

Guide to the Daniel Geary Papers

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Geary, Daniel, c. 1812-1892

Title: Daniel Geary Papers

Dates: 1839-1891 (bulk, 1861-1865)

Quantity: 1.5 linear feet

Abstract: Invoices, receipts, vouchers, etc., of the Ordnance Office of the city of Mobile during the Civil War.

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Biographical Note:

Daniel Geary, a Mobile bookkeeper, fought in two Creek Indian wars and was a veteran of the Mexican-American War. Despite being nearly fifty years of age in 1861, the state of Alabama commissioned Geary a lieutenant in Gage's Light Battery. He fought at the Battle of Shiloh and became an artillery instructor, serving on the line of redoubts and bay batteries that protected the city of Mobile from Union forces. At the end of the war Geary was Brigade Ordnance Officer for the Confederate Army.

Scope and Contents:

This collection consists of the day-to-day records of the Ordnance Office of the city of Mobile during the Civil War. It includes day-books, letter-books, orders, invoices, personnel rosters, and some personal correspondence. Also included are Geary's personal receipt books from 1839 to 1891. Of particular interest within the collection is an 1852 Odd Fellow Certificate, a signed Parole of Honor in which Geary swore to cease his service with the Confederate Army, and a diary by Charles Brother, a Union officer, describing the Battle of Mobile Bay. Available on five reels of 35mm positive microfilm.

Arrangement:

Arranged chronologically.

Access Restrictions:

This material is open to research.

Preferred Citation:

Daniel Geary Papers, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.

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