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Collection Overview

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

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 (now Division of Political and Military History) on August 20, 1987.

Processing Information

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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.

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.

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

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
- Eskimos -- Greenland
- Inuit -- Greenland

Cultures:

- Inuit -- Greenland

Types of Materials:

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

Names:

- Lincoln, Robert Todd

Places:

- Greenland -- Exploration
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1855-1867

Scope and Contents: 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

Arrangement: 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

Scope and Contents: 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.

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	Inspection by Generals Rusling and Hazen, 39th Congress, 2d Session, House of Representatives, Ex. Doc. 45
Box 2, Folder 23	Correspondence (loose pages), undated

Miscellaneous

Box 2, Folder 24	Mercantile Bill Holder, undated
Box 2, Folder 24	Receipt book August 29, 1881 to December 9, 1881
Box 2, Folder 24	Receipt book December 7, 1884 to May 30, 1885
Box 2, Folder 24	Receipt book June 11, 1885 to January 7, 1886

Box 2, Folder 24 Loose cancelled checks - October 20, 1868 - January 8, 1887

Box 2, Folder 24 Hamburg letter dated December 14, 1878 regarding the Union Bank London

Box 2, Folder 24 Small book of accounts of travel and listing of Indian Tribes, undated

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 8 Observer, 1870 September-December, Franco-Prussian War

Box 3, Folder 9 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 Civil War Charges-Court Martial (Re: General Stanley)/R. B. Hayes

Box 3, Folder 13

[Civil War Charges-Court Martial \(Re: General Stanley\)/R. B. Hayes, 1879-1886](#)

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 (Ink on paper.; 9.8" x 7.9".)

[Image\(s\)](#)[Image\(s\)](#)[Image\(s\)](#)

Author: Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881

Language: English.

Notes: AC0427-0000001a (AC Scan No.: recto)

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

In Box 4, Folder 2.

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

Letter to William Babcock Hazen from James A. Garfield, dated April 9, 1861

Names: Hazen, William Babcock, 1830-1887

Topic: Civil War, 1861-1865

Genre/Form: Holographs

Letters (correspondence) -- 1860-1870

[James A. Garfield to William Babcock Hazen : telegram.], June 12, 1861

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 5.6" x 8.5".)

[Image\(s\)](#)[Image\(s\)](#)

Author: Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881

Creator: New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co. (sender)

Language: English.

Notes: AC0427-0000002 (AC Scan No.)

In Box 4, Folder 2.

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

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.

Names: Hazen, William Babcock, 1830-1887

Topic: Civil War, 1861-1865

Genre/Form: Telegrams

Box 4, Folder 3

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

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 9.5" x 6.4".)

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)
 Author: Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
 Notes: AC0427-0000003 (AC Scan No.)
 In Box 4, Folder 3.
 Civil War Selections from the Archives Center
 Note written on an envelope from Abraham Lincoln to the General in Chief, dated June 1, 1863.
 Topic: Civil War, 1861-1865
 Genre/Form: Envelopes
 Notes
 Holographs

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, Cape Sabine](#)

Box 4, Folder 10 [Greely Expedition, Hazen draft brief, undated](#)

Subseries 2.14: A Narrative of Military Service, 1885

Box 4, Folder 11 [A Narrative of Military Service](#)

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

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Signer: Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865

Language: English.

Notes: AC0427-0000004 (AC Scan No.)
In Box 4, Folder 10.
Civil War Selections from the Archives Center
Land Grant given to William Hazen for military service, signed by
President Abraham Lincoln, August 15, 1861.

Names: Hazen, William Babcock, 1830-1887

Topic: land
Civil War, 1861-1865

Genre/Form: Signatures (names)
Land titles
Certificates

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 [Miscellaneous Letters and Forms \(Freedmen Funds\)](#)

Box 5, Folder 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

Scope and Contents: 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

Scope and Contents: 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 [Mrs. Mildred McLean Hazen \[Wife of General Hazen\] Letters](#)

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	To John Hazen, 1891 - 1896
Box 6, Folder 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?]
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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
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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

Scope and Contents: 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, 1964

Ground Plan and View of Fort McAllister on the Ogeechee River, Georgia [drawing], circa 1865, undated
1 Item (10" x 12.2".)

[Image\(s\)](#)

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Artist: Willenber, Eugene

Language: English.

Notes: AC0427-0000005 (AC Scan No.)

Ink on paper.

In Box 9, Folder 1.

Civil War Selections from the Archives Center

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

Topic: Forts

Civil War, 1861-1865

Place: Fort McAllister (Georgia)

Ogeechee River (Georgia)

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 [Inuit--Greenland Families, 1881](#)

Box 9, Folder 5 [Inuit \[Greenland\] 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 Unidentified children, Undated

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 Garden of the Gods

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, Yosemite Valley, undated
Box 10, Folder 7	General View of Santa Barbara, undated
Box 10, Folder 8	Augustus Saint-Gaudens Memorial "Grief", undated
Box 10, Folder 9	Frost Work on Railway, Mount Washington, undated
Box 10, Folder 9	Fort Sill by W.S. Soule, undated
Box 10, Folder 9	The Moon - J.W. Love, Portage, Wisconsin, undated
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Series 6: Publications, 1865-1886

Scope and Contents: 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
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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 Notes: [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. Notes: 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 Notes: 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	<p>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).</p> <p>Notes: Neither the Smithsonian nor the Agriculture Department desired to undertake the duties according to General Hazen.</p>
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	<p>The Necessity of a Completed Organization For the Signal Corps., Washington City 1884</p> <p>Notes: 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.</p>
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	<p>Extracts from the evidence before the Commission Upon Certain Bureaus Referring to the Signal Corps, Washington City, 1886</p> <p>Notes: 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.</p>

Box 7, Folder 23	<p>Inserted copy of typewritten pages entitled "Statement by General Hazen before the Joint Commission and included in its published report."</p> <p>Notes: 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?]</p>
Box 7, Folder 23	Signal Office, War Department, Washington, D.C., February 4, 1886
Box 7, Folder 23	<p>(Unnumbered) General Hazen's reply to the second comptroller, Washington City, 1886 with a stamped note on cover page.</p> <p>Notes: 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.</p>
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	<p>INSPECTION 1867 by General J.F. Rusling and General W.B. Hazen, 39th Congress, 2nd Session, House of Representatives, Ex. Doc. No. 45</p> <p>Notes: 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</p>
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](#)

Notes: (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](#)

Notes: 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.

Notes: 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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