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MS 962
GRANT, WILLIAM SULLIVAN, 1825-
GRANT PAPERS, 1862-1868

DESCRIPTION

William S. Grant, a native of Maine, established a supply depot for the Union army in Tucson in 1860. His supplies were destroyed by retreating forces of the Union Army in 1861. The collection contains five printed pamphlets concerning Grant's claims for reimbursement for damages from the United States Government. Two folders contain transcripts (from the National Archives) of Grant's legal documents from the U. S. Court of Claims, 1868. The legal documents show that his claim was denied by the courts, but he was eventually awarded \$119,000 through the U. S. Congress.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Sullivan Grant was born at Hallowell, Maine in 1825. He served a two year apprenticeship with a wholesale grocery firm in Boston before becoming a partner in his father's shipbuilding enterprise in 1849. After his father's death, he became a sole owner and when he sold the shipyard in 1859, he was worth \$100,000 and had a government contract to furnish supplies to all the forts of southern Arizona and southern New Mexico. He established a partnership with Theodore W. Taliafero (who is mentioned in these documents). The documents concern his affairs in Arizona and New Mexico during 1860-1861. He never returned to Arizona, but continued to do business all over the United States. He retired to his home in Maine in 1898.

ACQUISITION

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PROCESSING

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