Lawyer and U.S. Army general. Correspondence (1855–1888) from the Denver family, from politicians concerning national politics and political appointments, and from Denver’s legal practice, including cases involving damage claims for cotton illegally seized by the U.S. government during the Civil War; a manuscript account (n.d.) of Denver’s activities as a Union brigadier general, 1861–1863; a pamphlet (1884) endorsing Denver as a Democratic nominee for the presidency; typescripts of a journal (1850) kept by Denver during an overland journey from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, to California; pamphlets (1865–1891) of speeches by Denver and others; bills for legislation in which Denver had an interest; and a genealogical chart (n.d.) of the Francis Xavier Rombach family.

Box D-19
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1. Letters concerning the reinstatement into the Army of J.J. Sheperd

2. Letters and affidavits concerning the Theodore Kendig Case re: mail contracts of New Orleans & Memphis Packet Co.


4. Inquiries by Denver & Nutt re: locating men illegally mustered out of the service.

5. Miscellaneous inquiries for addresses, information, etc. 1872-1888.


7. Correspondence regarding legal cases of JWD:
   1872 - letter re legal claim of Mary A. Cobb
   1873 - 4 letters re legal claim of Mary A. Cobb
   1873 - letter re: 1000 lbs. of beef taken by US Army during war
   1871 - letter from Treasury Dept. re: claims
   n.d. - testimony of C.M. Thurston examined by JWD
   1875 - Power of Attorney and agreement on fees between JWD and Charles F. Peck and Martha Rhea, et al
   1869 - letter to JWD re: John Taylor
   1869 - legal papers regarding Isaac Roop estate
   1873 - 3 letters on case of Earl D. Barden
   1874 - letter on case of Earl D. Barden
   1976 - letter on case of Earl D. Barden
   n.d. - interrogation of Earl D. Barden
8. Legal Cases
1866 - 1871-8 letters from John P. Murray to JWD re: cotton claims
1866 - 2 letters to JWD from George Pearce re: land titles
1866 - letter from JWD to Treasury Dept. re: power of attorney for Patrick Hamilton in the case of the steamer "Wren"
1869 - power of attorney from F. Baettice (?) to JWD
1865 - 4 letters from Harriss & Howell re: claims against the US govt.
1865 - 2 letters from Denver & Peck to F. Gascetti re: subpoena to appear as a witness in trial of Mr. Wing
1865 - 5 letters between JWD and E.P. Cowles re: trial of J. Maddox
1867 - letter from Bliss & Snedicon to Hughes, Denver & Peck
1868 - 3 letters from Robert Crozier to JWD re: claim of Clark & Co. vs. Mrs. Louisana Parrott
1867 - letter from Thomas Scott to JWD re; bonds
1867 - letter from Samuel Smith to JWD
1867 - letter from H.S. Holladay to JWD
1868 - 1869 - 9 letters from James C. Pennie to JWD concerning a note by James T. Ryan; payment demanded by Pennie
1867 - 4 letters and 1 memo re: claim against govt. by C.W. Pollard for additional salary from Treasury Dept.
1867 - letter from H.B. Hawkins to JWD re: claim against Treasury Dept.
1867 - power of attorney to JWD from George B. Skinner
1868 - 2 letters from G.B. Skinner to JWD re: claim against govt. for feeding gov. horses
1868 - 1871 - 2 letters between Gyles & JWD re: skinner claim
1868 - 2 letters from L.H. Whitney to JWD re: claims
1868 - 1869 - copy of a Navy request fro detachment and an officers claims for reimbursement for transportation charges
1869 - letter from C. Sweeney to Hughes, Denver & Peck re: claim
1869 - 2 letters re: claim on California Steam Navigation Co. for transportation furnished to the Indian Dept.
1868 - 1869 - 3 letters re: land claim by Miles Gibson
1868 - 3 letters re: recovery of money, which a collector named George Metlar stole.

9. Legal Cases
1871 - papers relating to dissolution of law firm of Denver, Peck, and Hughes
1872 - 1874 - transcript of cases of James Hughes vs. Denver & Peck
1876 - letter from Wm. Henry Smith to JWD re railroad claims
1876 - 3 letters re: claim against govt. on behalf of heirs of Dr. Gustavus B. Horner who served throughout the Revolutionary War surgeon
1875 - letter re: claim collected and held until collectors fee was paid
1877 - 4 letters re: claim of Jules A. Blanc vs. US Govt.; cotton loses
1885 - letter from Charles Murphy to JWD re: new trial
1886 - letter from Gen. Rosecrans to JWD re: Murphy's trial
1884 - 1888 - 19 letters from A. Overton to JWD re: claim against govt.
for seizure of steamer "Pocohontas" during war
1882 - letter and affidavit of Charles Peck re: Elliot vs. Denver & Peck
1884 - 1885 - 2 letters re: claim of John W. Griffen vs. US for rent and lumber
1881 - letter to JWD from George Ferris re: inability to collect on a claim
1877 - letter from B. Bruce to M. Delaney re: claims collected by Delaney
1877 - 2 letters from Thaddeus Street to Hughes, Denver & Peck re: papers that Street wanted returned
1885 - letter from S.P. Nutt remarking on progress of Reis vs. Bell Telephone case
1886 - letter from H.H. Sibley to JWD re: clarification of statement made in reference to dropping a claim
1886 - letter to JWD re: claim for cotton tax
1886 - letter from T.J. Shackleford to JWD re: claim of William Hunter vs. US for property destroyed by federal troops.
1886 - 3 letters re: claims for rent of building at Mescalero Agency in Tularosa, New Mexico owned by George W. Maxwell
1886 - correspondence and copies of reports re: claim of George F. Brott for recovery of monies due him for seizure of schooner "Sea Lion" during Civil War
1886 - statement of C.B. Walker, Secretary of business on hand, belonging to National Law & Trust Co.
1868 - letter from H.M. Brown to Comm. of Pensions rejecting claim of Charles W. Geddes
1886 - 3 letters from Wm. Toller to C.B. Walker re: Walker re: claim for informants fee of $5,000
1887 - letter to JWD re: legal claim
1887 - 2 letters to JWD from Benton McMillin re: cotton claims of S.D. Burton against the US govt.
1886 - 1887 - 6 letters re: case of Francis de Freitas vs. Great Britain as pertains to confinement in asylum.
1887 - letter from George Hamilton re: claim of heirs of heirs of Nyfrolite Christian against US govt. for seizure of cotton, wagons, etc.
1888 - letter from JWD to J.H. Mitchell, US Senator, re: facts of law in Charles Gallaghers claim against govt for loss of schooner "Nimrod"
1888 - letter from John W. Hartman to JWD re: claim of Capt. Benjamin Lord for two vessels seized by French govt.
1887 - letter to A.P. Gorman from Dep. Quartermaster Gen of USA denying request of Mrs. E. Bowie for her father's papers.

Box D-20
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1. Undated biography in an unknown hand chronicling Denver's life from his appt. by Lincoln as a Brig. Gen. in 1861 to his resignation

1884 - pamphlet nominating Denver as Democratic candidate for president
1850 - typed manuscript detailing an overland trip to California by Denver from May 20 to Aug. 17

2. Correspondence, etc.

1869 - pay envelope for Edward Willis
1865 - letter to JWD commenting upon the claiming of Confederate properties, esp. cotton
1866 - deposition of O.S. Sparks re: cotton shipments
1866 - deposition of Munroe Ogden re: ""
1866 - 3 letters from Howell Bobb to JWD re: cotton belonging to Joseph Day
1865 - Letter from Will (Denver?) to his wife commenting upon Charleston and Sherman's march; attached is a poem "I'm Going Home"
1863 - letter from JWD to his wife re: sale of land
1865 - letter from JWD to his wife describing Atlanta and a typical train ride
1861 - letter from JWD to his wife describing his wait in Wash. D.C. for orders from Gen. Scott
1865 - letter to JWD from Crittenden commenting on claiming of Confederate properties
1865 - military order concerning unlawful agent
1866 - letter to JWD from Crittenden listing difficulties
1865 - letter to JWD from H.B. Titus re: Giff cotton case
1863 - 3 receipts for meals

3.  1884 - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD re: change of address
1886 - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD concerning back pay
December 14, _? - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD
1886 - December 14, _? - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD
1888 - December 14, _? - letter from A. Montgomery to JWD
1883 - letter to JWD soliciting support for a veterans reunion
1883 - letter from W.L. Alexander, Adjutant Gen. of Iowa, to JWD soliciting his opinion as to where a National Militia Law convention should be held; also has a circular with letter
1886 - letter from Mr. Ward to JWD requests meeting in Wash. D.C.
1887 - letter from JWD to Edward Clark (architect of the capitol) requesting position for Isiah Dean, a Mex. War veteran
1888 - letter to JWD from Sallie Denver (his sister) requesting his help in pursuing claims against the Mex. govt.
1888 - letter from Beverley (?) Tucker to JWD concerning the "McKee matter" and requesting information.
1888 - letter from C.F. Peck to JWD re: sale of property
1888 - letter from J.B. Hopper to JWD general note
1888 - letter from W.B. Lyon to JWD re: readmittance to the I.O.O.F.
1888 - letter from A.C. Bradford to JWD re: Readmittance to the I.O.O.F.
1889 - letter from James S. Valk (?) to JWD business reply letter

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1858 - letter from Pres. Buchanan to JWD re: Kansas statehood
1859 - letter from JWD to Buchanan resigning his position as Comm. of Ind. Affairs
1859 - letter from Buchanan to JWD accepting resignation
1887 - letter from J.D. Stevenson to JWD requesting some receipts and original papers
1888 - letter from W.T. Bishop to ____? re: a recommendation for F.M. Clavenger to receive a job as storekeeper
1888 - letter from F.M. Clavenger to W.T. Bishop requesting the return of all papers and applications
1887 - letter from E.J. Curtis (Secretary of Idaho) to JWD inviting him to be a delegate to Gov's Conf.
1888 - letter from J.D. Stevenson to JWD requesting that his papers be sent
1887 - 1888 - 3 letters from E.A. Stevenson (Gov. of Idaho) to JWD re: Idaho statehood, Gov's Conf., and judgeship appointments
1887 - letter from Gov. David B. Hill of New York to the Gov. of Idaho concerning extradition laws
1887 - certificate empowering JWD to act as delegate for Idaho at Gov's Conf.
n.d. - 2 blank forms concerning extradition of criminals
1885 - letter from S.A. Stone to JWD requesting Denver to speak to President on behalf of Judge T.J. Bowers for position
1885 - letter from Wm. Smith to JWD petitioning for Denver's support for a secret service position with the Post Office
1886 - letter from George Whittington to William Endicott (Sec. of War) requesting a clerkship
1887 - letter from A.M. Kenady to JWD recommending Holmes C. Patrick's appointment as Collector of Customs at Pudget Sound; attached is a letter from Patrick to Kenady insinuating corruption in the Customs Office
1886 - letter to John H. Young to JWD requesting Denver to speak to the President on behalf of James Taylor for appt. as Dist. Collector of the IRS
1886 - letter from Treasury Dept. to JWD informing him that he has authority to practice law before the Dept.
1887 - letter from R.H. McWhorten (?) to Calvin B. Walker asking for support for a bill
1888 - letter from G.W. Mum (?) to Calvin B. Walker asking for support for a bill
1885 - letter from ____? to JWD on behalf of petitioner for a job
1879 - letter from JWD to his daughter re: Grant and third term of office
1875 - 1876 - 4 letters from Olever E. Woods to JWD re: drafts of bills
5. Family Correspondence

1855 - letter from Lou to JWD
1869 - letter from Sallie to Lou
1858 - letter from Frank Denver to Lou; has reference to first school in Sacramento, Calif.
1869 - letter from Lou to her parents; has reference to Republican majority in Ohio
1860 - letter from George to cousin (?); refers to Lincoln's victory
1860 - letter from Lou to her parents; mentions Stephen Douglas
1861 - letter from Lou to her parents; mentions Calif. legislature
186? - letter from Lou to her parents
1861 - letter from Mollie Denver to Lou; comments on Douglas's political machine
1860 - letter from Lou to her parents; comments of a Douglas speech
n.d. - typed extracts of letters written to his (?) sister, Mrs. E.A. Johns

6. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Documents

n.d. - typed manuscript "The Francis Xavier Rombach Family Record"
1891 - pamphlet by JWD "Remarks on the Free Coinage of Silver by J.W. Denver, of Wilmington, Ohio" 16 pp
1889 - letter from John Lucksinger to Col. Everhard Welter
1856 - pamphlet by JWD "Speech of Hon. J.W. Denver of California, against the Bill to expedite the issuing of parents for confirmed land claims in California" 16 pp
1875 - document US Court of Claims #2539
1876 - House of Rep. document; letter of Sec to Treasury concerning cotton claims
1885 - review of the opinion of Judge Wm. M. Merrick in the case of Strong v. District of Columbia
1886 - report #2894 House of Rep. June 17, 1886
1886 - report #209 Senate March 10, 1886
1884 - bill for the relief of Jacob Bogert
1886 - bill for the relief of Jacob Bogert
1884 - agreement of fees between JWD and Jacob Bogert
1875 - US Court of Claims; Second Report of Comm. E. Eveleth in sundry cotton cases
1880 - Court of Claims #3490 E.F. Randle vs. US

7. Miscellaneous Printed Documents

1867 - printed petition from members of Bar at Toledo (Ohio)
n.d. - US Supreme Court #283 J.D. Hegler vs. George Faulkner
n.d. - printed page concerning Hedges Family Association of US
n.d. - application to Pres. G. Cleveland on behalf of Everhard Welter
1873 - Supreme Court ruling re: partnership dissolution.


Folder 1

1855 - Horatio King, Asst. Postmaster General, to Denver re: appointment of postmaster for Cedarville, California.
1857 - Gen. Joseph G. Totten to Denver re: appointments to West Point from California.
1857 - Horatio King to Denver re: assistance in publishing an advertisement in California.
1858 - Charles E. Mix, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs re: receipt of papers concerning a contract between Delaware chief Sarcozie and James H. Forsythe.
1858 - John B. Floyd, Secretary of War, to Denver concerning an appointment to West Point.
1862 - Gen. James Shields to Denver re: gratitude of Shields to Denver for unspecified actions.
1864 - S.S. Cox, U.S. Representative from Ohio, to Denver re: politics in the House of Representatives.
1867 - W.W. Gilbert to Denver re: compensation from United States Army for services during the War.

Folder 2

1868 - Denver to Barry Lack re: the impeachment of President Johnson.
1864 - Denver to his wife re: family affairs.
1865 - Denver to his wife re: family affairs.

Folder 3

1849 - John W. Kelly to Denver re: death of a soldier in Mexico.
1851 - Countersigned note by J.F. and Kennedy, regarding dates they saw Denver in Sacramento in 1850.
1856 - Denver to Joseph Walker re: death of unidentified lady near Fort Scott.
1856 - Daniel Chase to Denver re: Denver's failure to be renominated to Congress.
1858 - Isaac M. Payten to Denver re: a political favor desired by Payton.
1858 - Everhead Welter to Denver re: Welter's political ambitions.
1860 - J. Logan to Denver re: Denver's opinion of the 1860 Democratic Presidential convention.

Folder 4
1867 - Endorsed check from L.A. Whiteley to Denver.
1867 - 2 Promissory notes signed by Denver.

Addition to the James William Denver Collection. This item was housed in room 458 before placed in its permanent location in oversize. 8313

   Re: His views on the condition and wants of the Territory of Kansas.