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Denver, James William, 1817-1892
Correspondence, 1848-1893

DESCRIPTION

Collection of letters received by General James W. Denver and his wife, Louisa, from her cousins, August and Albert Kautz. The letters describe life at West Point and the Naval Academy, military life, and the Civil War; several ask General Denver for assistance in securing positions or transfers. Two letters from August V. Kautz, written while Kautz was commanding general of the Department of Arizona in 1877, mention Indian affairs. These are the only letters in this collection from that time period. Also present is one letter from J.W. Denver to President Buchanan recommending Joseph Vaughn as district judge should the Territory of Arizona be organized, dated January 13, 1859.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James W. Denver was a military general, statesman, lawyer and U.S. Indian Commissioner (1857-1859). He was married to Louisa Rombach Denver; her cousins were Albert Kautz, a naval officer who served in the Civil War and achieved the rank of Rear Admiral before retirement in 1903, and August V. Kautz, an army officer who served in the Civil War and later in the Far West until retirement in 1892. August served as commanding general of the Department of Arizona from 1875 to 1878.

RELATED MATERIAL

An biographical article about August V. Kautz appears in "General August V. Kautz in Arizona, 1874-1878", *Arizoniana*, v.4, no. 4, Winter 1963.

ACQUISITION

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