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Charles Parsons Papers, 1808-1940 (bulk 1862-1864)

45 manuscript boxes; 3 oversize boxes; 4 oversize folders (in AMD); 33 volumes

REPOSITORY

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DONOR INFORMATION

The documents in the Personal Papers Series were a gift of Mr. Thruston Pettus, nephew of Charles Parsons, in January 1952. Acquisition information for the bulk of the collection is not available; however, the collection was in the possession of the Missouri Historical Society Archives as early as 1938.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles Parsons, son of Lewis B. and Lucinda Hoar Parsons, was born January 24, 1824, in Homer, New York. In 1851, he moved to Keokuk, Iowa, where he conducted a successful banking business. He married Martha A. Pettus in 1857. During the Civil War, Parsons was appointed assistant quartermaster with the rank of captain, and placed in charge of the St. Louis post of the Union rail and river transportation service. In this role, Parsons worked closely with his brother, Lewis B. Parsons, Chief of Rail and River Transportation. Following the war, Parsons worked with the St. Louis State Savings Association, becoming president in 1870. He died September 15, 1905, in Wequetonsing, Michigan.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charles Parsons Papers consist of accounts, abstracts, correspondence, bills of lading, orders, transportation passes, crew lists, charters, contracts and other types of material that document his work as assistant quartermaster in St. Louis during the Civil War. The collection includes both loose papers and bound volumes that provide extensive information on the logistics of transporting troops and supplies for the Union army in the western theater, including the Vicksburg Campaign. The collection also contains several folders of Parsons' personal papers.

Since the original order of the papers was lost, they were arranged to provide the greatest access to the information contained in the collection. A researcher can locate information about the activities of a particular steamboat or railroad, or about chronological activities and accounts. In most cases, a researcher will need to consult more than one series within the collection. The papers are arranged into six series: **Steamboats, Railroads, Stagecoaches, Accounts, Chronological, and Personal Papers.**

The **Steamboats Series** is arranged alphabetically by the name of the boat and includes bills of lading, transportation passes, crew lists, charters, contracts, receipts, vouchers and other types of material that provide information on the activities of the boats during the war. The series also includes folders for packet companies. (Appendix A contains a list of steamboats owned by each packet company.) All correspondence relating to steamboats can be found in the Chronological Series. Appendix B contains a list of those steamboats that include crew lists.

The **Railroads Series** is arranged alphabetically by the name of the railroad company and contains transportation passes and bills of lading that document the transportation of troops and supplies by train. All correspondence relating to railroads can be found in the Chronological Series.

The **Stagecoaches Series** is arranged alphabetically and consists of transportation passes and receipts for stagecoach companies that provided transportation for the Union army during the war.

The **Accounts Series** has two parts. The first part contains monthly accounts of the Quartermaster's Department. The documents were kept in the original order according to Parsons' notations, and are arranged chronologically. The second part of the series is arranged alphabetically and consists of accounts with individuals and businesses for services and supplies provided to the Union army. The series also contains several bound account books that document the amount of money, supplies and services used on a monthly basis.

The **Chronological Series** consists primarily of correspondence, but also includes transportation passes for any steamboat, crew lists of unidentified steamboats, unidentified bills of lading, proposals for transportation and general and special orders, arranged by type of document and then by date. The series also contains a list of steamboats used during the Vicksburg Expedition. The correspondence documents all aspects of Parsons' work and includes letters that discuss a specific steamboat or railroad.

The **Personal Papers Series** contains correspondence of Parsons with family and friends, including William T. Sherman, Henry Shaw, Theodore Roosevelt and Heinrich Schliemann; a genealogy of the Parsons family; papers regarding land transactions; documents from Charles Parsons' autograph collection; two speeches about the life of Charles Parsons; and two folders of soldiers' claims and discharge certificates. The series is arranged chronologically and provides information on Parsons' interests outside of his military career.

Parsons' notations on several items in the collection provide a link between the loose papers and the bound volumes, and between series. Many of the envelopes that accompany documents in the Steamboats, Railroads, and Stagecoaches Series have notations that refer to the account books (bound volumes 12-21 in this inventory) listed at the end of the Accounts Series. For example, the notation "Book F, Oct Report, #62" refers to item #62 of the expense account for October 1863 in Account Book F (bound volume 17 in this inventory). Each account book volume also includes an index listing steamboats, railroads, and people. Some envelopes have a similar

notation that refers to Purchase Book D (bound volume 9 in this inventory). Another type of notation appears on the back of correspondence from 1864 in the Chronological Series. For example, the notation "P18 Vol 1 1864" refers to #18 in the P section of Record of Letters Received (bound volume 24 in this inventory), which contains brief abstracts of the letters.

Appendix C contains a list of all the oversize material in the collection.

Box 1

Steamboats Series

- folders 1-10 A. Reeder and Co., Dec 1862-Aug 1863 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)
- folders 11-12 Ad Hine, Dec 1862-May 1863, Jan 1864
- folder 13 Adelia, May 1862-Feb 1864
- folder 14 Adriatic, Nov 1862-Oct 1863
- folders 15-16 Alice Dean, Mar-Jun 1863, Apr-Jun 1864
- folders 17-20 Alone, Dec 1862-May 1864

Box 2

- folder 1 Altamont, Apr 1862-Jun 1864
- folders 2-4 Alton and St. Louis Packet Co., Nov 1862-Apr 1863 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)
- folder 5 America, Oct-Dec 1863
- folder 6 Anglo Saxon, May 1863
- folder 7 Arago, Oct 1862-Mar 1864
- folder 8 Argonaut No. 2, Feb-May 1863
- folders 9-10 Armada, May-Aug 1863, Mar-Jun 1864
- folder 11 Armenia, Jan 1863
- folder 12 Atlantic, Sep-Oct 1863
- folder 13 Augustus McDowell, Aug-Oct 1862
- folder 14 Aurora, Jul-Aug 1863
- folder 15 Autocrat, May-Jul 1862
- folder 16 B.J. Adams, Jun 1862-Mar 1863
- folder 17 B.M. Runyan, Jan 1863
- folder 18 Barton Able, Jul 1864
- folder 19 Bayard, Apr 1863
- folder 20 Belle Creole, Dec 1862-Aug 1863
- folder 21 Belle Memphis, Feb 1862-Aug 1863
- folder 22 Belle Peoria, Dec 1862-Apr 1864
- folder 23 Ben Franklin, Mar-Aug 1863
- folder 24 Benefit, Oct-Nov 1863
- folder 25 Bill Henderson, Dec 1862-Mar 1863

Box 3

- folders 1-6 Black Hawk, Dec 1862-Sep 1863
- folder 7 Blue Wing, Feb 1863
- folder 8 Brazil, May 1862-Oct 1863
- folder 9 Brilliant, Apr 1864
- folder 10 C.E. Hillman, Jan-Aug 1863
- folder 11 C.S. Rogers and Co., Aug 1863
- folder 12 Carl, May 1863-Jan 1864
- folder 13 Carrie, May 1862

folders 14-15 Catahoula, Oct 1862, Jun 1863-Feb 1864

Box 4

folders 1-2 Champion, Nov 1862-Aug 1863
folder 3 Charley Bowen, Jul 1863
folder 4 Charles McDougall, Feb 1864
folder 5 Charles Miller, May 1864
folder 6 Cherokee, May-Jul 1864
folder 7 Chippewa Falls, Apr 1863
folder 8 Chippewa Valley, Apr 1863
folders 9-11 Cincinnati and Memphis Packet Co., Jun 1862-Nov 1864 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)
folder 12 Citizen, Dec 1862-Jun 1864
folders 13-14 City Belle, Aug 1862-Oct 1863
folders 15-16 City of Alton, Aug 1862-Jan 1864
folders 17-20 City of Louisiana, Dec 1862-Dec 1863

Box 5

folder 1 City of Madison, Sep 1863
folder 2 City of Memphis, Dec 1862-Oct 1863
folder 3 City of Pekin, May 1864
folder 4 Clara, Jun 1863
folders 5-9 Clarabell, Oct 1862-Jan 1863
folder 10 Clara Eames, Jul-Nov 1864
folder 11 Commercial, Apr-May 1863
folder 12 Commodore Perry, Jul 1862
folders 13-14 Continental, Oct 1862-Apr 1864
folder 15 Conway, Sep 1862
folder 16 Crescent City, Jun 1862-Sep 1863
folder 17 Curlew, Oct 1863
folders 18-21 D.A. January, Jun-Aug 1863
folders 22-23 Dacotah, Jun-Aug 1862, Feb-Jul 1863

Box 6

folders 1-2 Daniel G. Taylor, Dec 1862-Jun 1863
folder 3 Davenport, Nov 1862-Dec 1863
folder 4 David Tatum, Jul 1862-Sep 1864
folder 5 Des Arc, Jan-Aug 1863
folders 6-7 Des Moines, Jun 1862-Oct 1863
folder 8 Des Moines City, no date
folder 9 Diana, Apr-Nov 1863
folder 10 Die Vernon, Dec 1862-May 1864
folder 11 Diligent, Jan-Sep 1863

folder 12 Dime, Aug 1863-Jun 1864
folder 13 Diurnal, Aug-Sep 1863
folder 14 Duke, Nov 1862-May 1863
folder 15 Duke of Argyle, no date
folder 16 Dunleith, Jul 1862, May 1863
folder 17 E.H. Fairchild, no date
folder 18 Eagle, Apr 1863
folder 19 Echo, May 1864
folder 20 Eclipse, May-Oct 1863
folders 21-22 Edward Walsh, Oct 1862-Jun 1863

Box 7

folder 1 Effie Deans, Sep 1863
folder 2 Ella, Nov 1862-Apr 1863
folder 3 Elvira, Oct 1862
folder 4 Emerald, Apr-Jul 1863
folder 5 Emma, Oct 1862-Sep 1863
folder 6 Emma No. 2, Dec 1862-Oct 1863
folder 7 Emma Duncan, Jan 1862-Feb 1863
folder 8 Emperor, Mar 1863, Apr-May 1864
folders 9-10 Empire City, Jan-Oct 1863
folders 11-13 Empress, Oct 1862-Apr 1863, Aug 1864
folder 14 Engine, Oct-Nov 1862
folder 15 Eolian, Apr 1863
folder 16 Evansville, Mar, Sep 1863
folder 17 Evansville and Cairo Packet Co., Mar-May 1863 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)
folder 18 Express, Apr-May 1863

Box 8

folders 1-2 Fanny Bullitt, Nov 1862-Sep 1863
folders 3-4 Fanny Ogden, Aug 1862-Dec 1863
folder 5 Fanny Thornton, May-Jun 1864
folders 6-7 Florence, Dec 1862-Mar 1864
folder 8 Forrest Queen, Sep 1862
folder 9 Fort Wayne, Jun 1862, Sep 1863
folder 10 Francis Fisher, May 1863-May 1864
folder 11 Frank Steele, Mar 1863
folder 12 Fred Lorenz, Feb-Mar 1863
folder 13 Freestone, Aug 1863
folder 14 Gate City, Jan-Feb 1863
folder 15 General Anderson, Dec 1862-Jul 1863
folder 16 General Grant, Jun 1864
folder 17 General Halleck, Nov 1862-Mar 1863

folder 18 General Robert Allen, Oct 1862-Aug 1863
folder 19 Geneva, Mar 1864
folder 20 George Albree, Apr-May 1863
folder 21 George W. Graham, Aug 1863
folder 22 Ginnie Hopkins, Oct-Nov 1863

Box 9

folders 1-6 Gladiator, Oct 1862-Nov 1863
folders 7-8 Glasgow, Dec 1862-Oct 1863
folder 9 Glendale, Apr 1863-May 1864
folder 10 Golden Eagle, Apr-Jun 1864
folders 11-13 Golden Era, Jun 1862-Oct 1863
folder 14 Grey Eagle, Apr 1864

Box 10

folder 1 H.A. Hohmeyer, Sep 1863
folder 2 H.D. Bacon, Oct 1862
folder 3 Hamilton Belle, Nov 1862
folder 4 Hannibal, Jan-Aug 1863
folder 5 Hastings, Nov 1862-Nov 1863
folder 6 Havana, Feb-May 1864
folder 7 Hazel Dell, Aug-Sep 1862
folders 8-10 Henry Chouteau, Jan-Nov 1863
folder 11 Henry Fitzhugh, Dec 1861
folders 12-13 Henry Von Phul, Dec 1862-Jun 1864
folder 14 Hettie Gilmore, Mar 1862-Sep 1863
folders 15-18 Hiawatha, Oct 1862-Sep 1863

Box 11

folders 1-2 Hope, Apr-Dec 1863
folder 3 Horizon, Mar-Aug 1863
folder 4 Hornet, Aug 1863
folders 5-8 Iatan, Feb 1862-Oct 1863
folder 9 Iberville, Aug 1863
folder 10 Ida May, no date
folder 11 Idaho, Oct 1863
folder 12 Illinois, Feb-Aug 1863
folder 13 Illinois River Packet Co., Jun 1862-Mar 1863 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)
folders 14-16 Imperial, Jan 1863-Jun 1864
folder 17 Iowa, Jul-Nov 1863
folder 18 Isabella, Dec 1862-Mar 1863
folder 19 Island City, Nov-Dec 1863
folder 20 Izetta, Mar-Apr 1862

Box 12

folders 1-2 J.C. Swon, Dec 1862-Oct 1863
folder 3 J.H. Gartside, Oct 1862-Nov 1863
folder 4 J.H. Lacy, May 1864
folder 5 J.H. Russell, Oct 1863
folder 6 J.K. Williams, Aug 1863
folder 7 J.R. Williams, Jan 1863-May 1864
folder 8 J.S. Pringle, Jul 1862-Oct 1863
folder 9 J.W. Cheeseman, Dec 1862, May-Jun 1863
folder 10 Jacob Musselman, Apr 1862, Feb 1863
folder 11 James Deans, Apr 1863
folder 12 James Means, Dec 1862-Dec 1863
folders 13-15 James Raymond, Jun 1862-Mar 1864
folders 16-20 Jeannie Deans, Dec 1862-Jul 1863

Box 13

folder 1 Jennie Rogers, Nov 1863
folder 2 Jennie Whipple, Dec 1862
folder 3 Jenny Davis, Sep 1863
folder 4 Jenny Lind, Apr-Oct 1863
folder 5 Jessie K. Bell No. 2, Mar, Jul 1863
folder 6 Jewess, Mar-May 1864
folder 7 John Bell, Sep 1862-Feb 1863
folder 8 John D. Perry, Oct 1862-Aug 1863
folders 9-10 John H. Dickey, Dec 1862-Aug 1863
folder 11 John H. Groesbeck, May-Oct 1863
folder 12 John Ivers, Aug-Sep 1862
folder 13 John J. Roe, May 1862-Sep 1863
folder 14 John Trendley, Jul 1863
folder 15 John Warner, Nov 1862-Dec 1863
folder 16 Judge McClure, Mar 1863
folder 17 Julia, Oct 1863
folder 18 Juliet, Aug-Oct 1862
folder 19 Kate Cassell, Mar-Apr 1863
folder 20 Kate Kearney, Apr 1864
folder 21 Keokuk, Nov 1863-Jan 1864
folders 22-26 Keokuk Packet Co., Mar 1862-Mar 1864 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)

Box 14

folder 1 Key West, Nov 1863
folders 2-3 Key West No. 2, Dec 1862-May 1864
folder 4 Kingston No. 5, Aug 1863
folder 5 Kingston No. 6, Dec 1862

folder 6 Klinefelter and Co., Aug 1862
folders 7-8 L.M. Kennett, Aug 1862-Sep 1863
folder 9 Laclede, Nov 1862
folders 10-11 Lacon, Aug 1862-May 1863
folder 12 Lacrosse, Dec 1862-Feb 1863
folder 13 Lady Franklin, Jan 1862, Jan 1864
folder 14 Lady Jackson, Apr 1863
folder 15 Lady Pike, Jan 1864
folder 16 Lake, Jun 1864
folder 17 Lancaster No. 4, Jan-Jun 1863
folders 18-19 Lasalle, Jan 1862-Apr 1863

Box 15

folder 1 Leonidas, Feb 1864
folder 2 Leonora, Aug 1863
folder 3 Lillie Martin, Oct 1864
folder 4 Little Blue, Oct 1862, Mar-Apr 1863
folder 5 Little Giant, Nov 1863-Feb 1864
folder 6 Live Oak, Feb-Jun 1864
folder 7 Lockwood and Wider, Oct 1863-Jun 1864 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)
folder 8 Louisiana, May 1863
folder 9 Luzerne, Jan-Feb 1863
folder 10 M.S. Mephram, Apr-Jun 1864, Nov 1867
folder 11 Madison, Dec 1862-Jul 1863
folder 12 Madison County Ferry Co., Jun-Nov 1862
folder 13 Magenta, Mar-May 1863
folder 14 Majestic, Mar-Apr 1863
folder 15 Maquoketa City, Sep 1863
folder 16 Marcella, Aug 1863-Jun 1864
folder 17 Maria Denning, Dec 1862-Sep 1863
folder 18 Mark R. Cheek, Oct 1862-Mar 1863
folders 19-20 Mars, Sep-Oct 1863
folder 21 Mary E. Forsyth, Feb-Jul 1863, Jan 1864
folder 22 Mary Miller, Jun-Nov 1862
folder 23 Masonic Gem, Apr, Aug 1863
folder 24 May Duke, May-Jun 1864

Box 16

folder 1 Melnotte, Jul 1862-Jan 1864
folders 2-15 Memphis and St. Louis Packet Co., May 1862-Jul 1863 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)
folders 16-17 Meteor, Dec 1862-Sep 1863

Box 17

- folders 1-3 Metropolitan, Feb 1863-Jul 1864
- folder 4 Mill Boy, Feb-Mar 1864
- folders 5-7 Minnehaha, Aug 1862-Jun 1864
- folder 8 Minnesota, Feb-Apr 1863
- folders 9-10 Moderator, Jun 1862-Feb 1864
- folder 11 Montana, Jun 1864
- folder 12 Morning Star, Apr 1863
- folder 13 N.W. Thomas, Apr 1863-Jun 1864
- folder 14 Nannie Byers, Dec 1863-Jul 1864
- folder 15 Naples Packet Co., Jan 1863
- folder 16 Nashville, Apr 1862-Oct 1863
- folders 17-18 Nebraska, Mar 1862-Jun 1864
- folder 19 Nellie Moore, Nov 1863
- folder 20 Nevada, Mar 1863-Jan 1864

Box 18

- folders 1-2 New Bon Accord, Dec 1862-Jun 1863
- folder 3 New Era, Oct 1862
- folder 4 New Igo, Sep-Oct 1863
- folder 5 New Kentucky, Sep-Dec 1863
- folders 6-10 New Sam Gaty, Dec 1862-Jan 1864
- folder 11 Niagara, Aug 1863
- folder 12 Norman, Sep-Oct 1863
- folder 13 Northern Line Packet Co., May 1862-Oct 1863 (See Appendix A for a list of steamboats that are represented in this collection and owned by this company)
- folder 14 Northerner, Nov 1862-Jun 1864
- folder 15 Ocean Wave, Apr 1863
- folder 16 Ohio Belle, Apr-Oct 1863

Box 19

- folders 1-2 Omaha, Jan-Aug 1863, May 1864
- folder 3 Omaha City, Mar 1863
- folder 4 Orient, Oct 1863
- folder 5 Osage, Oct 1862
- folder 6 Parthenia, Jan, Sep 1863
- folder 7 Pembina, Dec 1862-May 1863
- folders 8-9 Petrel, Jan-May 1864
- folder 10 Pike, Apr-Sep 1863
- folder 11 Pike Union, Jan 1863
- folders 12-14 Planet, Mar 1862, Mar-Sep 1863
- folder 15 Platte Valley, Jan 1863

Box 20

folder 1 Pocahontas, Dec 1862
folder 2 Poland, Jun 1862, Sep-Oct 1863
folder 3 Polar Star, Nov 1862-Jun 1864
folder 4 Porter, Feb 1864
folder 5 Post Boy, Dec 1862-Jun 1864
folder 6 Prairie Rose, Dec 1862-Apr 1864
folder 7 Prairie State, May 1864
folder 8 Prima Donna, Jul 1862-Jun 1863
folder 9 Progress, Oct 1862-Sep 1863
folder 10 Q. Lloyd, Sep 1862-Aug 1863
folder 11 R.B. Hamilton, Sep, Dec 1863
folder 12 R.C. Wood, Apr 1863-Jun 1864
folder 13 R.E. Hill, Jan-Feb 1864
folder 14 Rob Roy, Apr 1863-Feb 1864
folder 15 Robert Campbell, Jr., Dec 1862-Oct 1863
folder 16 Robert Emmett, Feb-Apr 1864
folders 17-19 Rocket, Sep 1862-Dec 1863

Box 21

folder 1 Rose Hambleton, Aug, Nov 1862, Jun 1863
folder 2 Rowena, Oct-Dec 1862
folders 3-5 Ruth, Jan-Nov 1863
folder 6 St. Charles Ferry Co., Jul 1862-Feb 1863
folder 7 St. Cloud, Jun-Dec 1862
folder 8 Saline, Jun 1863
folder 9 Sally List, Jul 1863
folder 10 Sam Clark, Oct 1863
folders 11-13 Sam Gaty, Dec 1862-Feb 1864
folder 14 Sam Young, Dec 1862-May 1863
folder 15 Samson, Apr 1863
folder 16 Schuyler, Feb-Mar 1863
folder 17 Shotwell, Nov 1863
folder 18 Shreveport, Jul 1863-Jan 1864
folder 19 Silver Cloud, Feb-Mar 1863
folder 20 Silver Lake No. 3, Jun 1862
folder 21 Silver Moon, Dec 1863-May 1864
folder 22 Silver Wave, Jan 1863-Feb 1864

Box 22

folders 1-2 Sioux City, Aug 1862-Aug 1863
folder 3 Sir William Wallace, Apr 1864
folders 4-5 South Wester, Dec 1862-Sep 1863

folders 6-8 Spread Eagle, Nov 1862-Jul 1863
folder 9 Starlight, Aug 1863
folder 10 Stephen Bayard, Dec 1862
folder 11 Stephen Decatur, May 1864
folder 12 Storm, Dec 1862-Feb 1863

Box 23

folder 1 Sucker State, Dec 1862-Feb 1863, Aug 1864
folder 2 Sunny Side, Mar 1862-Nov 1863
folders 3-4 Sunny South, Jun 1862-Sep 1863
folder 5 Sunshine, Apr 1862-Jun 1864
folder 6 T.L. McGill, Oct 1862, Mar 1863, Sep 1864
folders 7-8 Tecumseh, Dec 1862-Oct 1863
folder 9 Telegraph, Jul 1863
folder 10 Telegraph No. 2, Jul 1863
folder 11 Telegraph No. 3, Jul 1863
folder 12 Tempest, Jun 1863, May-Jul 1864
folder 13 Thistle, Apr-Jun 1864
folder 14 Thomas, Aug 1863
folder 15 Thomas E. Tutt, Sep 1862-Dec 1863
folder 16 Thomas J. Patten, May-Aug 1863
folder 17 Tigress, Oct 1862, May 1863
folder 18 Tycoon, Jan-Jul 1863
folder 19 Uncle Sam, Jun-Jul 1863
folder 20 Union, Dec 1863
folder 21 Universe, Apr-Jun 1863
folder 22 Upper Ferry, Mar-Apr 1863

Box 24

folder 1 Valley, Feb-Apr 1863
folder 2 Venango, Mar-Sep 1863
folder 3 Venus, Aug-Nov 1863
folder 4 Victor, Apr-May 1863
folder 5 Virginia, May 1863
folder 6 Vulcan, Jan 1863
folder 7 W.G. Woodside, Apr 1863
folder 8 W.W. Crawford, Oct 1862-Jan 1863
folders 9-11 War Eagle, May 1862-Jul 1864
folders 12-13 Warsaw, Nov 1862-Feb 1863
folder 14 Webster, Jul 1863
folder 15 Welcome, Jul 1863-Jul 1864
folder 16 West Wind, Jan 1863
folder 17 Westmoreland, Jun 1862-Jun 1863
folders 18-21 White Cloud, Jul 1861-May 1864

Box 25

- folder 1 White Rose, Mar-Apr 1863
- folders 2-12 Wiggins' Ferry Co., Sep 1862-Jul 1864
- folder 13 William H. Russell, Aug-Dec 1862
- folder 14 William L. Ewing, Aug 1862, May 1863

Box 26

- folder 1 Wisconsin, Oct 1862, Jan-Mar 1863
- folders 2-3 Wisconsin No. 2, Oct 1862-Dec 1863
- folder 4 Yankee, Feb, Oct 1863
- folder 5 Zouave, May 1864
- folder 6 Accounts for multiple boats, 1863-1864

Bound volumes filed separately.

- volume 1 List and description of boats destroyed, 1861-1863
- volume 2 Tabular description and statement of steamboats on the Western rivers, written by Frank G. Ravedon, Jul 1863
- volume 3 Bills of lading (river), 28 Oct 1862-28 Apr 1863
- volume 4 Bills of lading (river), 28 Apr-24 Oct 1863
- volume 5 Bills of lading (river), 26 Oct 1863-21 Mar 1864
- volume 6 Bills of lading (river), 22 Mar-16 Jul 1864

Railroads Series

- folder 7 Atlantic and Great West Railroad, Mar-Apr 1864
- folder 8 Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Dec 1863
- folder 9 Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, Mar 1864
- folder 10 Central Ohio Railroad, Dec 1862-Jan 1863
- folder 11 Chicago and Alton Railroad, Nov 1862, Jan-Feb 1864
- folder 12 Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad, Dec 1862-Oct 1863
- folder 13 Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co., Aug-Oct 1862
- folder 14 Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, Jan-Mar 1863
- folder 15 Cleveland and Toledo Railroad Co., Aug-Oct 1862
- folder 16 Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad, Jan 1863, Feb-Apr 1864
- folder 17 Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, Mar-Jun 1864
- folder 18 Erie Railway Co., Apr-Jul 1862
- folder 19 Evansville and Crawfordsville Railroad, Oct 1862-Jul 1863
- folders 20-21 Galena and Chicago Union Railroad, Sep 1862-Jun 1863
- folder 22 Great Central Railway Line, May-Jun 1864
- folders 23-28 Great Western Railroad, Feb 1862-Feb 1863

Box 27

- folder 1 Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, Sep 1862-Oct 1864
- folders 2-9 Illinois Central Railroad, Dec 1862-Feb 1863, Mar 1864

folder 10 Jeffersonville Railroad Co., Jan-Nov 1863
folder 11 Kasson and Co., Jul 1862-Nov 1863
folder 12 Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroad, May 1863-Feb 1864
folder 13 Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Railroad, May-Sep 1862, Apr 1863
folders 14-16 Mississippi and Missouri Railroad, Oct 1862-Apr 1864
folder 17 Mobile and Ohio Railroad, Mar 1863

Box 28

folder 1 New York Central Railroad, Feb-May 1864
folders 2-16 North Missouri Railroad, May 1857, Apr 1862-Jul 1864

Box 29

folders 1-6 Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, May 1862-Jun 1863, Mar-Apr 1864
folder 7 Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, Apr-May 1864
folder 8 Providence and Worcester Railroad, Apr 1864
folder 9 Quincy and Palmyra Railroad, Sep 1862-Jul 1863
folders 10-15 St. Louis, Alton and Chicago Railroad, Sep 1862-Feb 1863
folders 16-20 St. Louis, Alton and Terre Haute Railroad, Jan 1862-Aug 1863, May 1864

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folders 1-8 St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad, Oct 1862-Jun 1863, Mar 1864
folder 9 Sandusky, Dayton and Cincinnati Railroad, Nov 1862-Feb 1863
folder 10 Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad, Aug 1862-Feb 1863

Bound volumes filed separately.

volume 7 Bills of lading (rail), 2 Feb-21 Dec 1863
volume 8 Bills of lading (rail), 22 Dec 1863-14 Jul 1864

Stagecoaches Series

folder 11 Columbia Stage Co., Feb 1862
folder 12 Frost and Hooker Stage Transportation, Apr-May 1863
folder 13 Great Western Stage Co., May-Jun 1863
folder 14 J.C. Burbank and Co., Dec 1863
folder 15 John C. Bishop Stage Transportation, Jul-Oct 1863
folder 16 Lexington and Hamilton Stage Co., May-Aug 1863
folder 17 Pacific Stage Co., Jul 1862-Jan 1863

Accounts Series

folder 18 Vouchers, Jan-Sep 1862
folder 19 Coal account, Apr-Sep 1862
folder 20 Circular regarding accounts, Sep 1862
folder 21 Coal account, Sep 1862-Oct 1863
folder 22 Fuel account, Oct 1862-May 1863
folder 23 Statement of funds, Oct 1862-Nov 1863

folder 24 Fuel account, Oct 1862

Box 31

folder 1 Account Current, Nov 1862
folder 2 List of vouchers, Nov 1862
folder 3 List of vouchers, Nov 1862-Jul 1863
folder 4 Remarks regarding property returns, Nov 1862-Feb 1864
folder 5 List of boats chartered, Nov 1862
folder 6 Fuel account, Nov-Dec 1862
folder 7 Monthly Return, Nov 1862
folder 8 Account Current, Dec 1862
folder 9 Abstract B: Abstract of expenditures, Dec 1862
folder 10 Coal account, Dec 1862
folder 11 Abstract M: List of stores transferred, Dec 1862
folder 12 Affidavit regarding transfer of coal, Dec 1862
folder 13 Monthly Return, Dec 1862
folder 14 Accounts for ordnance stores, 1863-1864
folder 15 Unidentified accounts, 1863
folder 16 Account Current, Jan 1863
folder 17 Abstract E: Abstract of articles received, Jan 1863
folder 18 Form 53: List of articles employed, Jan 1863
folder 19 List of quartermaster property received, Jan 1863
folder 20 List of boats purchased, Jan 1863-Mar 1864
folder 21 Summary Statement, Jan 1863
folder 22 Accounts of commissary stores, Jan-Feb 1863
folder 23 Account Current, Feb 1863
folder 24 Monthly Return, Feb 1863

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folder 1 Account Current, Mar 1863
folder 2 Abstract A: Purchases paid for, Mar 1863
folder 3 Abstract B: Abstract of expenditures, Mar 1863
folder 4 Summary Statement, Mar 1863
folder 5 Account Current, Apr 1863
folder 6 Provision Return, Apr 1863
folder 7 Summary Statement, Apr 1863
folder 8 Account Current, May 1863
folder 9 Receipts for coal, May 1863
folder 10 List of subvouchers, May 1863
folders 11-12 Summary Statement, May 1863
folder 13 Account Current, Jun 1863
folder 14 Abstract D: Abstract of purchases, Jun 1863
folder 15 Vouchers, Jun 1863
folder 16 List of subvouchers required, Jun 1863

folder 17 Fuel account, Jun 1863
folder 18 Certificates of internal revenue tax, Jun 1863-Jul 1864
folder 19 Monthly Return, Jun 1863

Box 33

folder 1 Account Current, Jul 1863
folder 2 Abstract D: Abstract of purchases, Jul 1863
folder 3 Copies of subvouchers to Abstract L, Jul 1863
folder 4 List of subvouchers required, Jul 1863
folder 5 Monthly Return, Jul 1863
folder 6 Summary Statement, Jul 1863
folder 7 Account Current, Aug 1863
folder 8 Abstract D: Abstract of articles purchased, Aug 1863
folder 9 Abstract E: Abstract of articles received from officers, Aug 1863
folder 10 Abstract L: Abstract of articles expended in public service, Aug 1863
folder 11 Subvouchers to Abstract L, Aug 1863
folder 12 Abstract M: Abstract of articles transferred, Aug 1863
folder 13 Abstract N: Abstract of articles received, Aug 1863
folder 14 List of subvouchers required, Aug 1863
folder 15 List of stores expended, Aug 1863
folder 16 Report of amount of shipments from St. Louis, Aug-Oct 1863
folder 17 Monthly Return, Aug 1863
folder 18 Summary Statement, Aug 1863
folder 19 Account Current, Sep 1863
folder 20 Abstract E: Abstract of articles received, Sep 1863
folder 21 Copies of subvouchers to Abstract L, Sep 1863
folder 22 List of subvouchers required, Sep 1863
folder 23 Abstract M: Abstract of articles transferred, Sep 1863
folder 24 Summary Statement, Sep 1863

Box 34

folder 1 Account Current, Oct 1863
folder 2 Abstract E: List of stores received, Oct 1863
folder 3 Abstract L: Abstract of articles expended in public service, Oct 1863
folder 4 Subvouchers to Abstract L, Oct 1863
folder 5 Abstract M: Abstract of articles transferred, Oct 1863
folder 6 Subvouchers required, Oct 1863
folder 7 Supplementary property return, Oct 1863
folder 8 Summary Statement, Oct 1863
folder 9 Account Current, Nov 1863
folder 10 Copies of subvouchers, Nov 1863
folder 11 List of subvouchers required, Nov 1863
folder 12 Monthly Return, Nov 1863
folder 13 Account Current, Dec 1863

folder 14 Abstract A: Abstract of purchases paid for, Dec 1863
folder 15 Abstract Aa: Abstract of purchases by other quartermasters, Dec 1863
folders 16-17 Abstract B: Abstract of expenditures, Dec 1863
folder 18 Abstract Bb: Abstract of advances to officers, Dec 1863
folder 19 Abstract D: Abstract of articles purchased, Dec 1863
folder 20 Abstract E: Abstract of articles received from officers, Dec 1863
folder 21 Lists of subvouchers required, Dec 1863-Jan 1864
folder 22 Monthly report of supplies transferred, Dec 1863
folders 23-24 Monthly Return, Dec 1863

Box 35

folder 1 Unidentified accounts, 1864
folders 2-3 Account Current, Jan 1864
folder 4 Monthly report of supplies transferred, Jan 1864
folder 5 Accounts for Northwest Indian Expedition, Jan-Apr 1864
folder 6 Monthly Return, Jan 1864
folder 7 Quarterly Return of Stores, Jan 1864
folders 8-14 Account Current, Feb 1864
folder 15 Monthly Return, Feb 1864

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folders 1-2 Account Current, Mar 1864
folder 3 Monthly report of supplies transferred, Mar 1864
folder 4 Monthly Return, Mar 1864
folder 5 Account Current, Apr 1864
folder 6 Monthly report of supplies transferred, Apr 1864
folder 7 Monthly Return, Apr 1864
folders 8-9 Account Current, May 1864
folder 10 Monthly Return, May 1864
folders 11-13 Account Current, Jun 1864
folder 14 Papers regarding shipment of horses, Jun-Jul 1864
folder 15 Monthly report of supplies transferred, Jun 1864
folder 16 Monthly Return, Jun 1864

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folders 1-2 Account Current, Jul 1864
folders 3-4 Monthly Return, Jul 1864
folder 5 List of persons and articles transferred, Aug 1864
folder 6 Monthly Return, Aug 1864
folder 7 Statement regarding account, Feb 1865
folder 8 Affidavit regarding purchase of fuel, Aug 1865
folder 9 Statement of difference in account, Aug 1865
folder 10 Accounts with individuals, A-Bo
folder 11 Accounts with individuals, Br-By

folder 12 Accounts with individuals, C
folder 13 Accounts with individuals, D
folder 14 Accounts with individuals, E-G
folders 15-16 Accounts with Michael Folder Gibbons, Dec 1863-Jul 1864

Box 38

folder 1 Accounts with individuals, H
folder 2 Accounts with individuals, I-L
folder 3 Accounts with individuals, M
folders 4-6 Accounts with Thomas McDonough
folder 7 Accounts with individuals, N-P
folder 8 Accounts with individuals, R-S
folder 9 Accounts with individuals, T-Z
folder 10 Accounts with multiple people

Bound volumes filed separately.

volume 9 Government purchase book, Nov 1862-Jul 1864
volume 10 Coal book, with index of steamboat names, 1862
volume 11 Cash book, 20 Jan 1862-5 Oct 1864
volume 12 Account book A, with index, Nov-Dec 1862
volume 13 Account book B, with index, Jan-Mar 1863
volume 14 Account book C, with index, Mar-Apr 1863
volume 15 Account book D, with index, May-Jul 1863
volume 16 Account book E, with index, Jul-Sep 1863
volume 17 Account book F, with index, Oct-Nov 1863
volume 18 Account book G, with index, Dec 1863-Feb 1864
volume 19 Account book H, with index, Feb-Apr 1864
volume 20 Account book I, with index, Apr-May 1864
volume 21 Account book J, with index, Jun-Jul 1864

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Chronological Series

folder 1 Correspondence, Dec 1861-Aug 1862
folder 2 Correspondence, Sep-Nov 1862
folder 3 Correspondence, Dec 1862
folder 4 Correspondence, Jan-Feb 1863
folder 5 Correspondence, Mar 1863
folder 6 Correspondence, Apr 1863
folder 7 Correspondence, May-Jun 1863
folders 8-9 Correspondence, Jul 1863
folders 10-11 Correspondence, Aug 1863

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folder 1 Correspondence, Sep 1863

folder 2 Correspondence, Oct 1863
folder 3 Correspondence, Nov 1863
folders 4-5 Correspondence, Dec 1863
folders 6-10 Correspondence, Jan 1864

Box 41

folders 1-6 Correspondence, Feb 1864
folders 7-10 Correspondence, Mar 1864

Box 42

folders 1-6 Correspondence, Apr 1864
folders 7-10 Correspondence, May 1864

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folders 1-4 Correspondence, Jun 1864
folders 5-7 Correspondence, Jul 1864
folder 8 Correspondence, Aug-Sep 1864
folder 9 Correspondence, Oct 1864-Mar 1866
folder 10 Correspondence, Apr-Oct 1866
folder 11 Correspondence, Mar 1867-Jun 1868
folder 12 Correspondence, Dec 1868-Apr 1872

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folder 1 Transportation passes for any steamer, Dec 1862-Mar 1863
folder 2 Transportation passes for any steamer, Apr-Jun 1863
folder 3 Transportation passes for any steamer, Aug-Nov 1863
folder 4 Lists of number of transportation books issued, Jan-Aug 1864
folder 5 Unidentified crew lists, 1863-1864
folder 6 Unidentified bills of lading, Nov 1862-Mar 1863
folder 7 Proposals for transportation, Dec 1862, Feb-Mar 1864
folder 8 Special Orders, Apr 1862-Jul 1866
folder 9 General Orders, Apr 1862-Apr 1863
folder 10 Enlistment certificate for Ishram M. Wheelis, Mar 1862
folder 11 List of boats used during Vicksburg Expedition, Mar 1863
folder 12 Permit for Lt. Clark to ship merchandise, Jul 1863

Bound volumes filed separately.

volume 22 Letterbook of railroad correspondence, with index, 25 Oct 1863-24 Jun 1864
volume 23 Letters recorded, 1864 (For preservation reasons, this bound volume was disbound) (1 box)
volume 24 Record of letters received, Jan-Oct 1864
volume 25 Letterbook (unbound) of Lewis B. and Charles Parsons, containing letters sent and received, with index, 1863-1864.

- volume 26 Business letters received, 1863-1864 (For preservation reasons, this bound volume was disbound) (2 boxes)
- volume 27 Business letters received, with index, 1863-1864 (For preservation reasons, this bound volume was disbound) (2 boxes)
- volume 28 Business letters sent, with index, 10 Nov 1862-1 Jun 1863
- volume 29 Business letters sent, with index, 1 Jun-25 Oct 1863
- volume 30 Business letters sent, with index, 25 Oct 1863-11 Jan 1864
- volume 31 Business letters sent, with index, 11 Jan-10 Mar 1864
- volume 32 Business letters sent, with index, Mar-Apr 1864
- volume 33 Civil War orders, Aug 1861-Jun 1863 (For preservation reasons, this bound volume was disbound) (1 box)

Personal Papers Series

Box 44 (cont.)

folders 13-17 Correspondence, 1811-1897

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- folder 1 Personal papers, 1729-1977
- folder 2 Personal papers concerning land, 1856-1864
- folder 3 Autograph collection, 1808-1853
- folder 4 Speech about Charles Parsons by John W. Noble, May 1906
- folder 5 Paper titled "Charles Parsons, U.S. Quartermaster, 1861-1863" by George W. Malloy, Mar 1940
- folder 6 Soldiers' claims and discharge certificates, B-L
- folder 7 Soldiers' claims and discharge certificates, M-W

Appendix A: Packet Companies

The following is a list of packet companies included in the Steamboats Series of the Charles Parsons Papers. These folders contain documents regarding the steamboats owned by each company. Additional documents for these steamboats can be found under the individual names on the inventory.

A. Reeder and Co.

Aurora
Champion
City of Alton
Continental
Edward Walsh
Empress
Gladiator
Golden Era
Hannibal
Henry Von Phul
Imperial
J.C. Swon
Jesse K. Bell
John Warner
Live Oak
Mary E. Forsyth
Minnehaha
Nebraska
Ruth
Silver Lake
Sultana
Sunshine
Tecumseh
Welcome

Alton and St. Louis Packet Co.

David Tatum
John J. Roe
B.M. Runyan

Cincinnati and Memphis Packet Co.

Lady Pike
Silver Moon

Evansville and Cairo Packet Co.

Armada

Illinois River Packet Co.

Americus
Brazil
Lacon
Lasalle
Sam Gaty
Sam Young

Keokuk Packet Co.

Die Vernon
James Deans
Jeannie Deans
Warsaw

Lockwood and Wider

Argyle
Arizona
Prima Donna

Memphis and St. Louis Packet Co.

Ad Hine
Belle Memphis
C.E. Hillman
G.W. Graham
John D. Perry
John H. Dickey
Platte Valley
Rowena
Ruth

Northern Line Packet Co.

Hawk's Eye
Henry Clay
Northerner
Pembina

Appendix B: Crew Lists

The following is a list of steamboats that include at least one crew list. The number in parentheses indicates that there is more than one crew list for that particular boat. A folder list can be found in the Steamboats Series of this inventory. The crew lists are in these folders or in oversized storage as indicated by the separation sheets.

Ad Hine	Imperial (2)
Adriatic	Isabella
Alone (3)	J.C. Swon (2)
America (2)	J.R. Williams (3)
Argonaut	Jeannie Deans
Atlantic	Jenny Lind
Belle Peoria	John D. Perry
Bill Henderson	John H. Dickey (3)
Black Hawk (2)	John J. Roe (2)
Champion	John Warner
City of Alton	Key West No. 2 (2)
City of Louisiana (2)	L.M. Kennett (4)
City of Memphis	Lacon
Continental	Lasalle
Crescent City	Little Giant
Daniel G. Taylor (2)	Maria Denning
Des Moines (2)	Mark R. Cheek
Die Vernon	Mars
Diligent (2)	Metropolitan (6)
Dime	Minnehaha
Eclipse	Nebraska
Edward Walsh	New Bon Accord (2)
Emma	New Sam Gaty (2)
Empress	Northerner
Fanny Bullitt	Ohio Belle (2)
Fanny Ogden	Omaha (3)
Gate City	Pembina
Ginnie Hopkins	Petrel
Gladiator	Planet
Golden Era (2)	Post Boy
Hastings	R.E. Hill
Henry Chouteau (4)	Robert Campbell, Jr.
Hiawatha (6)	Rocket (2)
Iatan (4)	Sam Gaty (2)
Idahoe	Silver Wave (2)

Sioux City (2)
South Wester
Spread Eagle (2)
Sunny South
Sunshine
Upper Ferry
Venus

War Eagle
Warsaw
Welcome
White Rose
Wisconsin No. 2

Appendix C: Oversize Documents

The following is a list of documents that can be found in oversize storage. The designation "AMD" indicates that the material is stored in an Archives map drawer and is generally larger than 20" H 24".

Steamboats Series

Alone	Manifest, no date
Atlantic	Crew list, 1863 Sep
Atlantic	Bill of sale, 1863 Oct
Black Hawk	Pay roll, 1863 Jun. in AMD.
Champion	Crew list, 1863 Mar. in AMD.
Conway	Charter, 1862 Sep
D.A. January	List of hired men, 1863 Jul
Die Vernon	Crew list, no date
Empress	Crew list, 1862 Dec. in AMD.
Fanny Ogden	Crew list, 1863 Apr
Gladiator	Crew list, 1863 Apr. in AMD.
Gladiator	Account, 1863 Apr. in AMD.
Golden Era	Crew list, 1863 Jan
Hastings	Inspectors' certificate, 1862 Nov
Henry Chouteau	Crew list, 1863 Aug. in AMD.
Hiawatha	Crew list, 1863 Mar. in AMD.
Hiawatha	Crew list, 1863 Apr. in AMD.
Hiawatha	Crew list, 1863 May

Hiawatha	Crew list, 1863 Jun
Hiawatha	Crew list, 1863 Aug. in AMD.
Hiawatha	Crew list, 1863 Sep. in AMD.
Iatan	Crew list, 1863 Apr. in AMD.
Iatan	Crew list, 1863 Jul. in AMD.
Iatan	Crew list, 1863 Sep. in AMD.
J.C. Swon	Crew list, 1863 Feb
L.M. Kennett	Crew list, 1863 Feb. in AMD.
Little Giant	Descriptive list of people transferred to steamer, 1863 Nov
Maria Denning	Crew list, 1863 Apr
Mars	Account of stores and expenses, 1863 Oct
Mars	Crew list, 1863 Oct
Metropolitan	Manifest, 1863 Dec
Metropolitan	Crew list, 1864
New Sam Gaty	Crew list, 1863 Oct
New Sam Gaty	Crew list, 1864 Jan
Ohio Belle	Crew list, 1863 Sep
Omaha	Crew list, 1863 Mar. in AMD.
Pembina	Crew list, 1863 May. in AMD.
Petrel	Crew list, 1863 Apr
Planet	Crew list, 1863 Sep. in AMD.
Robert Campbell Jr.	Crew list, 1862 Dec. in AMD.

Sioux City	Crew list, 1863 Feb
Sioux City	Stores account, 1863 Feb
Sioux City	Crew list, 1863 May
Sioux City	Stores and expense account, 1863 May
South Wester	Crew list, 1863 Feb
Spread Eagle	Crew list, 1863 Feb
Spread Eagle	Account, 1863 Feb
Spread Eagle	Crew list, 1863 Mar
Tecumseh	Crew list, 1863 Sep
Warsaw	Crew list, 1863 Jan
Welcome	Crew list, 1863 Aug
White Rose	Crew list, 1863 Apr
Wiggins' Ferry Co.	Accounts, 1863 Jun. in AMD.
Wiggins' Ferry Co.	Accounts, 1863 Nov. in AMD.
Railroads Series	
North Missouri Railroad	Certificate for bond with United States, 1857 May
Accounts Series	
1862 Nov-1864 Feb	Remarks regarding property returns of Charles Parsons
1863 Jan	Form 53: List of articles employed by Quartermaster's Department
1863 Aug	Abstract D: Abstract of articles purchased
1863 Aug	Abstract L: Abstract of articles expended
1863 Aug	Abstract N: Abstract of articles received. in AMD.

1863 Oct	Abstract B: Receipt roll of hired men
1863 Oct	Abstract D: Abstract of articles purchased. in AMD.
1863 Nov	Abstract B: List of persons transferred
1863 Nov	Abstract B: Receipt roll of hired men
1863 Nov	Abstract B: Receipt roll of hired men
1863 Nov	Abstract B: Receipt roll of hired men
1864 Jan	Abstract B: Receipt roll of hired men
1864 Jan	Fuel report
1864 Feb	Abstract B: Receipt roll of hired men
1864 Feb	Abstract B: Receipt roll of hired men
1864 Feb	Abstract B: Receipt roll of hired men
1864 Feb	Fuel report
Chronological Series	
1863 May	Unidentified crew list
1863 May	Unidentified crew list
1862	Abstract of rates of transportation
1862 Dec	Abstract of proposals
1862 Dec	Abstract of bids for transportation
1864 Feb	Proposal for transportation signed by George Pegram, John G. Copelin, Barton Able and John N. Bofinger
1864 Feb	Proposal for transportation from Warden & Co.
1864 Feb	Proposal for transportation from Daniel Able
1864 Mar	Abstract of proposals received

Personal Papers Series
1866 Jun

Certificate of promotion