

Mansfield Lovell Collection

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Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

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Descriptive Summary

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| Provenance: | Gift of Mr. A. Gordon Nicholson in 1977 |
| Title: | Mansfield Lovell Collection |
| Dates: | 1861 – 1865 |
| Abstract: | Collection contains Confederate General Mansfield Lovell, Commander in New Orleans during the Union invasion, daily memorandum books and a volume of his war correspondence. |
| Extent: | 4 folders, 7 items |
| Accession: | 1977.17.1 - .7 |

Biographical / Historical Note

General Mansfield Lovell was born on October 20, 1822 in Washington D.C.. He graduated from West Point in the class of 1842. He fought in the Mexican War where he received a severe wound and resigned from the army in 1854. Later, he became Deputy Street Commissioner in New York City under Gustavus W. Smith. Almost immediately after his resignation as Deputy Street Commissioner he was appointed as Major General in the Confederate Army, on October 7, 1861, and assigned to command New Orleans. Due to lack of men and supplies, General Mansfield Lovell was forced to evacuate New Orleans during the invasion of Union soldiers. After the war he returned to New York and served as assistant engineer to General John Newton in the removal of the East River Obstructions. He died there, on June 1, 1884, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Scope and Content

The collection contains General Mansfield Lovell's daily memorandum books for 1861 – 1862 and a volume of his war correspondence for the year of 1865. All items refer to the Civil War in New Orleans and/or General Mansfield Lovell.

Subjects

General Mansfield Lovell
Diary
Civil War
New Orleans
Union Soldiers
Confederate Soldiers

Access of Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open** for research

Related of Separated Materials

1977.17.1 a,b,c: Greatcoat, with sash and belt

1977.17.5: Photograph of General Mansfield Lovell, New Orleans

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Mansfield Lovell Collection, Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

Acquisition Information

Items in the Collection were gifted to the Louisiana State Museum by Mr. A. Gordon Nicholson in 1977.

Notes

Contents List

Folder 1: 1865, Day book with copies of correspondence (1977.17.2)

Folder 2: 1861, Daily Memorandum book (1977.17.3)

Folder 3: 1862, Diary and Almanac (1977.17.4)

Folder 4: 1862, March 21, Letter to General Lovell, New Orleans (1977.17.6)
Newspaper obituary of Mansfield Lovell (1977.17.7)