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William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891) Collection, 1850-1916

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DONOR INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL

William Tecumseh Sherman was born February 8, 1820, in Lancaster, Ohio. He was the son of Charles R. Sherman, a state judge, and Mary Hoyt. He entered West Point at age sixteen and graduated sixth in his class of forty-one. After graduation, he served a variety of assignments throughout the southern United States. During the Mexican War, Sherman was sent to California and served there until 1850. In 1853, Sherman served in St. Louis and later in New Orleans in the commissary service. Sherman resigned his commission to accept a position as head of a branch bank in San Francisco. After an unsuccessful career in banking, Sherman accepted a position as head of the Louisiana Military Seminary but resigned after Louisiana seceded from the Union. In the spring of 1861, he moved back to St. Louis to become president of the St. Louis Railway Company, a street railway. In May, Sherman was offered a colonelcy in a regular army unit. By means of appointments and accomplishments, Sherman rose through the ranks and proved himself as one of the Union's greatest generals. After the war Sherman continued his military career. Upon U.S. Grant's election to the presidency in 1869, Sherman succeeded Grant as commander of the armies of the United States. He served in this position until his retirement from the military in 1884. Sherman died February 14, 1891, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists primarily of correspondence and invitations. The majority of the collection consists of documents written by W.T. Sherman during the course of his military career. The collection is indexed in the Archives Card Catalog. Most of the documents are original although some photocopies and facsimiles are present. The collection is arranged in chronological order.

Folder 1 contains correspondence relating to Sherman's early military service as a commissary officer in St. Louis and New Orleans, his years as a banker in the employment of Thomas Ewing,

and his service as a commander during the Civil War. Among the correspondence in the collection is a letter from Sherman to Henry S. Turner dated May 18, 1856, which contains a description of the civil unrest in San Francisco surrounding the murder of James King, a San Francisco newspaper editor, and the actions of the Vigilance Committee, a local vigilante group.

The folder also contains a letter from Sherman to J. Ewing, Washington, D.C., dated December 31, 1864, which describes his easy capture of the city of Savannah and the calm political and civil situation that exists in the city.

The items from the postwar period contain descriptions of the military's activities in the West among various Native American groups particularly in reference to the building of the railroad. Sherman's letters to his friend and subordinate E.O.C. Ord contain advice and orders regarding the handling of Indian situations and some comments and references to the use of colored regiments.

Sherman's dislike of politics and his disillusionment with the political climate in the U.S. during the Reconstruction period is evident throughout the collection. During his service as commander of the armies of the United States (1869-1884), he frequently comments on political situations in Washington, particularly the frequent scandals during the U.S. Grant administration and the climate during the Harrison administration.

In the years just before and after his retirement from the military, Sherman became involved in a number of friendships with popular actors and artists of the day. In the collection are letters to American stage actor Lawrence Barrett, sculptress Vinnie Ream, and portrait painter James Taylor.

Folder 6 contains correspondence relating to Sherman's involvement in the funding and placement of a statue of U.S. Grant in St. Louis. Sherman, who during this period moved from St. Louis to New York City, gives his opinion that the statue should be placed in Forest Park but believes that the residents of St. Louis who sit on the Grant Committee should make the final location decision. Letters explaining his inability to attend the statue's unveiling in 1888 are also included.

Items included in the collection from the years after Sherman's death are letters by his son P.T. Sherman regarding Sherman's real estate holdings and two printed accounts of Sherman's days at the Louisiana Military Seminary written by a former colleague of Sherman.

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INVENTORY

Box 1/folder 1 1850-1865

1 Oct 1850 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Major General George Gibson, Washington, discusses business matters regarding military station. 1 page

10 April 1851 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General George Gibson, Washington, regarding purchase of stores and their financing. 2 pages

10 Aug 1852 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General George Gibson, Washington, requesting that he be allowed to rent an office in the city that would double as his residence. 4 pages

17 April 1851 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General George Gibson, Washington, regarding provisions and the transfer of six companies from Jefferson Barracks to New Orleans. 3 pages

20 Dec 1852 ALS W.T. Sherman, New Orleans, to Lt. Col. W.W.S. Bliss, New Orleans, reporting that he had traced the supplier of a shipment of mess pork that was deemed unfit for consumption. 2 pages

27 Dec 1852 ALS W.T. Sherman, New Orleans, to General George Gibson, Washington, reports on barrels of pork. 1 page

18 May 1856 ALS W.T. Sherman, San Francisco, to Henry S. Turner, expressing his concern over the murder of James King and the political situation resulting from the activities of the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco. 20 pages

21-26 Aug 1857 ALS Morris S. Miller to Henry S. Turner letter of recommendation for a relative to receive employment at a banking house. Reply to above letter on the same: Turner to W.T. Sherman regarding the employment of the same relative. 4 pages

- 21 Aug 1857 ALS Hager Sherman to W.T. Sherman acknowledging receipt of a deed. 2 pages
- 22 Aug 1857 ALS H.S. Turner to W.T. Sherman detailing business transactions regarding transaction of O'Conner Brother and Company, bankers, Pittsburgh. 2 pages
- 24 Aug 1857 ALS Jane C. Kingsbury, Nashville, to W.T. Sherman regarding a draft sent to H.A. Stebbins. 2 pages
- 27 Aug 1857 ALS C.P. Kingsbury, Sarasota Springs, New York, to W.T. Sherman, New York, sends a certificate of deposit and securities. Tells of healing waters of Sarasota Springs. 2 pages
- 17 June 1859 ALS W.T. Sherman, Leavenworth, Kansas, to Thomas Ewing regarding the proposed location of the Indian Creek Post Office. 3 pages
- 17 Jan 1862 ALS W.T. Sherman to Dr. McGugin ordering the doctor to examine all supposed cases of smallpox and forward patients to City Hospital. 1 page
- 3 May 1863 LS W.S. Duff to W.T. Sherman regarding the capture of Grand Gulf and other news regarding the war in Louisiana. 1 page
- 30 May 1863 LS Jno. S. Rawlins to W.T. Sherman regarding his commissary issuing rations to families in need of subsistence. 2 pages
- 12 Sept 1864 Contemporary copy of letter of W.T. Sherman, headquarters, Military Division of the Mississippi, in the field, Atlanta, Georgia, to Major Colburn. Contains Sherman's reply to the petition of the city council of Atlanta to revoke his order removing all the inhabitants of Atlanta. 4 pages (accession number: 2001.064)
- 29 Sept 1864 Telegram from W.T. Sherman to James E. Yeatman, St. Louis, requesting shirts, combs, and other objects for prisoners. 1 page
- 31 Dec 1864 ALS W.T. Sherman, Savannah, Georgia, to J. Ewing, Washington, D.C., sends word of the capture of Savannah and describes military situation. 4 pages
- 27 April 1865 ADS General J.E. Johnston et al. to E.W. Pettus regarding General Order No. 18. 3 pages
- 20 July 1865 Menu of complimentary dinner for W.T. Sherman at Lindell Hotel, St. Louis. 1 invitation w/envelope
- 20 Nov 1865 ALS W.T. Sherman to Major General O.O. Howard asking him to assist a Mr. Van Santvoord with information concerning a mutual friend. 1 page

26 Dec 1865 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [General Edward Otho Cresap] Ord concerning the assignment of troops including comments on colored regiments. 3 pages

Box 1/folder 2 1866-1869

18 Jan 1866 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Mrs. Thomas C. Fletcher replying to request for photographs and notifying her that he will try to attend Governor Fletcher's speech that evening. 25 pages

19 Jan 1866 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to John T. Taylor, Cleves, Ohio, regarding back pay while serving duty in the post office in Savannah. 2 pages

22 Jan 1866 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General Edward Otho Cresap Ord, Detroit, regarding the placement of troops under Ord's command in the Great Lakes region. 3 pages

1 March 1866 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [General Edward Otho Cresap] Ord discussing requests for assistance received from veterans and widows and burdens placed on the military by emigrants heading to the West. 4 pages

21 April 1866 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Major General E.O.C. Ord, commander of the Department of the Ohio, detailing his itinerary for a trip to the West and Great Lakes. Also discusses his intention of reviewing troops to deal with possible uprising of the Irish Fenians. 4 pages

3 July 1866 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Major General E.O.C. Ord, Detroit, notifying Ord that he will not visit Detroit as planned. Sherman makes suggestions to Ord in regard to appropriating funds for renovating forts in the Great Lakes region. 2 pages

26 July 1866 ALS W.T. Sherman to Mr. Allwood, Secretary of Legation, London, England, responding to a request by Lady Clarendon for an autograph. 1 page

2 Jan 1867 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General Jeff. C. Davis, Louisville, Kentucky, responds to a request for the placement of a recruit in the New Army. 2 pages

23 April 1867 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [E.O.C.] Ord, tells him of a planned Mediterranean tour with his daughter Minnie Sherman. Expresses his disappointment that the tour will involve command matters. Refers to the loss of his son Willy at Vicksburg during the Civil War. 4 pages

- 29 April 1867 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to M.S. Brach, New York, noting that he is pleased that his daughter Minnie will be traveling with Brach's daughter during Sherman's Mediterranean tour and stating that he will visit the Brach's home in Brooklyn before departing for the voyage.
- 5 May 1867 LS J.J.G. Whistler, Fort Rice, Dakota Territory, to W.A. Nichols, Military Division of Missouri, regarding commanding officer of Company H, 31st Infantry. Document contains a handwritten reply by W.T. Sherman to J.J.G. Whistler dated 28 May 1867 explaining that it would be better to allow Whistler's son to finish his service in the army than ask for an early discharge. The request was forwarded to Governor Cox of Ohio. 1 page
- 26 May 1867 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to M.S. Brach, Brooklyn, New York, offers his apologies and regrets to Brach's daughter for the cancellation of Sherman's trip to Europe and North Africa. Notes that his duties in the West in relation to Indian difficulties and troop training possess him to cancel the trip. 2 pages
- 28 May 1867 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General E.O.C. Ord, Vicksburg, Mississippi, states that Indian difficulties are widespread particularly in regard to the building of the transcontinental railroad. Describes the actions taken by the Indians against the railroads and the rail routes that are being constructed. 4 pages
- 17 July 1867 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to J.W. Harper, Jr., New York, expresses his appreciation for a gift of Draper's *History of the War*. 2 pages [original w/transcription]
- 18 Oct 1867 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General I.H. Wilson, Davenport, Iowa, thanks him for sending him printed matter of interest and expresses his affection for Rock Island. 2 pages
- 25 Nov 1867 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General I.H. Wilson, thanks Wilson for sending him a copy of the *Herald* containing the story of Wilson's capture of Jeff Davis. 1 page
- 22 Feb 1868 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Ord states that there is no reason to send troops to Salt Lake since there are no problems along the Pacific Railroad between Omaha and Salt Lake. Troops may be needed in California and should be shipped to Cheyenne by rail and then overland. 3 pages
- 9 Aug 1868 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to W.I. McDonald, Washington, D.C., acknowledging receipt of copies of the Indian Appropriations Bill and Deficiency Bill. 1 page
- 11 Dec 1868 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Mrs. J.J. O'Fallon, noting that arrangements had been made for Miss Ward to accompany me to Chicago. 2 pages

- 20 Dec 1868 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to J.J. O'Fallon, St. Louis, notifying her that Miss Ward arrived safely in Chicago and was transferred to Mrs. Dayton who accompanied her to Cincinnati with Generals Grant and Schofield and staff. 3 pages w/envelope
- 16 Jan 1869 ADS W.T. Sherman to Julius Pitzman congratulating Pitzman on the birth of his daughter. 1 page w/envelope
- 13 March 1869 LS Alexander Stewart, Hamilton Fish et al. to W.T. Sherman, testimonial letter presenting Sherman a house in Washington as a reward for his service. 2 pages [facsimile]
- 2 Aug 1869 ALS W.T. Sherman to General A. Ames, Jackson, Mississippi, advising Ames who was serving as provisional governor of Mississippi to stay out of politics and be suspicious of Mississippians who claim to favor the Grant administration. 4 pages
- 8 Oct 1869 ALS W.T. Sherman to Charley advises his cousin to stay on good terms with his commanding officers for the benefit of his military career. Expresses his regret that he was unable to visit his Uncle Charles before he died. 3 pages w/transcript

Box 1/folder 3 1870-1875

- 1 Aug 1870 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to E.O.C. Ord speaks of an invitation to attend a veterans encampment in Des Moines, Iowa, and politics surrounding the Grant administration. 4 pages
- 28 Oct 1870 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to E.O.C. Ord speaks of army affairs and his powers as commander of the armies of the United States. 4 pages
- 10 Nov 1870 ALS Ellen B.E. Sherman, Washington, to Miss Dodge, a note written on a circular announcing the opening of the Grand Fair for the benefit of St. Mary's Home of Industry. The note asks Miss Dodge to write letters for the fair's post office. 2 pages
- 1 April 1871 ALS Ellen B.E. Sherman to Miss Dodge states that she is sending five copies of the *Catholic World* for Dodge to read. Tells of her plans to travel to Cincinnati with General Sherman. 2 pages
- 30 Sept 1871 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to E.O.C. Ord tells of Grant's displeasure with some of the military divisions and the chain of command and expresses his opinion to the contrary. 4 pages

- 9 Nov 1872 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to E.D. Morgan, New York, replies to letter regarding filling vacancy of General Meade's position. States that he will advise the president to choose General McDowell for the position. 3 pages
- 20 March 1873 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to George W. Keeley, St. Louis, regarding matters of personal finance. 2 pages w/envelope
- 25 March 1873 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to W.P. Howard, St. Louis, regarding the sale of property in St. Louis. 2 pages
- 17 June 1873 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to C. Delano, secretary of the interior, regarding a matter relating to Mr. Eliot of Portland, Oregon, son of William Greenleaf Eliot of St. Louis. 2 pages
- 20 Nov 1873 ALS Ellen Ewing Sherman, St. Louis, to Miss Hubbard sends a letter of the general and states that there are very few that she is willing to spare. 1 page
- 22 March 1874 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to E.O.C. Ord advises him to remain at his current post in Omaha and not attempt to change commands. Sherman tells him it would be too expensive to change locations.
- 16 May 1874 ALS Ellen Ewing Sherman, Washington, to Mr. Blair sends regrets for missing the wedding of the Blair's daughter. 2 pages
- 22 May 1874 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to E.O.C. Ord expresses his frustration and anger in regard to the command policies directed by the Grant administration. 4 pages
- 3 June 1874 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to Moulton asks that he hand deliver letters to Robinson[?] and describes his itinerary for trip back to St. Louis. 2 pages
- 28 Aug 1874 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to G.A. Ames, Saratoga, New York, discusses real estate and describes homes. 3 pages
- 2 Sept 1874 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to John E. Williams, New York, stating that he must return to St. Louis and hopes it will be his last trip. Also invites Williams to Minnie's wedding. 4 pages w/envelope
- 22 Dec 1874 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to brother inviting him to visit St. Louis anytime and provides details of the location of their home. 2 pages w/transcript
- 23 Jan 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Scott explains actions taken to gain controlling interest in a business venture and tells Scott that he plans to publish his memoirs. 4 pages

- 13 Feb 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Charles Todd stating that it was his expectation to enjoy Todd's company for the evening, but is committed to a previous engagement. 2 pages w/ envelope and Sherman's calling card
- 17 May 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to whom it may concern: A letter of introduction from Sherman asking that the proper officers and authorities assist Colonel Henry B. Carrington with his historical research. 3 pages
- 19 May 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to E.O.C. Ord stating that he had received Ord's letter and he has no doubts that Ord's men will deal effectively with unrest along the Mexican border. 3 pages
- 24 May 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General Irvin McDowell concerning a formal order of leave submitted by McDowell. 4 pages
- 26 June 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman to Ord regarding unrest along the Mexican border and his opinion that the United States should not attempt to annex more Mexican land. 4 pages
- 30 June 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to George W. Wood, Quincy, Illinois, stating that he has arranged to travel to Keokuk for a celebration and will visit Quincy. 3 pages
- 7 July 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to George W. Wood, Quincy, Illinois, acknowledging receipt of Wood's letter and expresses his wish to visit Quincy again in the future. 3 pages
- 14 July 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to E.O.C. Ord advises Ord pursue Mexican bandits into Mexico without the permission of the Mexican commander of Matamoros. Warns Ord to proceed cautiously to avoid an international incident that could reflect negatively on the military. 4 pages
- 23 July 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to E.O.C. Ord regarding the wife of one of his 10th Cavalry officers who was responsible for the dismissal of Lt. Wallingford, 7th Cavalry, due to her reputation as a prostitute and lewd woman. 4 pages
- 26 Aug 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to brother asks him to send an invitation to General Nelson A. Miles at Fort Leavenworth. 3 pages
- 3 Sept 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to E.O.C. Ord discusses the situation with border raids in Texas and states that Indian hostilities in the region have ceased. 4 pages

8 Dec 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to E.O.C. Ord writes of family news and states that he will not answer criticisms of his memoirs but will let the book stand on its own. There is also a mention of the political situation surrounding the Whiskey Ring corruption scandal. 4 pages

31 Dec 1875 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to unknown admiral thanking him for sending him a volume prepared in honor of the admiral's father whom Sherman greatly admired. 2 pages

Box 1/folder 4 1876-1880

26 Feb 1876 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to J.T. Lanigan, New York, concerning a copy of an address Sherman made at Washington University on February 22, 1876. 2 pages

1 March 1876 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to W.W. Jarvis, Troy, Illinois, states that he has met with Major Simpson and agreed to retain his 1/10 share in Sherman Park. 4 pages

3 March 1876 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Lt. J.C. Scantling, Morganton, North Carolina, asks the lieutenant to deliver a special letter to the sister of a man who applied to Sherman for an appointment in the Egyptian Army. 3 pages

15 March 1876 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [Admiral David Dixon] Porter discusses political scandals in the Grant White House and the effects on Grant's life after leaving office. States that he will not return to Washington unless ordered and will not remove his family from St. Louis under any circumstances. 4 pages

26 March 1877 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to E.O.C. Ord tells of matters surrounding filling of a vacancy for the position of governor of Leavenworth Prison. Describes the atmosphere in Washington surrounding incoming President Rutherford B. Hayes and tells of Grant's plans following his retirement from office. 4 pages

26 March 1878 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to Vinnie Ream, sculptress, states that he has too many calls on his time to pose for artists. 2 pages

23 Aug 1878 ANS W.T. Sherman to unknown colonel stating that he cannot visit but Major Turner and Simpson Clary will act in his place. Note written on reverse of Sherman's calling card. 1 page

3 Dec 1878 ALS O.M. Poe, Sherman's aide de camp, Washington, to Thomas C. Powell, writes to Powell on behalf of General Sherman that the anecdote previously mentioned by Powell cannot be absolutely attributed to Abraham Lincoln. Powell suggests that the story originated with the Union soldiers during the Civil War.

- 4 Dec 1878 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to Honorable Nathan Cole, regarding a portfolio containing the plans and drawings of the St. Louis Arsenal sent to him by General Meigs. 3 pages
- 15 April 1879 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to Lt. J.C. Scantling, Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland, wishing him sincere congratulations on his upcoming marriage. 2 pages
- 11 Oct 1879 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to Reverend Henry Ward Beecher, Brooklyn, New York, regarding the purchase of a rifle from U.S. Army stores. 4 pages
- 16 Oct 1879 DS W.T. Sherman, a telephone message to War Department, ordering a carriage for his use on that day to be charged to the Smithsonian account. 1 page
- 15 Nov 1879 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to Mrs. James H. Lucas, St. Louis, regarding a telegram announcing the death of Mr. Lucas. 2 pages [photostat]
- circa 1880 Written invitation to General Fletcher requesting his company for dinner at the home of General Sherman. 1 page
- 3 Jan 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to Martin J. Townsend, Troy, New York, concerning a request for a photograph. 2 pages
- 20 April 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to Mrs. Beale stating that he must refuse her invitation since his daughter is visiting from St. Louis. 2 pages
- 7 May 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to Honorable J.K. Upton, Treasury Department, stating that he did not intend to ask for a set of *Raymond's Mines and Mining* for himself but for General R.P. Hammond. 2 pages
- 11 May 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to General Edwin McDowell writes of his daughter's travels and her expected trip to China with her husband. States that he will attend the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the Falls of St. Anthony in Minneapolis on July 3. 4 pages
- 15 Aug 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to W.W. Jarvis, Troy, Illinois, regarding a share of land purchased in the Sherman Park property. 4 pages
- 17 Aug 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to W.W. Jarvis, Troy, Illinois, acknowledges the receipt of a deed for 84 acres in Sherman Park, Madison County, Illinois, and asks Jarvis to care for property in his absence. 4 pages

- 20 Aug 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to W.W. Jarvis, Troy, Illinois, regarding real estate sales in connection to Sherman's property in Sherman Park. 3 pages
- 1 Nov 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to W.W. Jarvis, states that he has just returned from California and will send a check for Jarvis's survey work. Expresses his wish to sell a portion of the land and buy some adjoining property. 1 page
- 2 Dec 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., letter of introduction on behalf of Major Henry S. Turner, formerly of the 1st U.S. Dragoons. 2 pages
- 29 Dec 1880 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to W.W. Jarvis, states that he is returned from Boston and New York and gives Jarvis permission to bid on property in Sherman's name. 1 page

Box 1/folder 5 1881-1884

- 17 April 1881 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, to [William] Scott states that he got back to St. Louis on Friday and learned of Scott's illness. 1 page
- 8 Dec 1881 ALS J.A. Warner, Troy, Illinois, to W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., notifying him that his firm, John G. Moore & Company, needs the permission of the landowners along the construction of the railroad to erect telegraph lines. 1 page
- 14 May 1882 ALS Sherman, Washington, to E.O.C. Ord explains the particulars of the officer's school at Fort Leavenworth and speaks of his efforts to improve conditions relating to the retirement of officers. 4 pages
- 6 July 1882 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to W.W. Jarvis, Troy, Illinois, tells Jarvis of his retirement date and the family's plans to return to St. Louis upon his retirement. 3 pages
- 3 Dec 1882 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to Commander S.R. Franklin, U.S. Navy, inviting him to dinner. 1 page
- 30 March 1883 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to Jarvis thanks him for forwarding a rent payment and gives his opinion on the state of the cattle industry and its future in the United States. 3 pages
- 11 April 1883 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to postmaster of Sandusky, Ohio, states that the subject of the postmaster's letter is within the jurisdiction of the secretary of war and not of the general of the army. 2 pages
- 4 June 1883 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to Jarvis expresses his desire to put his St. Louis real estate holdings in order and provides details. 3 pages

- 10 June 1883 ALS W.T. Sherman, Washington, D.C., to Jarvis states that he expects to be established in St. Louis by Christmas of that year.
- 25 Nov 1883 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Jarvis writes that he is satisfied as to the value of his farm property in Illinois. 3 pages
- 3 Dec 1883 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [General Amos] Beckwith states that Mrs. Sherman does not want to buy the wagon offered by Beckwith. 3 pages
- 9 Dec 1883 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Jarvis states that he is interested in Joseph Charless Cabanne's attempt to start a dairy venture in St. Louis. 4 pages
- 27 Jan 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Mr. Ranscroft, tells Ranscroft that he will encourage others to attend author Matthew Arnold's lectures when the former visits St. Louis. 2 pages
- 16 Feb 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [William] Scott, New York, offers words of encouragement to Scott and delivers news and opinions on friends and family. 4 pages
- 22 Feb 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [Benjamin] Alvord comments on Alvord's recent article in the *Bulletin of the American Geographical Society* concerning grasslands in western North America. 4 pages
- 10 March 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Garrison suggesting Garrison's family get in touch with Dr. Bary of Enterprise, Florida, and offers advice for a Florida trip. 3 pages
- 20 April 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to W. Wilkinson comments on the general health of the men under his command during his march through the South during the Civil War. 4 pages
- 14 May 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to H.B. Kerone thanking him for tickets to musical and literary entertainment. 2 pages w/envelope
- 14 May 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to E.C. Brown, New York, describes engravings and paintings of himself created by various artists. 2 pages
- 18 May 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Miss Middleton concerning the death of Mary Thompson Hunt and discusses theological issues. 4 pages
- 26 May 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Jarvis discusses visits to his farm property in Illinois and the expresses faith in the farm hands working the land. 4 pages

- 26 May 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to John Hicks, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, expresses his regret that he cannot accept any more invitations to events during 1884. 1 page
- 5 July 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [William] Scott, New York, discusses a financial scandal on Wall Street and describes his home in St. Louis. 8 pages
- 7 Sept 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [John Eaton] Tourtellotte, Sherman's aide-de-camp, tells of family news and conditions in St. Louis. 8 pages
- 5 Oct 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [John Eaton] Tourtellotte, discusses plans to attend a wedding and discusses failure of Harrison Wire Company and others in the iron business after the introduction of steel cable and wire. 8 pages
- 23 Oct 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [William] Scott, New York, discusses the financial effects of the collapse of the Harrison Wire Company on several of his friends. 4 pages
- 2 Nov 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to C.S. Freeborn, St. Louis, returns tickets sent to him in support of a local charity and states that presently he cannot invest his time or money in any more charities. 2 pages
- 4 Nov 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [John Eaton] Tourtellotte states that he hopes that Blaine will win the presidential election and offers his opinions on the political situation. Tells of family and local news. 8 pages
- 8 Dec 1884 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Granger congratulating him on his business success and stating that he is always glad to hear when one of his old soldiers is doing well. 3 pages

Box 1/folder 6 1885-1891

- 12 Jan 1885 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to William Taussig acknowledging receipt of the complimentary bridge passes for 1885. 1 page
- 14 Jan 1885 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [William] Scott, New York, asks him to send Mrs. Sherman a bag of best coffee and states that he is not disturbed by the Jefferson Davis controversy. 3 pages
- 24 Jan 1885 ALS Ellen Ewing Sherman to [William] Scott, New York, thanking him for the coffee. 3 pages w/envelope
- 26 Jan 1885 ALS William Scott to Mrs. Sherman states that he has forwarded her request for coffee to his son and that a bag has been sent. Also discusses different kinds of coffee. 2 pages

- 4 March 1885 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [John Eaton] Tourtellotte discusses the hiring of a new clerk and expresses concern over U.S. Grant's health and rumors that Grant is dying of cancer. 8 pages
- 5 April 1885 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Laura V. Harbaugh, Washington, D.C., states that he is ready to be called East upon the death of General Grant and writes at length on Fitch and the iron business in St. Louis. 8 pages
- 4 May 1885 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [John Eaton] Tourtellotte tells of family news and expresses concern for the financial well being of his friend Fitch. 4 pages
- 11 May 1885 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to H.I. Lamb, Boston, states that he has a large collection of his letters but wishes to retain them for future use. 1 page
- 2 Oct 1885 ALS William T. Sherman, St. Louis, to J.B. Pond, New York, declines Pond's invitation to travel on a lecture tour and gives reason by citing the story of a miner he encountered during the Gold Rush in California. 4 pages
- 26 Jan 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Laura V. Harbaugh, Washington, D.C., stating that he tries to avoid Washington, D.C., due to so many people flocking there for government employment. 4 pages w/envelope
- 3 Feb 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [John Eaton] Tourtellotte speaks of plans to move to New York City and mentions an article that incorrectly interprets a quote made by Sherman on Grant. 12 pages
- 25 Feb 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Crawford gives family news and tells of attending General Hancock's funeral and expresses his dismay over the deaths of his old comrades. 4 pages
- 4 April 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Henry S. Allen, New York, explains that he has revised his memoirs and a second edition has been prepared and sent to Appleton Publishers. 3 pages
- 5 April 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to [John Eaton] Tourtellotte states that he will not visit Miles at Leavenworth since Miles will be sent to manage the Apaches. Expresses his opinion about the Apaches and attempts by the press to romanticize them. Further states that the main streets in St. Louis have all been paved but side streets still messy with melting snow. 4 pages
- 20 April 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to General Schofield, Governor's Island, New York, congratulates him on his fortune and new home in New York. 4 pages
- 14 June 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, to Edgar F. Goodwin, Brooklyn, New York, answering a request for an autograph.

- 27 July 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, San Francisco, California, to Marion De L. Adams tells her of his recent move from St. Louis to New York due to his children's dislike of the city and encourages Adams to go to St. Louis to teach art at Washington University. 4 pages
- 20 Oct 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to Reverend R. Davis, states that he is unable to answer Davis' question. 1 page
- 4 Nov 1886 ALS W.T. Sherman to John J. O'Brien, St. Louis, states that he paid St. Louis property taxes for 1886 and found an error and asks O'Brien to correct it since he no longer resides in St. Louis. 1 page
- 3 Jan 1887 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to William Taussig, St. Louis, states that it was kind of him to think of Sherman in the distribution of the annual favors of the St. Louis Bridge. 1 page
- 17 Jan 1887 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to M. Louise Thomas giving a lengthy refusal of an invitation. 2 pages
- 9 March 1887 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to Jarvis states that he approves of anything Jarvis does in his interest. 2 pages
- 29 March 1887 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to George H. Morgan, St. Louis, regarding the creation of a statue of Grant to be placed in Forest Park in St. Louis. 3 pages
- 21 Aug 1887 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to Nelson Cole, St. Louis, states that he will not be a candidate for the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and will cast his vote for Warner of Kansas City. 1 page
- 14 Sept 1887 Sympathy note to Mr. & Mrs. Jarvis on the death of their son Willie Sherman Jarvis. 1 page
- 4 Feb 1888 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to George H. Morgan, St. Louis, provides opinion on the location of the Grant statue in Forest Park, St. Louis. 3 pages
- 28 May 1888 LS W.T. Sherman, New York, to George H. Morgan, St. Louis, regarding the location of the Grant statue and his belief that the location should be chosen by the resident members of the board. 3 pages
- 15 June 1888 LS W.T. Sherman, New York, to George H. Morgan, St. Louis, states that he is glad that the location of the statue has been selected but supposes that he will be unable to attend the unveiling. 2 pages

- 17 Sept 1888 LS W.T. Sherman, New York, to George H. Morgan, St. Louis, declines an offer by the Grant statue committee to preside over the unveiling of the statue. 2 pages
- 24 Oct 1888 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to George H. Morgan, St. Louis, states that he has so many calls for his time that he cannot attend all the ceremonies in which he is invited. 3 pages
- 25 Nov 1888 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to actor [Lawrence] Barrett canceling his dinner plans with Barrett due to a medical condition and expresses his regret that he cannot meet Barrett's son-in-law Baron Von Roden. 4 pages
- 11 Dec 1888 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to Dan Garrison reminisces about early days of their friendship. 4 pages
- 7 Jan 1889 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to George H. Morgan, St. Louis, states that everything that the Grant Committee of St. Louis has done has met with his approval. States that despite his plans to visit St. Louis often, he is unable to do so. 3 pages
- 8 Feb 1889 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to Mrs. Ella Fletcher Bartholow, St. Louis, regarding a recommendation she requested on behalf of her father for a position in the Harrison administration. 3 pages
- 11 Aug 1889 ALS W.T. Sherman, London, Great Britain, to Robert McCormick thanks him for tickets to Royal Chapel. 1 page
- 22 Sept 1889 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to W.W. Jarvis, Troy, Illinois, notifying him that he has appointed his son P.T. Sherman as his attorney and agent for managing his property. 1 page
- 23 Sept 1889 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to W.W. Jarvis requesting that all future payments collected by Jarvis on behalf of Sherman be transferred to P.T. Sherman who now controls all of Sherman's property. 1 page
- 5 May 1890 LS W.T. Sherman, New York, to James E. Taylor, New York, giving his opinion on a painting. 2 pages
- 25 May 1890 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to proprietor of Youngs Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, seeking reservations for an average good room to be used during his visit to the Grand Army of the Republic encampment. 2 pages
- 27 Jan 1891 ALS W.T. Sherman, New York, to Captain J.C. Scantling, Fort Washington, states that he was glad to receive the letter of his marriage to Ellen Lee of Baltimore. 1 page

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- 5 April 1892 ALS P.T. Sherman, New York, to W.W. Jarvis, Troy, Illinois, acknowledges that he received the proceeds of the sale of the Sherman property and is satisfied. 1 page
- 14 Aug 1896 ALS John Sherman, Mansfield, Ohio, to W.H. Sampson expressing his views on the silver question. 1 page
- Oct 1910 Article. "General W.T. Sherman as a College President," David French Boyd. *University Bulletin*, Louisiana State University
- Article. "General William T. Sherman as a History Teacher," Walter L. Fleming. *Educational Review*, Louisiana State University
- 1 Oct 1916 Proofs of two privately published Sherman letters owned by W.K. Bixby: W.T. Sherman to General U.S. Grant, May 10, 1865, regarding his orders to march through the city of Richmond. Also discusses Sherman's ongoing feud with General Henry Halleck (5 pages); undated letter of W.T. Sherman to General William M. McPherson regarding a letter by Sherman concerning African-Americans that was reprinted in the American press. Also mentions his opinion on the substitution policy that allowed men to hire others to enlist and fight for them. 2 pages
- Dec 1964 Two letters from the Frederick W. Beinecke Collection printed in a booklet entitled "The California Gold Field in 1848."

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- no date W.T. Sherman calling card with note on back introducing Col. Pitzman of St. Louis.
- no date W.T. Sherman calling card
- no date ALS W.T. Sherman to unknown states that all is well in the South but is anxious to know what manner of government they will have and expresses his dislike of Halleck's interference into his business. 2 pages [fragment]
- no date AL W.T. Sherman to unknown asks if there is any reason to submit to the insult contained in Halleck's dispatch in the New York papers. 1 page [fragment]
- no date AL W.T. Sherman to unknown states that he has seen Halleck's perfidious and infamous order to disregard my truce. 1 page
- no date Notes in regard to memorandum given to Julius Birge by General W.T. Sherman. 5 pages [photocopy]