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Hazen Papers, 1855-1909

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	William Babcock Hazen Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0427
<b>Date:</b>	1855-1909
<b>Extent:</b>	4 Cubic feet (11 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865 Belknap, William W. (William Worth), 1829-1890 Hayes, Rutherford Birchard, 1822-1893 Greely, Adolphus Washington Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881 Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891 Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852 Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1831-1888 Hazen, William Babcock, 1830-1887
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	Papers document General William Babcock Hazen's military career, primarily through correspondence, photographs, and publications.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

In 1985, the Smithsonian received from the Estate of Fredrick McLean Bugher, grandnephew of General Hazen's wife Mildred McLean Hazen, manuscripts and letters concerning General Hazen. Part of the collection was rescued by a private individual from a Lorton, Virginia land fill and sold to the Smithsonian in 1987 in two sections. The first section contained material about the career of General William Babcock Hazen as chief signal officer of the United States Army. The second section contained manuscript materials related to Hazen's duties on the frontier and Indian tribes covering the period of 1855 to 1860, and from 1866 to 1880. Also included are family letters and land holdings in the Midwest.

### Provenance

The collection was transferred to the Archives Center from the Armed Forces History Division on August 20, 1987.

### Processing Information

Processed by Robert Ageton (volunteer), September 2004, and Katrina Schoolt (intern), 2010; supervised by Craig Orr and Alison Oswald, archivists.

## Preferred Citation

William B. Hazen Papers, 1855-1909, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

## Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

Rights situation uncertain, but most of the collection is probably in the public domain due to its age.

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## Biographical / Historical

General William Babcock Hazen was born September 27, 1830 in West Hartford, Vermont. Four years later, the family moved to a farm outside Hiram, Portage County, Ohio where he attended school with James A. Garfield. Hazen's goal was service in the Army, and he wrote his congressman for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Hazen graduated in 1855, twenty-eighth out of a class of thirty-four.

After graduation, General Hazen was assigned as Brevet Second Lieutenant, Company D, Fourth Infantry, Redding, California. After arriving in California, he was ordered to Fort Lane in the Oregon Territory. Lieutenant Hazen was authorized to establish a command at Grand Ronde and build a blockhouse that became the post Fort Yamhill, located west of Portland, Oregon. On April 20, 1857, he was transferred to Fort Jones, California, and then ordered to join the Eighth Infantry, Fort Davis, Texas. Hazen was transferred to Fort Inge, Texas, to protect a road from San Antonio to Eagle Pass. During a chase, Hazen was wounded by a bullet that was not removed. The lingering effect of the bullet wound would cause him frequent pain.

During the period of service in Texas, Hazen reportedly gained leadership experience, practical military knowledge, and considerable confidence in his own abilities. Following twelve months of convalescence, Hazen was nominated assistant instructor of military tactics at West Point on January 28, 1861. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on April 1861 and captain on May 14, 1861. Colonel James A. Garfield influenced the appointment of Hazen as colonel in command of the newly organized forty-first Ohio Volunteer Regiment. Hazen quickly transformed the regiment's inexperienced personnel into a firmly disciplined body. The intensive training paid large dividends later in the war, and he always held the regiment in high regard.

As brigade and division commander, General Hazen led troops in many important battles and campaigns: Shiloh (Place of Peace), Stones River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, Resaca, Picketts Mill, Jonesboro, Fort McAllister, and Bentonville. On December 13, 1864, Hazen was appointed a major general of volunteers in recognition of long and faithful service and the capture of Fort McAllister. It was after the performance of his troops at Fort McAllister that a friendly relationship developed with General William T. Sherman. With the capitulation of the Confederate armies in spring of 1865, Hazen's division and the Army of the Tennessee left North Carolina where they saw their last fighting. The destination was Washington, D.C., site of a two-day grand review of the victorious Union Armies. On May 19, 1865 Hazen was elevated to commander of the Fifteenth Corps. After a thirty day furlough, he held command of the District of Middle Tennessee until the following summer. In July 1866, Hazen returned west.

In August 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant granted Hazen indefinite leave to observe the Franco-Prussian War. He viewed several battles and personally interviewed Otto von Bismarck and General

Helmut von Moltke. Observations and research convinced Hazen that the United States Army was mismanaged and lacked tactical and logistical organization.

Before returning to the Sixth Infantry command, Hazen married Mildred McLean, the twenty-one year-old daughter of prominent *Cincinnati Enquirer* owner Washington McLean. A son John was born in 1876, but died at the age of twenty-two in 1898.

In June 1877, Hazen was appointed military attaché to the United States Legation in Vienna, Austria, and assigned as military observer of the Russo-Turkish War that had started in April 1877.

In 1878 Colonel Stanley accused Colonel Hazen of perjury and cowardice in the Civil War and requested a court-martial. Colonel Hazen retaliated by formally requesting that Stanley be arraigned by a court-martial on charges of publishing and circulating libelous material against him. On March 19, 1879, General Sherman reluctantly recommended that both generals be arraigned by the same court-martial. The New York Tribune reported "inasmuch as by the decisions of the court-martial Hazen has secured a substantial vindication." Hazen returned to Fort Buford.

While on detached service in Washington, D.C., Hazen actively campaigned for James A. Garfield for president. On August 24, 1880, General Albert James Myer, Chief of the Army Signal Corps, died, opening up a staff position subject to presidential appointment. President Rutherford B. Hayes, after consulting with President-elect Garfield, announced the promotion of Hazen to the rank of brigadier general and appointment as chief signal officer. One of Hazen's lasting legacies in this new role was advancing the development of meteorological science in the Army Signal Corps.

In May 1880, Lady Franklin Bay in northern Canada was chosen as the site for a signal service polar station, one of several conducted by eleven nations for the first International Polar Year (1882-1883). The initial two-year expedition set out in 1881 under the command of Regular Army First Lieutenant Adolphus W. Greely, a Civil War veteran from Massachusetts. The twenty-five man party did not get relief from the long winter in 1882, and a second rescue attempt was disrupted by ice. In September 1883, Secretary of War Robert Todd Lincoln, decided it was too late to send another relief party and they were left to spend a third winter in the Arctic. The demoralized party was forced to march south in search of supplies and landed at Cape Sabine, spending the next eight months in desperate circumstances. In June 1884, rescuers finally reached them and found only Greely and seven others alive. The remaining expedition members froze or starved to death.

Hazen never forgave Secretary of War Robert Todd Lincoln for his inaction with the Greely Arctic Expedition, and in 1884 Lincoln censured Hazen for his criticism. Hazen replied to Lincoln by letter, which was returned with a warning to keep the matter private. Hazen went to the press and stated in a published account that he wrote such a letter. He immediately found himself ordered before another court-martial, resulting in a reprimand by President Chester A. Arthur for "unwarranted and captious criticism." Greely supported Hazen's position. In 1885, Hazen produced *A Narrative of Military Service*, a report devoted to the defense of his Civil War record and personal reputation.

Health problems-diabetes and recurring pain from his bullet wound-forced Hazen to obtain a 12-month leave of absence from his military service. On January 13, 1887, he attended a White House reception where he caught a cold. He died on January 16, 1887, at the age of fifty-six.

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## Scope and Contents

The General William Babcock Hazen Collection, 1856-1905, consists of approximately four cubic feet of material. Collection materials include biographical, correspondence (military and family), documents on the Greely Arctic Expedition, photographs, stereographs, and material on General Hazen's book, *A Narrative of Military Service*.

## Arrangement

This collection is divided into six series.

- Series 1, Biographical Materials, 1885-1867
  - Series 2, Correspondence and Military Forms 1856-1886 and undated
  - Series 3, Correspondence to General William Babcock Hazen, 1861-1887
  - Series 4, Correspondence of Hazen Family, 1858-1909
  - Series 5, Photographs, 1864-1881
  - Series 6, Publications, 1865-1886
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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Arctic regions -- Discovery and exploration -- 1880-1890  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Types of Materials:

Cartes-de-visite  
Correspondence -- 1850-1900  
Diplomas  
Legal documents  
Military commissions

Names:

Lincoln, Robert Todd

Geographic Names:

Greenland -- Exploration

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1855-1867

This series includes Hazen's West Point Academy Diploma, commission as Colonel of Ohio Volunteers, and commissions signed by Presidents Andrew Johnson and Abraham Lincoln.

Box 1, Folder 1	West Point Diploma 1855 June
Box 1, Folder 2	Commissions by Andrew Johnson, 1856-1867
Box 1, Folder 3	Commissions by Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1863
Box 1, Folder 4	Commission as Colonel of Ohio Volunteers, 1861 August
Box 2, Folder 24	Mercantile Bill Holder

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## Series 2: Correspondence and Forms, 1856-1886 and undated

This series covers General Hazen's career from graduation at West Point to service in California, Oregon, Texas, the Civil War, military post inspections, Indian tribe affairs, observations of two European battles, court martials, his appointment as chief signal officer, the Arctic expedition, military forms, a book, A Narrative of Military Service, and the first Civil War monument at Stones River, Tennessee.

This series is divided into nineteen subseries:

- Subseries 1, Military Posts and Civil War Battles, 1856-1870
- Subseries 2, Military Posts, 1869-1880
- Subseries 3, Inspections by Generals Ruling and Hazen, January 19, 1867
- Subseries 4, Indian Tribes, 1869-1871
- Subseries 5, Old Soldiers, 1869-1886
- Subseries 6, General Hazen in Europe, 9/1887-6/24/1868
- Subseries 7, Hazen-Garfield "Post Traders" 1871-1882
- Subseries 8, Civil War Charges - Court Martial (Re: General Stanley), 1879-1886
- Subseries 9, Selected Correspondence, 1842-1885
- Subseries 10, Weather Service and Proteus Court of Inquiry, 1880-1883
- Subseries 11, Signal Corps, 1880-1885
- Subseries 12, Hazen Court Martial (Re: Secretary of War, 1885), 1882-1885
- Subseries 13, Greely Expedition/Cape Sabine, 1881-1884
- Subseries 14, A Narrative of Military Service, 1885
- Subseries 15, Memory of General McPherson, 1865
- Subseries 16, Miscellaneous Letters and Forms (Freedmen Funds), 1862-1882
- Subseries 17, Secretary of War, William W. Belknap, 1869
- Subseries 18, United States Senate, 1866-1871
- Subseries 19, Hazen Stones River Monument, 1864-1870

### Subseries 2.1: Military Posts and Civil War Battles, 1856-1870 and undated

Box 2, Folder 1	Military Posts and Civil War Battles location map, undated
Box 2, Folder 2	Fort Yamhill, Oregon, 1856
Box 2, Folder 3	Fort Inge, Texas, 1858-1859
Box 2, Folder 4	General Orders 19th Brigade, Wickliffe, Kentucky, 1862
Box 2, Folder 5	Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, 1864-1867
Box 2, Folder 6	Fort McAllister, Georgia, 1864
Box 2, Folder 7	Hancock Barracks, Maryland, 1865-1867
Box 2, Folder 8	Lafayette Barracks, Maryland, 1865
Box 2, Folder 9	Louisville, Kentucky, 1865
Box 2, Folder 10	New Bern, North Carolina, (W.E. Hazen), 1866-1868
Box 2, Folder 11	Columbia, South Carolina, 1868



- Box 2, Folder 12            Atlanta, Georgia, 1868
- Box 2, Folder 13            Newberry, South Carolina, 1868
- Box 2, Folder 14            Garrettsville, Ohio, 1869
- Box 2, Folder 15            Medicine Creek, Kansas, 1869
- Box 2, Folder 16            Letters to General Hazen, Fort Scott, Kansas, 1869-1870

#### Subseries 2.2: Military Posts, 1869-1880

- Box 2, Folder 17            Fort Smith, Arkansas, 1869-1870
- Box 2, Folder 18            Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, 1869-1870
- Box 2, Folder 19            Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1869-1874
- Box 2, Folder 20            Fort Larned, Kansas, 1871
- Box 2, Folder 21            Summons to Military Committee, Fort Hayes, Kansas, 1872
- Box 2, Folder 22            Fort Buford, North Dakota, 1872-1880

#### Subseries 2.3: Inspection by Generals Rusling and Hazen, January 19, 1867

- Box 2, Folder 23            Small book August 29, 1881 to December 9, 1881
- Box 2, Folder 23            Larger book December 7, 1884 to May 30, 1885
- Box 2, Folder 23            Largest book June 11, 1885 to January 7, 1886
- Box 2, Folder 23            Loose cancelled checks - October 20, 1868 - January 8, 1887
- Box 2, Folder 23            Hamburg letter dated December 14, 1878 regarding the Union Bank London
- Box 2, Folder 23            Small book of accounts of travel and listing of Indian Tribes

#### Subseries 2.4: Indian Tribes, 1869-1871

- Box 3, Folder 1            Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1869-1870
- Box 3, Folder 2            Correspondence, Indian Affairs, 1869-1871
- Box 3, Folder 3            Military Forms, 1869-1871
- Box 3, Folder 4            Wichita Agency, 1869-1871

#### Subseries 2.5: Old Soldiers, 1869-1886

- Box 3, Folder 5            Old Soldiers-Requests for Jobs/References, 1869-1883
- Box 3, Folder 6            Old Soldiers-Pension Requests and Payments/ War Damage, 1879-1885
- Box 3, Folder 7            Old Soldiers-Army Reunions, 1869-1886

### Subseries 2.6: General Hazen in Europe, 1870-1882

- Box 3, Folder 7            Observer, 1870 September-December, Franco-Prussian War
- Box 3, Folder 8            Military Attaché at Vienna-Passports, 1873
- Box 3, Folder 9            Observer, 1877, Russo-Turkish War
- Box 3, Folder 10            (England's Land Forces in a Continental War in Europe by the I.R. Captain Julius Debalack)

### Subseries 2.7: Hazen-Garfield "Post Traders", 1871-1882

- Box 3, Folder 11            Hazen-Garfield "Post Traders"

### Subseries 2.8: Civil War Charges-Court Martial (Re: General Stanley)/R. B. Hayes, 1879 May 21-1886

- Box 3, Folder 12-13        Civil War Charges-Court Martial (Re: General Stanley)/R. B. Hayes

### Subseries 2.9: Selected Correspondence, 1842-1885

- Box 4, Folder 1            Daniel Webster, 1842
- Box 4, Folder 2            James A. Garfield, 1861-1882 and Mrs. Garfield, 1885

[James A. Garfield : holograph letter.], April 9, 1861  
*1 Item (9.8" x 7.9").*

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881, Author  
Letter to William Babcock Hazen from James A. Garfield, dated April 9, 1861

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Ink on paper.

Local Numbers

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AC0427-0000001b (AC Scan No.: verso)

In Box 4, Folder 2.

## Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Names: Hazen, William Babcock, 1830-1887  
Topic: Civil war  
Genre/ Holographs  
Form: Letters (correspondence) -- 1860-1870

[James A. Garfield to William Babcock Hazen : telegram.], June 12, 1861  
*1 Item (5.6" x 8.5").*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881, Author  
New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co. (sender)

Telegram to Lieutenant W.B. Hazen from James A. Garfield, dated June 12, 1861, in which Garfield ask Hazen to accept a Colonelcy of the Ohio Regiment.

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Ink on paper.

## Local Numbers

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In Box 4, Folder 2.

## Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Names: Hazen, William Babcock, 1830-1887  
Topic: Civil war  
Genre/ Telegrams  
Form:

Box 4, Folder 3

[Note from Abraham Lincoln to the General in Chief, on an envelope.], June 1, 1863

*1 Item (9.5" x 6.4").*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865, Author

Note written on an envelope from Abraham Lincoln to the General in Chief, dated June 1, 1863.

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In Box 4, Folder 3.

## Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Topic: Civil war  
Genre/Form: Envelopes  
Holographs  
Notes

Box 4, Folder 4 General W. T. Sherman, 1865-1883

Box 4, Folder 5 General Philip H. Sheridan, 1869, 1872

### Subseries 2.10: Weather Service and Proteus Court of Inquiry, 1880-1883

Box 4, Folder 6 Weather Service and Proteus Court of Inquiry

### Subseries 2.11: Signal Corps, 1879-1885

Box 4, Folder 7 Signal Corps

### Subseries 2.12: Hazen Court Martial (Re: Secretary of War, 1885), 1882 - 1885

Box 4, Folder 8 Hazen Court Martial (Re: Secretary of War, 1885)

### Subseries 2.13: Greely Expedition/Cape Sabine, 1881-1884

Box 4, Folder 9 Greely Expedition, Hazen draft brief, undated

### Subseries 2.14: A Narrative of Military Service, 1885

Box 4, Folder 10 A Narrative of Military Service

[Land Grant for William Hazen : certificate.], August 15, 1861  
*1 Item (10" x 16.2").*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865, Signer

Land Grant given to William Hazen for military service, signed by President Abraham Lincoln, August 15, 1861.

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In Box 4, Folder 10.

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Names: Hazen, William Babcock, 1830-1887

Topic: Civil war

	land
Genre/ Form:	Certificates Land titles Signatures (names)

**Subseries 2.15: Memory of General McPherson, 1865**

Box 5, Folder 1                      Memory of General McPherson

**Subseries 2.16: Miscellaneous Letters and Forms (Freedmen Funds), 1864 - 1886**

Box 5, Folder 2-3                      Miscellaneous Letters and Forms (Freedmen Funds)

**Subseries 2.17: Secretary of War William W. Belknap, 1869**

Box 5, Folder 4                      Secretary of War William W. Belknap

**Subseries 2.18: U.S. Senate, 1866-1880**

Box 5, Folder 5                      U.S. Senate

**Subseries 2.19: Hazen Stones River Monument, 1864-1870**

Box 5, Folder 6                      Hazen Stones River Monument

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### Series 3: Correspondence to General William Babcock Hazen, 1861-1887

This series contains many forms: voucher, muster roll, list of stores transferred (Stones River Monument), monthly return of clothing, mustering out of service, ordnance and ordnance storage. Also included are a letter withdrawing charges and orders for new duties.

Box 5, Folder 7	Letters and Miscellaneous Material, 1862-1895
Box 5, Folder 8	Cincinnati/Cleveland Ohio, 1870-1873
Box 5, Folder 9	Washington, D.C., 1870-1886
Box 5, Folder 10	Home expense [Washington, D.C.], 1879-1887
Box 5, Folder 11	Clothes, 1882-1884
Box 5, Folder 12	Military Forms (subsistence), 1882-1886

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## Series 4: Correspondence of Hazen Family, 1858-1909

These letters relate to family matters involving relationships, health, farm activities, and land purchases and sales.

### Subseries 4.1: Hazen Family Tree, undated

Box 5, Folder 13            Hazen Family Tree

### Subseries 4.2: Mrs. Mildred McLean Hazen [Wife of General Hazen] Letters, undated

#### *Box 5, Folder 14*

Box 5, Folder 15            Blank letter and envelope forms, undated

Box 6, Folder 1            Jack and Jill Party at the White House, undated

Box 6, Folder 2            Letters from Sally R. Hitt (S.R.H.), 1892; 1894; 1895; undated

Box 6, Folder 3            Addressed envelopes, 1871 March-1895 May

Box 6, Folder 4            Dated letters (sketch by John Hazen), 1883-1897

Box 6, Folder 5            Stephen A. Douglas, 1858

Box 6, Folder 6            General and Mrs. Grant, 1883-1890

Box 6, Folder 7            General Hazen to Mrs. Hazen, 1872 and 1885

Box 6, Folder 8            President and Mrs. Harrison, 1892

Box 6, Folder 9            President William McKinley, 1897

Box 6, Folder 10           As Mrs. George Dewey (second Marriage to Admiral Dewey)

Box 6, Folder 10           Mrs. Helen A. Taft, 1909

Box 6, Folder 11           President Franklin Pierce, 1866

Box 6, Folder 12           Mrs. William Henry Harrison, undated

Box 6, Folder 12           Mrs. Washington McLean (mother of Mrs. Mildred McLean Hazen)

### Subseries 4.3: John Hazen [Son of General Hazen], 1891-1896

Box 6, Folder 13-14        To John Hazen, 1891 - 1896

Box 6, Folder 15           John Hazen to his Mother, Mildred Hazen, 1891-1895

Box 6, Folder 16           Mrs. Hazen to son John Hazen, 1891-1894

**Subseries 4.4: Emeline L. Hazen [Sister?], 1865-1882**

Box 6, Folder 17            Emeline L. Hazen [Sister?]

**Subseries 4.5: Other Family Members, 1865-1886**

Box 7, Folder 1            Brother, 1865-1886

Box 7, Folder 2            Cousin, 1865-1883

Box 7, Folder 3            Nieces, 1869-1886

Box 7, Folder 4            Nephew, 1865-1869

Box 7, Folder 5            Stillman Hazen [Father of General Hazen], 1865

Box 7, Folder 6            Minnie M. Hazen [Cousin?](about bridge burners), 1865

**Subseries 4.6: Farm, 1864-1887**

Box 7, Folder 7            Farm

**Subseries 4.7: Real Estate, 1860-1890**

Box 7, Folder 8            Warrants of Land in Ohio (1855); Note of Land Transaction in Mississippi (1861); Insurance on Land in Ohio (1865)

Box 7, Folder 9            Warrant 8359 Nebraska signed by President James Buchanan, 1860

Box 7, Folder 10           83152 Nebraska signed by President Abraham Lincoln, 1861

Box 7, Folder 11           2648-2650 Nebraska signed by President Grant, 1871

Box 7, Folder 12           Mortgage Deed and Warranty Deed - William B. Hazen to Stillman Hazen, March 5, 1866

Box 7, Folder 13           Miscellaneous Land Transactions, 1870-1879

Box 7, Folder 14           Miscellaneous Land Transactions in Nebraska, 1880

Box 7, Folder 15           Miscellaneous Land Transactions in Kansas and Nebraska, 1881

Box 7, Folder 16           Miscellaneous Land Transactions in Kansas and Nebraska, 1882

Box 7, Folder 17           Miscellaneous Land Transactions in Nebraska, 1883

Box 7, Folder 18           Miscellaneous Land Transactions in Kansas, 1884

Box 7, Folder 19           Miscellaneous Land Transactions in Kansas, 1885, and Nebraska, 1886



Box 7, Folder 19            (Probate Reference, 1887, 1888, and 1890)

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## Series 5: Photographs, 1864, 1881

The photographs include one of Fort McAllister, Mrs. Hazen and son John, father and mother of General Hazen, and subjects in Greenland, Florida, Central America, Colorado, Washington State, California, Oklahoma, North Dakota and Washington, D.C.

### Subseries 5.1: Civil War, 1864

Box 9, Folder 1                      Fort McAllister, Georgia, 1864

Ground Plan and View of Fort McAllister on the Ogeechee River, Georgia, [drawing], undated

*1 Item (10" x 12.2".)*

[Image\(s\): Ground Plan and View of Fort McAllister on the Ogeechee River, Georgia \[drawing\].](#)

Willenber, Eugene, Artist

Ground plan view of Fort McAllister on the Ogeechee River, Georgia, surveyed and drawn by Eugene Willenber.

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In Box 9, Folder 1.

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Topic:	Civil war Forts
Place:	Fort McAllister (Georgia) Georgia Ogeechee River (Georgia)
Genre/ Form:	Maps -- 19th century

### Subseries 5.2: Greenland, July-August 1881 G.W. Rice, 1881

Box 9, Folder 2	Coal Mining, 1881
Box 9, Folder 3	Dog and Sled, 1881
Box 9, Folder 4	Eskimo Families, 1881
Box 9, Folder 5	Eskimo Kayaks and Skinboat, 1881
Box 9, Folder 6	Greenland, August, 1881
Box 9, Folder 7	Greenland (Diso Island), 1881

Box 9, Folder 8           Icebergs, 1881

Box 9, Folder 9           Ship, 1881

Box 8, Folder 5           Unknown list of names, undated

### Subseries 5.3: Miscellaneous, 1880-1897

Box 9, Folder 10         Freddy Bugher, 1880-1886

Box 9, Folder 11         Cathedral and Three Churches in Guatemala, Central America, undated

Box 9, Folder 12         Captains - One Union Captain (unknown) and two Captains, Post Civil War (unknown), undated

Box 9, Folder 13         Colonels - Fredrick A. Bastteson 100th Illinois Vol., Col. Catton, Col. McKee, Colonel J.E.Peyton, April 30, 1897

Box 9, Folder 14         Europe, [Mrs. Hazen?, Franz Joseph 1, Palais de Justia?]

Box 10, Folder 1         St. Augustine, Florida, undated

Box 10, Folder 2         Girl in Afghan Coat and Hat, undated

Box 10, Folder 3         General Hazen (4); Father and Mother of General Hazen, undated

Box 10, Folder 4         Mrs. Hazen, [John Hazen?], 1881

Box 10, Folder 4         Mausoleum-W. McLean, undated

Box 10, Folder 4         New Year Card Greeting, undated

Box 10, Folder 5         National Soldiers Home (stereoscopic views), undated

Box 10, Folder 6         Artistic Series of Rocky Mountain Scenery (stereoscopic views), undated

Box 10, Folder 6         On The Trail To Pike's Peak, undated

Box 10, Folder 6         Scenes on the line of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, undated

Box 10, Folder 7         Santa Barbara, California, undated

Box 10, Folder 7         [Bank Building?], undated

Box 10, Folder 7         Bathing Grounds and Wharf, undated

Box 10, Folder 7         Elwood Hotel and Presbyterian Church, undated

Box 10, Folder 7         El Capitan, undated

Box 10, Folder 7         General View, undated

Box 10, Folder 8	Augustus Saint-Gaudens Memorial "Grief", undated
Box 10, Folder 9	Miscellaneous (Stereoscopic), undated
Box 10, Folder 9	Frost Work on Railway, Mount Washington, undated
Box 10, Folder 9	Fort Sill by W.S. Soule, undated
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These records include General Hazen's statement to soldiers of the Fifteenth Army Corps at the end of the Civil War; impressions on battles in Europe resulting in a book of ideas for reform in the U.S. Army; inspections westward with General Ruling; problems with management and the efficiency of the Signal Corps and attempts to transfer the Weather Service from the War Department; presentation book in French on lights applicable to rescue at sea; leather bound book of press sketches of the life and services of General Hazen; and a ledger book of ideas that may be related to writing "The School and the Army in Germany and France."

- Box 7, Folder 20            General Hazen - End of Civil War - Louisville, Kentucky, July 4, 1865
- Box 7, Folder 21            The School and the Army in Germany and France, 1872
- Box 7, Folder 22            Our Barren Lands, 1875
- Box 7, Folder 22            "A Narrative of Military Service," 1885
- Box 7, Folder 23            "Pamphlets, W.B. Hazen" with hand numbered selected Federal Reports, three Resolutions and Comments on the Signal Service of the Army, and no Table of Contents
- Box 7, Folder 23            Copies of official letters with respect to the Signal Corp and Fort Myer concerning the detail of officers deemed necessary to the Signal Corp but not approved, 1881
- Box 7, Folder 23            State Weather Service-proposed by the Chief Signal Officer along with a specimen "act" of the State of Iowa, 1882
- Box 7, Folder 23            A BILL Senate 691. & H.R. 2253. To Increase The efficiency of the Signal Corps of the Army, undated
- Box 7, Folder 23            Memoranda on International Scientific Co-operation In Meteorology, Magnetism, ETC., Washington, D.C., Office of the Chief Signal Officer, 1882
- Box 7, Folder 23            A Bill Against the Efficiency of the Signal Service (Introduced by Senator John A. Logan) from the Maritime Register, December 27, 1882  
[A bill to transfer to the Interior Department relating to the business of the Signal Service as relates to meteorological observations]
- Box 7, Folder 23            Opinions of the Enlisted Men of the Signal Corps Upon Its Military Status in summary, "We believe that the transfer of the Weather Service to one of the civil departments will greatly impair its present efficiency ..." 1882
- Box 7, Folder 23            The Necessity of A Permanent Organization for the Signal Corps. Washington, D.C. Office of the Chief Signal Officer, 1882.  
Argument-In the Appendix Testimony by General W.T. Sherman February 13, 1882 before subcommittee of the Senate Committee On Military Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill 691: "There is no doubt but a military organization ... ."
- Box 7, Folder 23            To Whom It May Concern Washington City, January 16, 1883.

- Referring to a printed circular entitled "An Answer to General Hazen's circular criticizing Secretary Lincoln's right and competency to judge what is for the best interest of his department," issued by some ... person not in any way connected with the Signal Corps ..."
- Box 7, Folder 23      An Answer To The Recommendation of the Secretary of War (In his current annual report) That The Weather Bureau of the Signal Corps Be Separate from the Army. (About June 1, 1883 written note).  
Neither the Smithsonian nor the Agriculture Department desired to undertake the duties according to General Hazen.
- Box 7, Folder 23      Copy of Letter to Senator Maxey, Washington City, July 20th, 1883, by General Hazen regarding reorganizing of the Signal Corps and referring to the Army Register for his Army record.
- Box 7, Folder 23      Note: A clipping from the Washington Sunday Herald, January 28, 1883 "A Forgery And A Slander" regarding the argument in favor of a transfer of the Weather Service to the Interior Department.
- Box 7, Folder 23      War Department, Signal Service, U.S. Army, History of the Propositions To Transfer The Signal Corps To The Interior Department, Washington, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, 1883.
- Box 7, Folder 23      Insert relative to the Army appropriation bill that contains a provision to the effect that no officer shall remain absent from the regiment on duty in Washington for a longer period than three years, 1883
- Box 7, Folder 23      The Necessity of a Completed Organization For the Signal Corps., Washington City 1884.  
Summary of reasons supporting the need for military discipline to maintain the work of the Signal Corps for work done during the war and for weather observations and reporting with testimonials appended.
- Box 7, Folder 23      Extracts from the United States Statutes-at-Large Affecting the Signal Corps of the Army, 1860-1884, Washington City: Signal Office. 1884
- Box 7, Folder 23      Extracts ... Affecting the Signal Corps of the Army 1884-1885, Washington City: Signal Office, 1885
- Box 7, Folder 23      Extracts from the evidence before the Commission Upon Certain Bureaus Referring to the Signal Corps, Washington City, 1886.  
This is the system of volunteer observers that was organized by the Smithsonian in 1850 and of which General Myer took charge in 1873. Four appendixes of which the last two deal with the future of the Signal Corps. Appendix III Letter from the Chief Signal Officer to Hon. W.B. Allison, ... detailed statement of the management of the Signal Service and the advantages which the military system affords ... . And Appendix IV Letter of Secretary Lincoln to Congress Opposing A Permanent Military Organization for the Signal Corps.
- Box 7, Folder 23      Inserted copy of typewritten pages entitled "Statement by General Hazen before the Joint Commission and included in its published report."

- Essentially a history of problems the Chief Signal Officer has been forced to confront and his attempt to keep the Weather Bureau under the War Department, [1886?]
- Box 7, Folder 23 (Unnumbered) General Hazen's reply to the second comptroller, Washington City, 1886 with a stamped note on cover page.  
See pages 75-79. The publication has a DIGEST and pages 75-79 are listed as causes of this attack. Examination of General W.B. Hazen in the Room of Committee on Expenditures in the War Department is the thrust of the publication.
- Box 7, Folder 23 Resolution 1. Recent Resolutions and Comments on the Signal Service of the Army, January - February 1882, cite statements by various organizations to retain the service of the Weather Bureau in the Army.
- Box 7, Folder 23 Resolution 2. The Following Resolutions Have Been Recently Received by The Chief Signal Officer, February - March 1882: Merchants Association, Maritime Exchange and Associations and Marine Underwriters supporting the permanent basis of the Signal Corps same as the Engineer or Ordnance Corps.
- Box 7, Folder 23 Resolution 3. Office of the Marine Underwriters, Baltimore, February 10, 1882: Same basis as the Engineer or Ordnance Corps.
- Box 7, Folder 23 Resolution 4. Vessel Owners' and Captains' Association, Philadelphia, March 3, 1882: Urge the passing the Bill now pending before the Military Committee of the House.
- Box 7, Folder 23 INSPECTION 1867 by General J.F. Rusling and General W.B. Hazen, 39th Congress, 2nd Session, House of Representatives, Ex. Doc. No. 45  
The Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton transmitted a letter from the Adjutant General's Office covering reports of inspection tours made By Generals Ruling and Hazen. First copy of report of Brevet Major General W.B. Hazen, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Platte and copies of reports of Brevet Brigadier General James F. Ruling of inspections made by him on a tour westward from the Mississippi river to the Pacific Coast. The reports included broad observations on land usage, mineral wealth, roads, posts and distribution of troops, supplies, Indians, quartermaster's department, mines, and fitness of personnel for current responsibility and qualification for greater responsibility
- Box 8, Folder 1 Presented to General Hazen, Vienna, February 5th, 1878, Ferdinand Silas (Translation): Memory on the Inextinguishable Lights Applicable to the Rescue at Sea and the Signals of Distress.
- Box 8, Folder 2 Press Sketches-General W. B. Hazen, Chief Signal Officer, U.S.A., title on a leather bound 12.5 in. x 9 in. book with the following title inside: Press Sketches of the Life And Services of General W.B. Hazen, Chief Signal Officer, U.S.A. - Private Edition - 1887  
(Note: Book cover not attached.) All pages are bordered in black and Press Sketches begins with portrait drawings (New York Graphic, January 18 1887) of General and Mrs. Hazen followed by [In Memoriam - General WM. B. Hazen - Born September 27, 1830 - Died January 16, 1887]; Preface "... the tribute of others to his life and services, and that his posterity may have a truthful epitome of the opinions of the men and writers of his day."; and last, Press

Sketches of the Life and Services of General W.B. Hazen. Included with Press clippings from newspapers in about 14 states is reference to The Event (General Hazen's Death) announced in General Orders of the Army. General Orders No. 6, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, January 17, 1887.

Box 8, Folder 3

[Ledger Book of Ideas?] undated

A paper bound ledger book 8/14 inches x 13 12 inches with only a few hand written and hand numbered pages related to thoughts set forth on the organization of the Regular Army. Requested a copy of "The School and the Army in Germany and France" to determine if the draft was included in this.

Box 8, Folder 4

Private letters of Hazen, 1878

Box 11, Folder 4

W.B. Hazen (letters in gold) Nebraska Land Book 10.5 x 16 in. leather covered containing maps of sections of land in counties in Nebraska showing acreages of land Hazen owned, taxes paid, sold, and other related matters regarding the land, 1880.

Box 11, Folder 5

Clothbound book (12.5" x 18") with signature of W.B. Hazen on inside cover, undated.

The book is a collection of newspaper articles related to the trial of William W. Belknap, Late Secretary of War. On the inside in front is a copy of a government publication Proceedings Of The Senate Sitting For The Trial Of William W. Belknap, Late Secretary Of War, On The Articles Of Impeachment Exhibited By The House Of Representatives.

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