Texas, established his headquarters at Galveston in September 1865. Brig. Gen. Joseph Kiddoo relieved Gregory in May 1866 and was himself succeeded by Maj. Gen. Charles Griffin in January 1867. When Griffin died in office in September 1867, Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Reynolds assumed the duties of Assistant Commissioner but was absent from actual duty until November 1867; in the interim, Lt. Charles Garretson, the acting assistant adjutant general, acted as Assistant Commissioner. Upon his arrival, Reynolds moved the headquarters from Galveston to Houston, where it remained until the Bureau ended its operations in the state. In January 1869, Maj. Gen. Edward R. S. Canby succeeded Reynolds who subsequently resumed office in April and served until the Bureau, except for the Superintendent of Education, withdrew from Texas in December 1870.

Beginning in 1867, the Assistant Commissioner of Texas also served as the military commander of the state. Although the Assistant Commissioners created and received records in both aspects of their dual capacities, they appear to have maintained separate sets of records for each. The records that they created and received as military commanders of Texas are among the Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821–1920, RG 393, and are not reproduced in this publication.

ACTIVITIES

Although the Freedmen's Bureau did not begin operations in Texas until September 1865, its major activities there generally resembled those conducted in other states. The Bureau provided relief, supervised labor contracts between planters and freedmen, administered justice, and worked with benevolent societies in the establishment of schools. The Freedmen's Bureau's relief efforts in Texas were minimal and consisted chiefly of issuing food and medicine. Freedmen received beef and pork, bread, peas, corn, coffee, and tea. By fall 1866, the Texas Bureau limited rations to hospitals and asylums. The Bureau established only one hospital in the state, and it survived less than one year.¹

The regulation of written labor agreements between planters and freedmen was a major concern of the Freedmen's Bureau in Texas. When Brig. Gen. Edgar M. Gregory assumed his duties as Assistant Commissioner in September 1865, he found the existing labor contract system, established by Union Army Gen. Gordon Granger, in trouble. Blacks distrusted planters for fear of being re–enslaved, but also delayed signing contracts in the belief that on Christmas 1865 the Federal Government planned to distribute lands of former owners to them. Planters believed that freedmen were "lazy" and would not work unless coerced, and some who entered into labor agreements with freedmen cheated them of their wages and shares of the crops. Gregory attempted to promote cooperation, informing freedmen that while they would be allowed to work for whomever they please, "a life of idleness [would] not be encouraged or allowed." Planters were told that their success was tied directly to the fair and just treatment of freedmen, and any person or persons who acted to the contrary would be arrested and punished.²

In May 1866, the Assistant Commissioner sought to protect both planters and freedmen from individuals who attempted to persuade blacks to break their contracts under the pretext of higher wages. New orders specified that anyone convicted of such practices could be fined as much as \$500, and freedmen enticed away from fair agreements were subject to fines not to exceed \$25. Assistant Commissioners' efforts to eliminate the distrust among freedmen and planters fell short, but most areas of the state reported an increase in contract signings by spring 1868.³

Safeguarding rights and securing justice for freedmen was also a Bureau priority. Following the Civil War, several Southern states enacted a series of laws, commonly known as "black codes," that restricted the rights and legal status of freedmen. Freedmen were often given harsh sentences for petty crimes and in some instances were unable to get their cases heard in state courts. In 1866, the 11th Texas Legislature enacted a series of laws that restricted freedmen in matters of labor, vagrancy, apprenticeship, court testimony, property ownership, and a number of other areas. The Bureau could not effectively address these restrictive laws due to jurisdictional claims that often overlapped with those of the civil courts and the U. S. military. Civil courts claimed jurisdiction over all criminal cases, and military officials reserved the right to handle cases involving soldiers and Federal Government personnel. The Bureau claimed exclusive authority over all cases involving freedmen. To advance its claim, the Bureau established three–member courts consisting of a subordinate chosen by the Assistant Commissioner and two civilians, one selected by each party involved in a given case. Bureau courts could impose fines up to \$100 and prison sentences of as much as 30 days. Convictions could be appealed to the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner, the Secretary of War, and the President of the United States.⁴

However, with limited military power and the inability to enforce decisions and protect freedmen from being "maltreated and murdered," the Bureau was forced to transfer most of its cases to civil courts. The agency was limited to trying only those cases involving whippings and beatings. In January 1867, Assistant Commissioner Charles Griffin ordered his subordinates to direct all criminal cases to civil officials. Bureau agents could, however, advise blacks who were involved in civil cases. On November 29, 1867, Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, Fifth District Military Commander, brought Bureau judicial activities to a halt.⁵

The Bureau officially began its educational efforts in Texas with the appointment of E. M. Wheelock as superintendent of schools in October 1865. Wheelock served until February 1867, when he became inspector of schools, a position he held until June 1867. Others holding the position of superintendent of schools included Lt. I. P. Kirkman (Mar.–Oct. 1867); Lt. Charles Garretson (Oct.–Nov. 1867); E. M. Wheelock (Nov. 1867–Apr. 1868); Rev. Joseph Welch and E. C. Bartholomew, acting superintendent (1869 and 1870); Louis Stevenson (Mar.–July 1870); and Bartholomew (July–Dec. 1870), until all Bureau officers were withdrawn from Texas in December 1870.

The Bureau established and maintained schools and examined and appointed teachers. It paid teachers' salaries, provided for their transportation, and paid for construction and repair of school buildings and for the rent of properties used for educational purposes. Private organizations and individuals also established and financed freedmen's schools in Texas. Many schools were established by local whites and freedmen, although subsequently the Bureau provided them direction and support. The American Missionary Association provided some of the pay for teachers it recruited, and salaries were partially subsidized by

contributions from freedmen. By Bureau policy, subscriptions were to be solicited from freedmen whenever possible for establishing schools, and tuition was to be charged for each student in attendance.

The schools maintained by the Bureau in Texas included day schools for children, night schools for adults, and Sunday schools for both groups. Reporting only one freedmen school and 80 students in September 1865, the Bureau reported in summer 1866 that the number of schools had increased to 72, with an enrollment of more than 4,300 pupils. The school regulations devised by the office of the superintendent of education specified that reading, writing, and arithmetic were vital to the success of freedmen; and those subjects received the greatest emphasis in most Bureau schools. Teachers were recruited from the local white population, freedmen themselves, and from the North by freedmen's aid societies. In 1867, to increase the Bureau's educational fund, Assistant Commissioner Joseph Kiddoo instructed his subassistant commissioners to charge both planters and freedmen a fee for labor contracts they approved. Kiddoo also worked out an agreement with the American Missionary Association to provide more teachers in Texas. Between 1868 and 1870, despite a slight decline in teacher recruitment and student enrollment, the Bureau's education programs remained reasonably stable. The Bureau's educational activities in Texas ceased as of December 1870.⁶

ENDNOTES

1 Diane Neal and Thomas W. Kremm, "'What Shall We Do With the Negro?' The Freedmen's Bureau in Texas," *East Texas Historical Journal* 27, No. 2 (1989): 25; see also Senate Ex. Doc. No. 6, 39th Cong., 2nd Sess., Serial Vol. 1276, 153 – 155.

2 Neal and Kremm, "What Shall We Do With the Negro?," 26, 27; see also Circular No. 1, October 12, 1865, Vol. 9 (Texas), reproduced on Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Texas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1869 (National Archives Microfilm Publication M821, Roll 19), Record Group 105, National Archives, Washington, DC.

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5 Neal and Kremm, "What Shall We Do With the Negro?" 25; see also Barry A. Crouch, "A Spirit of Lawlessness: White Violence; Texas Blacks, 1865–1868," *Journal of Social History* 18, No. 2 (Winter 1984), 217 – 232.

6 James Smallwood, "Black Education in Reconstruction Texas: The Contributions of the Freedmen's Bureau and Benevolent Societies," *East Texas Historical Journal* 19, No. 1 (1981), 17 – 40; see also Senate Ex. Doc. No. 6, 39th Cong., 2nd Sess., 148 – 150.

Freedmen's Bureau Personnel in Texas

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices for Texas. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment–related records.

AUSTIN

<i>Oct. 1866–Feb. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Byron Porter
<i>Feb. 1867–Apr. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner James Oakes
<i>Apr.–June 1868 and Aug.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Clarence Mauck

<i>June–Nov. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Ebenezer Gay
BASTROP	
<i>Feb. 1867–Apr. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Byron Porter
<i>May–Aug. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner W. H. Horton
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner David S. Beath
BEAUMONT	
<i>June 1867–Nov. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. H. Archer
BELTON	
<i>July–Oct. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Mathew Young
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles C. Stiles
BOSTON	
<i>July 1867–Oct. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner William G. Kirkman
BRENHAM	
<i>Apr.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner F. P. Wood
BROWNSVILLE	
<i>Apr.–Aug. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles H. Morse
<i>Aug. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Joseph J. Reynolds
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner R. S. Mackenzie
BRYAN	
<i>June–Dec. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner N. H. Handlett (at Courtney)
<i>Feb. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner De Witt Brown (at Navasota)
<i>May 1867–Jan. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner N. H. Handlett (at Anderson)
<i>Mar.–May 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner N. H. Handlett
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner James Gillette
CENTERVILLE	
<i>Mar.–July 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Fred W. Reinhard
<i>July 1867–Jan. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. H. Bradford
<i>Feb. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Edwin Turnock
CLARKSVILLE	
<i>Dec. 1867–July 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner (See Marlin)
<i>Sept.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner George Sharkley
CLINTON	
<i>Apr. 1867–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Hiram Clark
COLUMBIA	
<i>Jan. 1866–May 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner James Hutchison
<i>May–June 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner John F. Stokes
<i>June–Oct. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner P. F. Duggan
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner A. F. N. Rolfe
<i>Jan.–Nov. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Arthur B. Honer
COLUMBUS	
<i>Apr.–July 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. Ernest Goodman

<i>Nov. 1866 and Jan. 1867–Feb. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Enon M. Harris
<i>Feb.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Louis W. Stevenson
COTTON GIN	
<i>Apr.–June 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner A. F. Manning
<i>June–Oct. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles E. Culver
<i>Dec. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner James T. Hill
<i>Jan.–Mar. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Robert P. Wilson
<i>Aug.–Sept. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner David S. Beath
<i>Oct.–Nov. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner T. M. K. Smith
CROCKETT	
<i>May 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Louis H. Jacobs
<i>Aug.–Oct. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner F. W. Reinhard
<i>Sept.–Oct. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner D. S. Hunsaker
<i>Sept.–Nov. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Henry C. Lacy
<i>Nov. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner James Gilchrist
GALVESTON	
<i>Jan.–May 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner A. Doubleday
<i>June–July 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Henry Norton
<i>Aug. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner T. J. Kratz
<i>Sept. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner E. M. Wheelock
<i>Nov. 1867–Apr. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner G. M. Bascom
<i>May–Aug. and Nov. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner George H. Cram
HALLETTSVILLE	
<i>May–June 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. Albert Saylor
<i>Oct. 1866–Apr. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner W. H. Hiestand
<i>May 1867–Mar. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Phineas Stevens
HOUSTON	
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1865</i>	Superintendent and Provost Marshal I. C. De Gress
<i>Dec. 1865–Jan. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner George Gladwin
<i>Jan.–Sept. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Byron Porter
<i>Sept. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner H. H. Edlefron
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner I. C. De Gress
<i>Jan.–June 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Walter B. Pease
<i>June–Oct. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. D. O'Connell
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner William M. Van Horn
<i>Jan.–Mar. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Walter B. Pease
<i>Mar.–June 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner William M. Van Horn
<i>June–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner M. E. Davis
HUNTSVILLE	

<i>Oct. 1866–June 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner James C. Devine
<i>June 1867–May 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner James P. Butler
LIBERTY	
<i>Aug. 1866–Feb. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner A. H. Mayer
<i>Mar.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner A. H. Cox
LOCKHART	
<i>June–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Thomas H. Baker
MARLIN	
<i>Jan.–Nov. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner F. B. Sturgis
<i>Aug.–Dec. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles F. Rand (at Gilmer)
<i>Dec. 1867–July 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles F. Rand (at Clarksville)
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles F. Rand
MARSHAL	
<i>Dec. 1866–May 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles F. Rand
<i>May 1867–Mar. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Adam G. Malloy
<i>Apr.–Sept. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner T. M. K. Smith
<i>Sept.–Oct. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner H. Sweeney
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner E. C. Henshaw
MATAGORDA	
<i>May–Sept. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner William Garretson
MERIDIAN	
<i>Jan. 1866–Jan. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Philip Howard
NACOGDOCHES	
<i>Oct.–Nov. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner T. M. K. Smith
<i>May–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Alex Ferguson
PALESTINE	
<i>Dec. 1868–Jan. 1869</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Alfred Hedberg
RICHMOND	
<i>Jan.–July 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Sam C. Sloan
<i>Oct.–Nov. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles C. Hardenbrook
<i>Aug.–Oct. 1866 and Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner William H. Rock
SAN ANTONIO	
<i>June–Sept. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Joseph Ferguson
<i>Nov. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner F. B. Sturgis
<i>Mar.–May 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Edward W. Whittemore
<i>May 1867–Sept. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner John S. Mason
<i>Sept.–Oct. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. W. Eckles
<i>Oct.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. R. Fitch
SEGUIN	
<i>Jan.–Oct. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner George W. Smith

<i>Oct. 1867–Mar. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner E. W. Whittemore
<i>June–Sept. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner C. C. Raymond
STERLING	
<i>Sept. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Lemuel K. Morton
<i>Apr. 1867–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. L. Randall
SUMPTER	
<i>Sept.–Nov. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner H. S. Johnson
<i>Apr.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles Schmidt
TYLER	
<i>Mar. 1867–Mar. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner David L. Montgomery
<i>Mar.–Sept. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Gregory Barrett, Jr.
<i>Oct.–Nov. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner W. T. Hartz
<i>Nov.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Horace Jewett
WACO	
<i>Jan.–Feb. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner A. F. Manning
<i>Feb.–Mar. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Edwin Mauck
<i>Mar.–Apr. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner A. W. Evans
<i>Apr.–Nov. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner James Jay (J.J.) Emerson
<i>Dec. 1867–Mar. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Emerson D. F. Stiles
<i>Mar.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles Haughn
WHARTON	
<i>Jan.–July 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner J. W. McConaughy
<i>Nov. 1866</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Charles F. Rand
<i>Dec. 1866–Feb. 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner W. H. Horton
<i>Apr.–May 1867</i>	Subassistant Commissioner De Witt Brown
<i>June 1867–Jan. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Ira H. Evans
<i>Feb.–Dec. 1868</i>	Subassistant Commissioner Nesbit B. Jenkins

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

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Container Listing

Series 1: List of Book Records

1.1: State of Texas

Scope and Contents: The single-volume list of book records of officers in the State of Texas (no date) is arranged by office, with records of the Assistant Commissioner and his staff first, followed alphabetically by locations of the subdistrict offices. Included in the list of book records are the type of record in each book or volume, the dates of the volume, and the volume number. Throughout this introductory material and in the table of contents, the AGO volume number appears in parentheses in the series descriptions of the records.

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Series 2: Offices of the Assistant Commissioner

2.1: Headquarters

2.1.1: [Unidentified Volume Relating to Patients and Accounts, 1866–68](#)

Notes: The unidentified volume relating to patients and accounts covers the period 1866–1868. The volume is unnumbered.

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Series 3: Offices of Staff Officers

3.1: Quartermaster and Disbursing Officer

3.1.1: Press Copies of Letters Sent

Notes: The ten volumes of press copies of letters sent, December 1865–October 1866 and March 1867–May 1869, 1 (27), 2 (28), 3 (29), 4 (30), 5 (31), 6 (32), 7 (33), 8 (34), 9 (35), and 10 (36), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes.

3.1.1.1: Volume 1 (27), Dec. 1865–Oct. 1866

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3.1.1.9: Volume 9 (35), Nov. 1868–Feb. 1869

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3.1.1.10: Volume 10 (36), Feb.–May 1869

3.1.2: Endorsements Sent and Received

Notes: The single volume of endorsements sent and received, January 1868–April 1869 (37), is arranged in chronological order and numbered. The volume has a name index. For endorsements sent and received from May 1866 to Dec. 1867, see volume 1 (25) of the two–volume series of registers of letters received, May 1866–May 1869, described below.

3.1.2.1: [Volume \(37\), Jan. 1868–Apr. 1869](#)

3.1.3: Registers of Letters Received

Notes: The two volumes of registers of letters received, May 1866–May 1869, 1 (25) and 2 (26), are arranged in chronological order and numbered. Volume 2 (26) has a name index. Volume 1 (25) also contains endorsements sent and received (May 1866–Dec. 1867).

3.1.3.1: [Volume 1 \(25\), May 1866–Dec. 1867](#)

3.1.3.2: [Volume 2 \(26\), Jan. 1868–May 1869](#)

3.1.4: Registered Letters Received

Notes: Unbound registered letters received, May 1866–May 1869, are arranged according to their entry in the two volumes of registers of letters received, 1 (25) and 2 (26), described above.

3.1.4.1: Registered Letters Received, May 1866–July 1868

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3.1.4.2: [Registered Letters Received, July 1868–May 1869](#)

3.1.5: Letters Received, Jan. 1866–Dec. 1867 and Sept. 1868–May 1869

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Notes: Unbound letters received, January 1866–December 1867 and September 1868–May 1869, are arranged chronologically.

3.1.6: Reports of Persons and Articles Hired

Notes: Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, November 1865–April 1870, are arranged chronologically by month. Reports for 1869 consist only of consolidated reports.

3.1.6.1: [Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Nov. 1865–Jan. 1867](#)

3.1.6.2: Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Oct. 1866–Dec. 1867

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3.1.6.3: Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Dec. 1867–Apr. 1870

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3.1.7: Letters Received Acknowledging Receipt of Checks, July 1868–May 1869

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Notes: Unbound letters received acknowledging receipt of checks, July 1868–May 1869, are arranged chronologically.

3.1.8: [Orders for Transportation, Feb. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound orders for transportation, February 1867–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

3.1.9: Accounts

Notes: The six volumes of accounts, September 1865–July 1869, 1 (40), 2 (41), 3 (42), 4 (43), 5 (44), and 6 (unnumbered), are arranged by type of account or name of supplier.

3.1.9.1: [Volume 1 \(40\), Oct. 1865–Sept. 1867](#)3.1.9.2: [Volume 2 \(41\), Oct. 1865–Aug. 1868](#)3.1.9.3: [Volume 3 \(42\), Sept. 1865–Aug. 1868](#)3.1.9.4: [Volume 4 \(43\), July 1868–July 1869](#)3.1.9.5: [Volume 5 \(44\), March 1867–June 1868](#)3.1.9.6: [Volume 6 \(Unnumbered\), May 1866–July 1868](#)

3.1.10: Miscellaneous Records, 1865–69

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Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–1869, are arranged by type of record. This series contains returns of quartermaster stores, consolidated returns of stores, reports relating to accounts current, and canceled checks on the First National Bank of Texas.

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Series 4: Subordinate Field Offices

4.1: Austin (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.1.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The two volumes of letters sent, October 1866–December 1868, 1 (48) and 2 (49), are arranged in general chronological order. Volume 1 (48) also contains accounts (June 1866–February 1867).

4.1.1.1: [Volume 1 \(48\), Oct. 1866–May 1867](#)

4.1.1.2: [Volume 2 \(49\), May 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.1.2: Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The two volumes of registers received and endorsements, July 1866–December 1868, 1 (46) and 2 (47), are arranged chronologically.

4.1.2.1: [Volume 1 \(46\), July 1866–May 1867](#)

4.1.2.2: [Volume 2 \(47\), May 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.1.3: Registered Letters Received, July 1866–Dec. 1868

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Notes: Unbound registered letters received, July 1866–December 1868, are arranged according to their entry in the two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements described above.

4.1.4: [Letters Received, 1866–1868](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, 1866–1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.1.5: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, June 1867–December 1868 (52), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes letters sent.

4.1.5.1: [Volume \(52\), June 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.1.6: Register of Contracts

Notes: The single-volume register of contracts, July–August 1866 (51), is arranged chronologically by date of approval. This volume also contains a register of complaints (October 1866–December. 1868).

4.1.6.1: [Volume \(51\), July–Aug. 1866](#)

4.2: Bastrop (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.2.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The two volumes of letters sent, February 1867–December 1868, 1 (60) and 2 (61), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (61) also contains two other sets of letters sent (October–December, 1868): those sent to Commissioner Howard and those sent through the assistant adjutant general.

4.2.1.1: [Volume 1 \(60\), Feb. 1867–Feb. 1868](#)

4.2.1.2: [Volume 2 \(61\), Mar.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.2.2: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, February 1867–December 1868 (59), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.2.2.1: [Volume \(59\), Feb. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.2.3: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, February 1867–December 1868 (62), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.2.3.1: [Volume \(62\), Feb. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.3: Beaumont (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.3.1: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, May 1867–November 1868 (63), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains special orders issued (June–July 1867 and January 1868) and a register of complaints (March 1867–November 1868).

4.3.1.1: [Volume \(63\), May 1867–Nov. 1868](#)

4.4: Belton (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.4.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The volume of letters sent, July–December 1867 (53), is arranged chronologically.

4.4.1.1: [Volume \(53\), July–Dec. 1867](#)

4.4.2: [Letters Received, Nov.–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, November–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.4.3: Registers of Complaints

Notes: The two volumes of registers of complaints, May 1867–February 1868, 1 (54) and 2 (55), are arranged chronologically.

4.4.3.1: [Volume 1 \(54\), May 1867–Feb. 1868](#)

4.4.3.2: [Volume 2 \(55\), July–Nov. 1867](#)

4.5: Boston (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.5.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The two volumes of letters sent, July 1867–October 1868, 1 (67) and 2 (68), are arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.5.1.1: [Volume 1 \(67\), July–Dec. 1867](#)

4.5.1.2: [Volume 2 \(68\), Dec. 1867–Oct. 1868](#)

4.5.2: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, July 1867–September 1868 (66), is arranged chronologically.

4.5.2.1: [Volume \(66\), July 1867–Sept. 1868](#)

4.5.3: [Registered Letters Received, July 1867–Sept. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound registered letters received, July 1867–September 1868, are arranged according to their entry in the single-volume register of letters received and endorsements (66) described above.

4.5.4: [Letters Received, Aug. 1867–Aug. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, August 1867–August 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.5.5: Orders and Circulars Issued

Notes: The single volume of orders and circulars issued, July 1867–July 1868 (69), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.5.5.1: [Volume \(69\), July 1867–July 1868](#)

4.5.6: [Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, May–Aug. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, May–August 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.5.7: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, July 1867–June 1868 (70), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

The volume also contains accounts, affidavits, and court records.

4.5.7.1: [Volume \(70\), July 1867–June 1868](#)

4.5.8: Affidavits and Settlements, July 1867–Sept. 1868

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Notes: Unbound affidavits and settlements, July 1867–September 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.6: Brenham (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.6.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, April–December 1868 (64), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.6.1.1: [Volume \(64\), Apr.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.6.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, April–December 1868 (65), is arranged chronologically.

4.6.2.1: [Volume \(65\), Apr.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.7: Brownsville (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.7.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, April–December 1867, is unnumbered and arranged chronologically.

4.7.1.1: [1 Volume, Apr.–Dec. 1867](#)

4.8: Bryan (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.8.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, November 1866–March 1868 and October–December 1868 (57), is arranged chronologically.

4.8.1.1: [Volume \(57\), \(bulk Nov. 1866–Mar. 1868 and Oct.–Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.8.2: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, October–December 1868 (56), is arranged chronologically. The register also contains accounts at Courtney (June–December 1866) and at Anderson (December 1867–January 1868).

4.8.2.1: [Volume \(56\), Oct.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.8.3: [Letters Received and Receipts, Oct.–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received and receipts, October–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.8.4: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, 1866–1868 (58), is arranged chronologically. This register also contains complaints at Millican from June 1866 to August 1867.

4.8.4.1: [Volume \(58\), 1866–68](#)

4.9: Centerville (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.9.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, March 1867–February 1868 (88), is arranged chronologically.

4.9.1.1: [Volume \(88\), Mar. 1867–Feb. 1868](#)

4.9.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, July–October 1867 (89), is arranged chronologically.

4.9.2.1: [Volume \(89\), July–Oct. 1867](#)

4.10: Clarksville (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.10.1: Letters Sent and a Register of Letters Received with Endorsements

Notes: The single volume of letters sent and a register of letters received with endorsements, October–December 1868 (83), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

4.10.1.1: [Volume \(83\), Oct.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.10.2: [Letters Received, Sept.–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, September–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.10.3: [Miscellaneous Records, 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, 1868, are arranged by type of record. Included are reports of persons and articles hired, statements of money received, and reports of conditions and operations.

4.11: Clinton (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.11.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, June 1867–December 1868 (82), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains a register of fines and sentences and a register of contracts.

4.11.1.1: [Volume 1 \(82\), June 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.11.2: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements (81) covers the period April 1867–December 1868. The entries in the volume are arranged by the initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered. The volume has a name index.

4.11.2.1: [Volume 2 \(81\), Apr. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.11.3: [Letters Received, Apr. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, April 1867–December 1868, are arranged as they are entered in the single-volume register of letters received and endorsements (81) described above. There are unregistered letters at the end of this series.

4.12: Columbia (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.12.1: Letters Sent and Registers of Letters Received with Endorsements

Notes: The two volumes of letters sent and registers of letters received with endorsements, January 1867–November 1868, 1 (77) and 2 (78), are arranged by time period, thereunder by type of record, and thereunder chronologically. Volume 1 (77) also contains a register of complaints (May–September 1866).

4.12.1.1: [Volume 1 \(77\), Jan.–Apr. 1867](#)

4.12.1.2: [Volume 2 \(78\), Apr. 1867–Nov. 1868](#)

4.12.2: Letters Received, Jan. 1866–Dec. 1868

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Notes: Unbound letters received, January 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.12.3: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, April 1867–November 1868 (80), is arranged chronologically.

4.12.3.1: [Volume \(80\), Apr. 1867–Nov. 1868](#)

4.12.4: Register of Contracts

Notes: The single-volume register of contracts, 1866–1868 (79), is arranged by name of planter and thereunder numerically. The volume has a name index.

4.12.4.1: [Volume \(79\), 1866–68](#)

4.12.5: [Miscellaneous Records, Oct. 1865–July 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, October 1865–July 1868, are arranged by type of record. Included are bonds, court records, and petitions.

4.13: Columbus (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.13.1: Letters Sent

Notes: Unbound letters sent, April–July and November 1866, and January–April 1867 (72), are arranged chronologically. The volume has a name index.

4.13.1.1: [Volume \(72\), \(bulk Apr.–July and Nov. 1866 and Jan.–Apr. 1867\)](#)

4.13.2: Press Copies of Letters Sent

Notes: The two volumes of press copies of letters sent, April 1867–December 1868, 1 (73) and 2 (74), are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index.

4.13.2.1: [Volume 1 \(73\), Apr. 1867–Feb. 1868](#)

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4.13.2.2: [Volume 2 \(74\), Feb.–Dec. 1868](#)

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4.13.3: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single volume of letters received and endorsements, January–May 1867 and March–December 1868 (71), is arranged chronologically. It has a name index.

4.13.3.1: [Volume \(71\), \(bulk Jan.–May 1867 and Mar.–Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.13.4: Letters Received

Notes: Unbound letters received, May 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.13.4.1: [Letters Received, May 1866–June 1867](#)

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Notes: Unbound monthly school reports, March–November 1867 and July–November 1868, are arranged chronologically with undated reports at the end.

4.13.6: [Register of Complaints](#)

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, April 1867–November 1868 (75), is arranged chronologically.

4.13.6.1: [Volume \(75\), Apr. 1867–Nov. 1868](#)4.13.7: [Miscellaneous Records, Dec. 1865–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, December 1865–December 1868, are arranged by type of record. This series includes contracts for repairing schoolhouses, accounts, bills of lading, special orders received, indentures, certificates, and bonds.

4.14: Cotton Gin (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.14.1: [Letters Sent](#)

Notes: The two volumes of letters sent, April–October and December 1867, February–March and August–November 1868, 1 (86) and 2 (87), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (87) also contains a register of complaints (October–November 1868).

4.14.1.1: [Volume 1 \(86\), Apr.–Oct. and Dec. 1867, Feb.–Mar. and Aug.–Nov. 1868](#)4.14.1.2: [Volume 2 \(87\), Sept. 1868](#)

4.15: Courtney (See Bryan)

4.16: Crockett (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.16.1: [Letters Sent](#)

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, May–November 1867 and September–November 1868 (84), is arranged chronologically.

4.16.1.1: [Volume \(84\), \(bulk May–Nov. 1867 and Sept.–Nov. 1868\)](#)4.16.2: [Register of Complaints](#)

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, August–December 1867 and September–November 1868 (85), is arranged chronologically.

4.16.2.1: [Volume \(85\), \(bulk Aug.–Dec. 1867 and Sept.–Nov. 1868\)](#)

4.17: Galveston (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.17.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The three volumes of letters sent, January 1867–November 1868, 1 (93), 2 (94), and 3 (96), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (93) also contains endorsements sent and received (July–September 1867 and May 1868), and Volume 3 (96) is actually a register of complaints with a name index (June 1866–July 1868).

4.17.1.1: [Volume 1 \(93\), Jan. 1867–June 1868](#)

4.17.1.2: [Volume 2 \(94\), June–Nov. 1868](#)

4.17.1.3: [Volume 3 \(96\), June 1866–July 1868](#)

4.17.2: Registers of Letters Received

Notes: The three volumes of registers of letters received, May 1866–September 1868, 1 (90), 2 (91), and 3 (92), are arranged by time periods. The entries for the period May 1866–June 1867 are arranged by the initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered; the remaining entries are arranged chronologically. The series includes endorsements for the periods May 1866–June 1867 and June–October 1868.

4.17.2.1: [Volume 1 \(90\), May 1866–July 1867](#)

4.17.2.2: [Volume 2 \(91\), July 1867–May 1868](#)

4.17.2.3: [Volume 3 \(92\), June–Sept. 1868](#)

4.17.3: Letters Received, Mar. 1866–Dec. 1868

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Notes: Unbound letters received, March 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.17.4: [Miscellaneous Records, Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, December 1866–December 1868, are arranged generally by type of record. This series includes reports of persons and articles hired, monthly returns

of stores, notes and receipts, leases, indentures, contracts, bonds, and court records.

4.17.5: Press Copies of Letters Sent by the Assistant Superintendent of Education

Notes: The single volume of press copies of letters sent by the assistant superintendent of education, February–May 1869 and October 1869–March 1870 (95), is arranged chronologically. For letters sent August–October 1869, see the single volume of letters sent by the superintendent of schools for Jefferson, Texas (117), described below.

4.17.5.1: Volume (95), (bulk Feb.–May 1869 and Oct. 1869–Mar. 1870)

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4.17.6: Letters Received, Jan. 1869–Feb. 1870

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Notes: Unbound letters received, January 1869–February 1870, are arranged chronologically.

4.18: Gilmer (See Marlin)

4.19: Gonzales (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.19.1: Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received

Notes: The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, October 1868 (97), is arranged by type of record and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.19.1.1: [Volume \(97\), Oct. 1868](#)

4.19.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, October 1868 (98), is arranged chronologically.

4.19.2.1: [Volume \(98\), Oct. 1868](#)

4.20: Fort Griffin (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.20.1: [Letters Sent, June 1868–Jan. 1869](#)

Notes: The unbound letters sent, June 1868–January 1869, are arranged chronologically.

4.21: Hallettsville (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.21.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, May–June 1866 and October 1866–March 1868(114), is arranged chronologically. This volume includes endorsements sent and received (May–June 1866) and a register of complaints (May–Sept. 1868).

4.21.1.1: [Volume \(114\), \(bulk May–June 1866 and Oct. 1866–Mar. 1868\)](#)

4.21.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single–volume register of complaints, October 1866–January 1867 and October–December 1868 (115), is arranged chronologically. This volume includes special orders issued (February 1867).

4.21.2.1: [Volume \(115\), \(bulk Oct. 1866–Jan. 1867 and Oct.–Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.21.3: [Miscellaneous Records, June 1867 and May–Nov. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, June 1867 and May–November 1868, are arranged by type of record, such as letters and court records.

4.22: Houston (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.22.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The five volumes of letters sent, October 1865–December 1868, 1 (100), 2 (101), 3 (102), 4 (103), and 5 (104), are arranged chronologically. Volumes 3 (102) thru 5 (104) have name indexes.

4.22.1.1: [Volume 1 \(100\), Oct. 1865–Jan. 1867](#)

4.22.1.2: [Volume 2 \(101\), Jan.–June 1867](#)

4.22.1.3: [Volume 3 \(102\), June–Nov. 1867](#)

4.22.1.4: [Volume 4 \(103\), Nov. 1867–Aug. 1868](#)

4.22.1.5: [Volume 5 \(104\), Aug.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.22.2: Register of Endorsements Sent and Received

Notes: The single–volume register of endorsements sent and received, October 1865–December 1868 (105), is arranged chronologically.

4.22.2.1: [Volume \(105\), Oct. 1865–Dec. 1868](#)

4.22.3: Register of Letters Received

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received, October 1867–December 1868 (99), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.22.3.1: [Volume \(99\), Oct. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.22.4: Registers of Complaints

Notes: The three volumes of registers of complaints, December 1865–December 1868, 1 (107), 2 (108), and 3 (109), are arranged chronologically. Volumes 1 (107) and 2 (108) contain name indexes. Volume 1 (107) also contains a register of fines collected and accounts.

4.22.4.1: [Volume 1 \(107\), Dec. 1865–Dec. 1868](#)

4.22.4.2: [Volume 2 \(108\), June 1867–Sept. 1868](#)

4.22.4.3: [Volume 3 \(109\), Dec. 1865–June 1867](#)

4.22.5: Receipts

Notes: The single volume of receipts, June 1867–December 1868 (106), is arranged chronologically.

4.22.5.1: [Volume \(106\), June 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.23: Huntsville (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.23.1: Press Copies of Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of press copies of letters sent, January 1867–March 1868 (112), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

4.23.1.1: [Volume \(112\), Jan. 1867–Mar. 1868](#)

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4.23.2: Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements, February 1867–May 1868, 1 (110) and 2 (111), are arranged in chronological order and numbered. Volume 1 (110) includes a name index, and there is a partial name index in volume 2 (111). Volume 1 (110) also contains letters sent and circulars issued (October 1866–January 1867), arranged in chronological order and numbered, and monthly narrative reports of conditions and operations (August–December 1867). Volume 2 (111) also contains a register of contracts and narrative reports of conditions and operations (January–May 1868).

4.23.2.1: [Volume 1 \(110\), Feb.–Dec. 1867](#)

4.23.2.2: [Volume 2 \(111\), Jan.–May 1868](#)

4.23.3: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single–volume register of complaints, March–December 1868 (113), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.23.3.1: [Volume \(113\), Mar.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.24: Jefferson (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.24.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single–volume register of letters sent, October–December 1868 (116), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.24.1.1: [Volume \(116\), Oct.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.24.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single–volume register of complaints, August–December 1868 (118), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.24.2.1: [Volume \(118\), Aug.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.24.3: Letters Sent by the Superintendent of Schools

Notes: The single volume of letters sent by the superintendent schools, April–May 1869 (117), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains letters sent by the assistant superintendent of education at Galveston (August–October 1869) and the assistant superintendent of education at Houston (August 1869).

4.24.3.1: [Volume \(117\), Apr.–May 1869](#)

4.25: La Grange (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.25.1: Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received

Notes: The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, September–December 1868 (124), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The volume has a name index.

4.25.1.1: [Volume \(124\), Sept.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.25.2: [Letters Received, 1866–68](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, 1866–1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.25.3: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, September–December 1868 (125), is arranged chronologically.

4.25.3.1: [Volume \(125\), Sept.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.25.4: [Evidence in the Case of F. D. Ackerman, Sept. 1866](#)

Notes: Unbound evidence in the case of F. D. Ackerman covers September 1866.

4.25: Liberty (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.26.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (121) and 2 (122), cover the period August 1866–February 1867 and March–December 1868. Entries in the volumes are arranged in chronological order and numbered. Volume 1 (121) contains a partial name index. Volume 2 (122) also contains accounts.

4.26.1.1: [Volume 1 \(121\), \(bulk Aug. 1866–Feb. 1867 and Mar.–Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.26.1.2: [Volume 2 \(122\), July–Dec. 1868](#)

4.26.2: Press Copies of Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of press copies of letters sent, August 1866–February 1868 (120), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The volume also contains press copies of letters sent by A. N. Mayor, Assistant Assessor, Department Collector, United States Internal Revenue from Bryan, Texas (1868 and 1869).

4.26.2.1: [Volume \(120\), Aug. 1866–Feb. 1868](#)

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4.26.3: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, March, August, and December 1868 (119), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains a list of permits to ship cotton (November 1866).

4.26.3.1: [Volume \(119\), \(bulk Mar., Aug., and Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.26.4: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, August 1866–December 1868 (123), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.26.4.1: [Volume \(123\), Aug. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)

4.27: Lockhart (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.27.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, August–November 1868 (127), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains letters sent by the post commander, Prairie Lea, Texas (February–June 1867).

4.27.1.1: [Volume \(127\), Aug.–Nov. 1868](#)

4.27.2: Letters Received

Notes: The single volume of letters received, June–November 1868 (126), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

4.27.2.1: [Volume \(126\), June–Nov. 1868](#)

4.27.3: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single–volume register of complaints, September 1867 and May–December 1868 (128), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.27.3.1: [Volume \(128\), \(bulk Sept. 1867 and May–Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.28: Marlin (Subassistant Commissioner), Jan.–Nov. 1867

4.28.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, January–November 1867 (129), is arranged chronologically. Included in this volume are a few letters sent by F. B. Sturgis in November and December 1866 at other assignments.

4.28.1.1: [Volume \(129\), Jan.–Nov. 1867](#)

4.28.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single–volume register of complaints, January–October 1867 (131), is arranged chronologically. The volume contains one complaint for Gonzales, Texas (August 1866).

4.28.2.1: [Volume \(131\), Jan.–Oct. 1867](#)

4.29: Marlin (Subassistant Commissioner), (bulk Aug. 1867–July 1868; Oct.–Dec. 1868)

4.29.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, December 1867–December 1868 (130), is arranged chronologically.

4.29.1.1: [Volume \(130\), Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.29.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, October–December 1868 (132), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains accounts current for Charles Rand (July 1867–July 1868).

4.29.2.1: [Volume \(132\), Oct.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.30: Marshal (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.30.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, December 1866–December 1868 (134), is arranged chronologically.

4.30.1.1: [Volume \(134\), Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)

4.30.2: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, April 1867–November 1868 (133), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains a register of complaints (February–August 1866).

4.30.2.1: [Volume \(133\), Apr. 1867–Nov. 1868](#)

4.30.3: Special Orders Issued and Received

Notes: The single volume of special orders issued and received, December 1866–July 1868 (135), is arranged chronologically.

4.30.3.1: [Volume \(135\), Dec. 1866–July 1868](#)

4.30.4: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, November–December 1868 (136), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. For a register of complaints dated February–August 1866, see the register of letters received and endorsements (133) described above. This volume also contains accounts (January 1867–November 1868).

4.30.4.1: [Volume \(136\), Nov.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.31: Matagorda

4.31.1: [Letters Received, May–Sept. 1867](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, May–September 1867, are arranged chronologically.

4.32: Meridian (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.32.1: Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received

Notes: The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, May–December 1867 (137), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The volume also contains contracts (November 1865–October 1867).

4.32.1.1: [Volume \(137\), May–Dec. 1867](#)

4.32.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, February 1866–November 1867 (138), is arranged in chronological order and numbered. This volume also contains an unidentified register of complaints (September–November 1868).

4.32.2.1: [Volume \(138\), Feb. 1866–Nov. 1867](#)

4.33: Millican (See Bryan)

4.34: Nacogdoches (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.34.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, May–December 1868 (139), is arranged chronologically.

4.34.1.1: [Volume \(139\), May–Dec. 1868](#)

4.34.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, August 1867–December 1868 (140), is arranged in general chronological order.

4.34.2.1: [Volume \(140\), Aug. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.34.3: [Miscellaneous Records, Jan. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, January 1866–December 1868, are arranged by type of record. This series includes letters received, petitions, affidavits and testimony, and an indenture.

4.35: Navasota (See Bryan)

4.36: Palestine (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.36.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, December 1868–January 1869 (141), is arranged chronologically.

[4.36.1.1: Volume \(141\), Dec. 1868–Jan. 1869](#)[4.36.2: Register of Complaints](#)

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, March 1867–December 1868 (142), is arranged chronologically. The table of contents is incomplete.

[4.36.2.1: Volume \(142\), Mar. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.37: Richmond (Subassistant Commissioner)

[4.37.1: Letters Sent](#)

Notes: The two volumes of letters sent, January 1866–December 1868, 1 (143) and 2 (145), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (143) also contains special orders received and registers of complaints. Volume 2 (145) also contains a list of permits to ship cotton, a register of complaints, and a register of cases tried.

[4.37.1.1: Volume 1 \(143\), Jan.–Dec. 1866](#)[4.37.1.2: Volume 2 \(145\), Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)[4.37.2: Endorsements Sent](#)

Notes: The two volumes of endorsements sent, August 1866–December 1868, 1 (146) and 2 (147), are arranged in chronological order and numbered. Volume 1 (146) also contains special orders issued (Jan. 1867–Jan. 1868). Volume 2 (147) also contains a register of complaints and a register of contracts.

[4.37.2.1: Volume 1 \(146\), Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)[4.37.2.2: Volume 2 \(147\), Aug. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)[4.37.3: Register of Letters Received](#)

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received, December 1866–December 1868 (144), is arranged in chronological order and numbered. The volume is a cross-reference to the two volumes of endorsements sent, 1 (146) and 2 (147), described above. This volume also contains registers of contracts.

[4.37.3.1: Volume \(144\), Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)[4.37.4: Letters Received, Jan. 1866–Nov. 1868](#)[Image\(s\)](#)[Image\(s\)](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, January 1866–November 1868; arranged chronologically.

[4.37.5: Contracts](#)

Notes: Unbound contracts are undated and consist of two items.

4.38: San Antonio (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.38.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, June–November 1866 and March 1867–December 1868 (149), is arranged chronologically and has a partial name index. This volume also contains a register of complaints.

4.38.1.1: [Volume \(149\), \(bulk June–Nov. 1866; Mar. 1867–Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.38.2: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, January 1867–November 1868 (148), is arranged by the initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

4.38.2.1: [Volume \(148\), Jan. 1867–Nov. 1868](#)

4.38.3: [Letters Received, Feb. 24, 1866 and Feb. 20, 1867](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received consists of two letters dated February 24, 1866, and February 20, 1867.

4.39: San Augustine

4.39.1: Register of Letters Sent and Received

Notes: The single-volume register of letters sent and received, August 1867–December 1868 (150), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.39.1.1: [Volume \(150\), Aug. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.39.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, August–November 1868 (151), is arranged chronologically.

4.39.2.1: [Volume \(151\), Aug.–Nov. 1868](#)

4.39.3: Register of Contracts

Notes: The single-volume register of contracts, July 1867–May 1868 (152), is arranged by month and thereunder numerically.

4.39.3.1: [Volume \(152\), July 1867–May 1868](#)

4.40: Seguin (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.40.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, January 1867–March 1868 and June–September 1868 (153), is arranged chronologically.

4.40.1.1: [Volume \(153\), \(bulk Jan. 1867–Mar. 1868 and June–Sept. 1868\)](#)

4.40.2: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, September 1866–October 1868 (154), is arranged chronologically.

4.40.2.1: [Volume \(154\), Sept. 1866–Oct. 1868](#)

4.40.3: [Miscellaneous Records, May 1866–Feb. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, May 1866–February 1868, are arranged by type of record. This series includes reports of persons and articles hired, statements, abstracts, accounts current, estimates of funds, abstracts of advances, and reports of freedmen's schools.

4.41: Sterling (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.41.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, September 1866–December 1868 (155), is arranged chronologically and has a partial name index.

4.41.1.1: [Volume \(155\), Sept. 1866–Dec. 1868](#)

4.41.2: [Letters Received, 1866–68](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, 1866–1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.41.3: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, January 1867–December 1868 (156), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

4.41.3.1: [Volume \(156\), Jan. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.42: Sumpter (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.42.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, June–December 1867 and April–December 1868 (158), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. For the 1867 period, this series is only a register of letters sent. The series is a cross-reference to the register of letters received and endorsements (157) described below.

4.42.1.1: [Volume \(158\), \(bulk June–Dec. 1867 and Apr.–Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.42.2: Letters Sent and Orders Issued Relating to Court Cases

Notes: The single volume of letters sent and orders issued relating to court cases, April–October 1868 (159), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The volume also contains special orders issued (September–November 1867).

4.42.2.1: [Volume \(159\), Apr.–Oct. 1868](#)

4.42.3: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, May–December 1867 and April–November 1868 (157), is arranged chronologically and has a partial name index. The register is a cross-reference to the single volume of letters sent (158) described above.

4.42.3.1: [Volume \(157\), \(bulk May–Dec. 1867 and Apr.–Nov. 1868\)](#)

4.42.4: Register of Complaints

Notes: The single-volume register of complaints, April 1867–December 1868 (160), is arranged chronologically.

4.42.4.1: [Volume \(160\), Apr. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.43: Tyler (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.43.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, March 1867–December 1868 (162), is arranged chronologically.

4.43.1.1: [Volume \(162\), Mar. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

4.43.2: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements, April 1867–November 1868 (161), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

4.43.2.1: [Volume \(161\), Apr. 1867–Nov. 1868](#)

4.43.3: [Letters Received, Feb. 1867–Dec. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound letters received, February 1867–December 1868; arranged chronologically.

4.43.4: Registers of Complaints

Notes: The two volumes of registers of complaints, March 1867–December 1868, 1 (164) and 2 (163), are arranged chronologically.

4.43.4.1: [Volume 1 \(164\), Mar. 1867–Jan. 1868](#)4.43.4.2: [Volume 2 \(163\), Jan. 1868–Dec. 1868](#)4.43.5: [Miscellaneous Records, Sept. 1867–May 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound miscellaneous records, September 1867–May 1868, are arranged by type of record. This series includes accounts, a roster, papers relating to murders, statements of money received, orders, circulars, and retained reports.

4.44: Waco (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.44.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of letters sent, January 1867–March 1868 (167), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. This volume also contains a register of complaints and a register of contracts (1866).

4.44.1.1: [Volume \(167\), Jan. 1867–Mar. 1868](#)

4.44.2: Press Copies of Letters Sent

Notes: The single volume of press copies of letters sent, March–December 1868 (168), is arranged chronologically.

4.44.2.1: [Volume \(168\), Mar.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.44.3: Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements

Notes: The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements cover the period March–December 1868, 1 (165) and 2 (166). Entries in each volume are arranged by the initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically. The register in Volume 2 (166) was copied from that in Volume 1 (165). Volume 1 (165) also contains complete letters received for January to May 1867 and February 1868.

4.44.3.1: [Volume 1 \(165\), Mar.–Dec. 1868](#)4.44.3.2: [Volume 2 \(166\), Mar.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.44.4: Registers of Complaints

Notes: The two volumes of registers of complaints, July 1866–December 1868, 1 (169) and 2 (170), are arranged chronologically.

4.44.4.1: [Volume 1 \(169\), July 1866–May 1868](#)4.44.4.2: [Volume 2 \(170\), May–Dec. 1868](#)

4.45: Woodland (See Cotton Gin)

4.46: Wharton (Subassistant Commissioner)

4.46.1: Letters Sent

Notes: The two volumes of letters sent, January–July 1866 and September 1867–December 1868, 1 (172) and 2 (171), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (172) contains some circulars and orders issued. Volume 2 (171) contains a register of letters received and endorsements (May–August 1867) and endorsements (August 1867–October 1868). Volume 1 (172) also contains a daily journal for November 1867–November 1868.

4.46.1.1: [Volume 1 \(172\), \(bulk Jan.–July 1866 and Sept. 1867–Dec. 1868\)](#)

4.46.1.2: [Volume 2 \(171\), Sept.–Dec. 1868](#)

4.46.2: Letters Received, 1866–68

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Notes: Unbound letters received, 1866–1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.46.3: Special Orders Issued

Notes: The single volume of special orders issued, November 1866–February 1867 (173), is arranged by year and thereunder numerically. The volume also contains a register of complaints (May 1867–December. 1868).

4.46.3.1: [Volume \(173\), Nov. 1866–Feb. 1867](#)

4.46.4: [Records Relating to Complaints, Mar. 1867–Oct. 1868](#)

Notes: Unbound records relating to complaints, March 1867–October 1868, are arranged chronologically.

4.46.5: Accounts

Notes: The single volume of accounts, May–December 1867 (174), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of checks received.

4.46.5.1: [Volume \(174\), May–Dec. 1867](#)

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