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Location Case 28

Title Sickles, Daniel Edgar. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1841-1914

Date of receipt

Received from Purchased from Tuttle,
Nov. 1, 1928

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 1 AB, 3 slipcases, 2 vols.

Condition Good, but clippings are brittle and
crumbly.

Restrictions None

Description

American Civil War general and New York politician. He was born on October 20, 1825 in New York and died 88 years later on May 3, 1914. Sickles was admitted to the bar in 1844 and became a member of the state legislature 3 years later. By 1857, he was a Democratic member of Congress and represented New York until 1861. Engaged in a duel in 1859, he killed Philip Barton Key (son of Francis Scott Key). He was, nevertheless, tried for murder and was acquitted on the grounds of temporary insanity. It was the first such verdict in legal history. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Sickles raised a brigade of New York volunteers and took part in the Peninsular Campaign, Antietam, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg where he lost his right leg during combat. After the war, he was in charge of the military district of the Carolinas (1865-1867) and later became American minister to Spain (1869-1873). Sickles once again represented New York in Congress from 1893 to 1895. He was also involved in the establishment of Central Park in New York City.

The collection consist largely of Sickles' correspondence (1841-1913, n.d.) with friends, political associates and fellow Civil War veterans on subjects such as veterans organizations, war memorials, state and national politics, and his ministry to Spain. The letters are mostly to him, and only a few are by him. His wife's correspondence (1856-1862) is also included. There are 4 letterpress books (1870-1874) covering his tenure as the American minister in Spain. Newspaper clippings (1867-1914) are numerous in the collection, relating mostly to the Civil War, veterans' reunions and Sickles' political career. There is also a volume of clippings from newspapers all over the United States pertaining to Sickles' involvement and endorsement of William McKinley in his presidential campaign against William J. Bryan in 1896.

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Temporary catalog card added entries

United States-Foreign relations--1869-1877
United States-Politics & Government--1893-1897
United States-Armed Forces--Officers retired
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New York(State)-Politics & Government--1865-1950

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DANIEL E. SICKLES PAPERS

Box 1 Correspondence, 1841-1914
 Correspondence of Teresa Sickles, 1856-1862
 Newspaper clippings, 1867-1914

Volume 1 Letterpress Book, Oct. 16, 1870 - April 17, 1871(Green slipcase)

Volume 2 Letterpress Book, Nov. 21, 1871 - Dec. 18, 1873(Green slipcase)

Volume 3 Letterpress Book, Dec. 19, 1873 - Feb. 15, 1874

Volume 4 Letterpress Book, Dec. 21, 1870 - Oct. 18, 1873(Green slipcase)

Volume 5 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings relating to Sickles'
 involvement in the McKinley-Bryan presidential campaign of 1896