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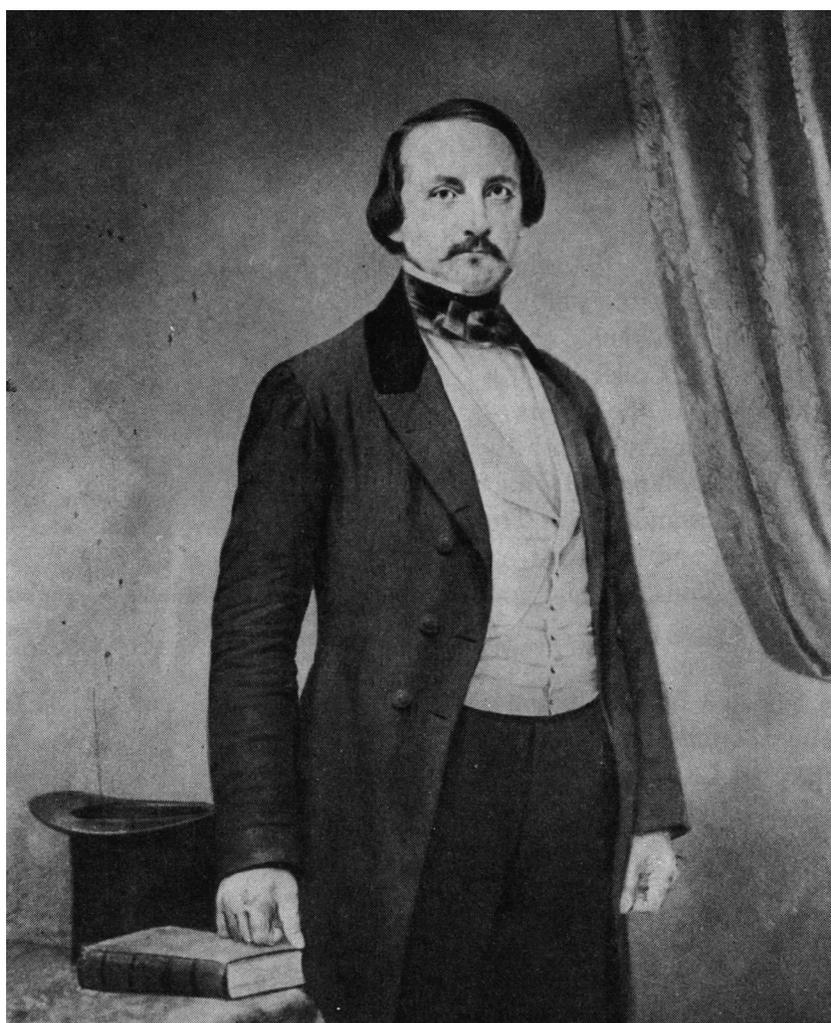
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Henry Hastings Sibley in the manuscripts department of the Minnesota Historical Society measure fifteen linear feet and are divided into two groups. The first group consists of a general file of correspondence and miscellaneous papers (1815–99) arranged in chronological order and a separate file of records (1873–74) for the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Grasshopper Relief Committee. Correspondence and miscellaneous papers include letters received, drafts of letters sent, legal papers, certificates of election and appointment to various offices, accounts, drafts of speeches and articles, a few newspaper clippings, some maps and plats, and other items. In the second group are 112 volumes (1823–1930) arranged by subject matter, type of record, and date. They are financial accounts of the fur trade, 1823–55 (vols. 1–69); account books for the sutlership at Fort Snelling, 1836–39 (vols. 70–88); letter books, 1849–55, 1858–59 (vols. 89–93); and miscellaneous volumes, 1836–1930 (vols. 94–112), which include Indian language lexicons, scrapbooks, cash and memorandum books, a diary, a military order book, and Sibley's unfinished autobiography.

The bulk of the collection covers the period 1834–74 and concerns the fur trade with the Sioux Indians of the Upper Mississippi Valley, documenting Sibley's business associations with the American Fur Company and Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company of St. Louis, as well as his interest in the treaties, wars, and welfare of the Sioux. The papers contain information on Sibley's political career during the territorial period of Minnesota history (1849–58), his land and railroad investments, and his military service between 1862 and 1866.

The collection lacks detailed documentation on Sibley's term as governor of Minnesota (1858–60) and on his business career after the 1860s, although his civic activities during this period are partially revealed in the papers of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Grasshopper Relief Committee, 1873–74.

The Sibley Papers, copied on thirty-two reels of microfilm, include the full collection in the possession of the society, manuscripts loaned by the Sibley House Association of the Minnesota Daughters of the American Revolution, and copies of Sibley manuscripts from the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library. A small group of Sibley materials among the official records of the governors in the Minnesota State Archives was not included. Correspondence and miscellaneous papers are filmed on Reels 1–17; volumes appear on Reels 17–32. At the end of Reel 32, filmed as a supplement to the collection, are translations of letters in French, the originals of which are lost, from explorer Joseph N. Nicollet and fur trader Joseph N. Laframboise. Also at the end of Reel 32 are catalog cards for other manuscripts collections in the society relating to Sibley, and cards for the library's holdings of printed works by and about him.

The 2-B film format has been used in microfilming the Sibley Papers. A running title beneath each film frame gives the name of the institution and collection, reel and frame

numbers, and the reduction ratio of the image when it differs from the standard 12 to 1 ratio. Special targets indicate incomplete or defective manuscripts, enclosures, or other technical information helpful to the reader. Blank pages in the volumes were not filmed.

Undated items appear on the film before dated ones. Thereafter a chronological order is followed whenever possible in the arrangement and filming of various groups within the papers. When an item found to be out of place was inserted into a film sequence, it has been identified by frame numbers followed by a letter (as 163A).

Biographical Sketch

Henry Hastings Sibley was born on February 20, 1811, at Detroit, Michigan Territory, the fourth child and the second son of Solomon Sibley and Sarah Whipple Sproat Sibley. Solomon Sibley, trained as a lawyer, had moved from Massachusetts to Ohio in 1795. Sarah Sibley was the daughter of a Revolutionary War soldier from Rhode Island, who settled his family in Ohio in 1789. After their marriage at Marietta, Ohio, in 1802, the Sibleys trekked westward to Michigan, where Solomon began a long career in public affairs, serving as a representative in Congress and as chief justice of Michigan Territory. Eight other children were born to the couple: Catherine W., who died in infancy, Ebenezer Sproat, Alexander Hamilton, Frederic Baker, Catherine Whipple, Mary C., Augusta Ann, and Sarah Alexandrine.

Although they were living in a new territory, Sibley's parents were careful to educate their children. Henry attended the Detroit Academy, studied Greek and Latin under an Episcopal minister, and read law for two years. Later in life Sibley's taste in literature and his polished writing style reflected this classical education.

In 1828, at the age of seventeen, Sibley told his parents that he "longed for a more active and stirring life" than practicing law. Leaving Detroit, he went to Sault Ste. Marie in northern Michigan, where he became a clerk in a sutler's store and then business agent for Mrs. John Johnston, the widow of a fur trader. A year later Sibley began his long career in the fur trade when he moved to Mackinac to work for the American Fur Company. His years (1829–34) spent as a company clerk at Mackinac and as a purchasing agent traveling through Ohio taught him the rudiments of a business in which he was later to figure prominently. During this period, too, Sibley was appointed collector and inspector of customs and a justice of the peace for Michilimackinac County, Michigan Territory (1831–32).

In 1834 Ramsay Crooks, the president of the American Fur Company, offered Sibley a new position. Rejecting other offers, including one that would have taken him back to Detroit, Sibley entered into an agreement with the American Fur Company, Hercules L. Dousman, and Joseph Rolette Sr. Under its terms he became a junior partner in the company's Western Outfit and head of its Sioux Outfit, the fur-shipping and merchandising organization for the Sioux trade in the Minnesota area.

Drawn by his fascination for the wilderness and by the responsible position he was offered, Sibley traveled up the Mississippi, arriving at St. Peter's (Mendota) on October 28, 1834. In 1835 he plunged into a reorganization of the fur trade under his control, touring the far-flung posts along the Mississippi, Minnesota, and Red rivers and beginning the construction of a stone store and dwelling at Mendota.

There Sibley could look across the river to Fort Snelling on the bluffs. The trading post at Mendota and the fort's garrison represented the only two institutions of

civilization in a vast, sparsely populated region. Sibley, like the army, played an active role in bringing order to this wilderness, accepting in 1838 the first of a series of official positions when he became justice of the peace for Clayton County, Iowa Territory (in which Mendota was then located).

During these years, Sibley grew to know the Sioux Indians well; he traded with them, hunted with them, and learned to speak their language. Aware that his frontier experiences were of great interest to Eastern readers, Sibley later wrote many articles (1846–51) on the West, hunting, and Indian life under the pseudonym “Hal a Dacotah.” They appeared in the *Spirit of the Times*, a New York sporting magazine. His attitude toward the Sioux was always an ambivalent one, for he was concerned with their welfare even when, as a fur trader and a pioneer, he was instrumental in radically changing their way of life. In 1839 a daughter named Helen Hastings (Muzzah wakon win) was born to Sibley and Red Blanket Woman, a Wahpekute Sioux. Sibley assumed some financial responsibility for the child (vols. 3, 89), but little is known about her or her mother.

Sibley spent most of his young manhood endeavoring to make a successful business of the fur trade. In an effort to expand the trade with military personnel as well as to control the Sioux trade, he became co-sutler at Fort Snelling (1836–39). By the 1840s, however, the decline of the fur trade was evident, and for a time Sibley unsuccessfully sought other employment in Detroit and St. Louis. In 1842 even the mighty American Fur Company succumbed and sold its Western Outfit to Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company in an unsuccessful attempt to stave off bankruptcy. Sibley decided to stay in Minnesota, and he remained with the outfit until 1855, when his interest in the trade was liquidated and he turned to investments in land and railroads.

In 1843 Sibley brought to the stone house at Mendota his bride—Sarah Jane Steele of Steelesville, Pennsylvania. She was the sister of Sibley’s good friend Franklin Steele, then sutler at Fort Snelling. Mrs. Sibley turned the stone house into an elegant home, and seven of nine children were born there before the family moved to St. Paul in 1862. Five of the children died in childhood: Henry Hastings, 1846; Henry Hastings, 1847–51; Franklin Steele, 1853–63; Mary Steele, 1855–63; and Alexander Hastings, 1864. Four grew to adulthood: Augusta Ann, born in 1844, married Captain Douglas Pope; Sarah Jane, born in 1851, married Elbert A. Young; Charles Frederic, born in 1860, married Constance Locke and, like his sisters, lived in St. Paul; and Alfred Brush, born in 1866, married Ann Thompson and moved to Montana and then to Massachusetts. Mrs. Sibley died in 1869, and Sibley never remarried. The family home in Mendota was restored and opened to the public in 1910 by the Sibley House Association of the Minnesota Daughters of the American Revolution.

Sibley’s position as head of the American Fur Company in Minnesota for so many years had given him power that he used to full advantage as his attention turned to the organization of the territory and the changes increasing population would bring. By the 1840s, his commercial and political interests had broadened to touch many aspects of life in the Upper Mississippi Valley, and when, in 1848, Minnesota sought territorial status, it was not surprising that the voters sent Sibley to Washington to plead their cause. In Congress Sibley worked to secure the passage of a bill for the organization of Minnesota Territory; he was elected territorial delegate to Congress in 1849, serving until March, 1853.

Tall, elegant, and reserved, Sibley played an active role in the growth and development of the new territory. He was the leading figure in its early Democratic party, and for many years his rivalry with fellow fur trader Henry M. Rice split the party into warring factions. His interests during the 1850s extended beyond politics to cultural and civic affairs, for he was a founder of the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Historical Society.

With the growth of population in Minnesota came pressure for the opening of Indian lands to settlement. Sibley's political and economic ambitions led him to deep involvement in the Sioux treaties by which these Indians ceded much of southern Minnesota. He had represented fur trade interests in the negotiation of the Sioux, Chippewa, and Winnebago treaties in the late 1830s, helped James D. Doty negotiate the abortive Sioux treaty of 1841 and was the attorney for the Sioux mixed-bloods at the treaty of 1849. In 1851, both as a fur trader deeply in debt and as the delegate of a territory that needed land, Sibley worked hard for ratification of the treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota, and he was a witness in the Senate investigation of these treaties in 1853–54.

Sibley returned to politics as a representative in the Minnesota legislature in 1854, and the same year purchased and then sold the *St. Paul Pioneer*. In 1856 he was commissioned a major general in the United States militia. With the advent of Minnesota statehood in 1858, Sibley's political career came to a climax. He served as president of the Democratic branch of the convention that framed the state constitution, and in 1858 he became the first elected governor of the state of Minnesota. In the divisive presidential election of 1860, he supported Stephen A. Douglas and the free-soil wing of the Democratic Party.

In 1862 the Sioux Uprising involved Sibley once again in Indian affairs. Because of his long experience with the Sioux, Governor Alexander Ramsey appointed Sibley colonel of volunteers and commander of the expedition to put down the uprising. His leadership was criticized by many contemporaries as being too cautious, but he continued his military career until the end of the Civil War. After the 1862 campaign, Sibley was appointed brigadier general of volunteers by President Abraham Lincoln and became commanding officer of the Military District of Minnesota. In 1863 he led another expedition against the Sioux. In 1866 Sibley left the army with the brevet rank of major general.

Sibley, like other Minnesotans, rigorously condemned the Sioux for the uprising and insisted on punishing them, but later he held several official positions in which he attempted to help the Indians. In 1865 he was one of the commissioners appointed to negotiate a treaty with the Sioux, and in 1869 he substituted for Bishop Henry B. Whipple as United States disbursing agent for the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands. In 1874 Sibley served on the United States Board of Indian Commissioners, and in 1883 he was appointed chairman of a commission to investigate damages done by government dams on the Chippewa White Earth Reservation.

In the last twenty-five years of his life, Sibley—now the grand old man of Minnesota—was concerned largely with business and community interests. He was president of the St. Paul Gas Light Company, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. In 1873, when grasshoppers devastated crops in southwestern Minnesota, Sibley served as

chairman of the St. Paul Chamber's relief committee. He also coordinated grasshopper relief activities for Governor Cushman K. Davis. In 1886 he organized a similar committee to help victims of the Charleston, South Carolina, earthquake. During this period, he made only one try for political office, running unsuccessfully for Congress on the Democratic ticket in 1880. In 1888 Princeton University awarded him an honorary degree of doctor of laws. He died in St. Paul on February 18, 1891, two days before his eightieth birthday.

Origin of the Collection

The first manuscript to become a part of the Sibley Papers reached the society in 1869 when John K. Arnold presented a copy of an 1862 letter from Abraham Lincoln to Sibley. In 1880 Sibley himself gave the society two Josiah Snelling manuscripts and an 1849 translation that he had made for Governor Alexander Ramsey of a French article on the Pembina Indians by the Reverend Georges A. Belcourt. In 1891 under the terms of his will, the society received the manuscript of a Dakota lexicon (1843–44) by missionary Stephen R. Riggs (vol. 95), which differs from the dictionary published by Riggs in 1852.

The bulk of the papers, including much of the correspondence and fifty-two volumes, came to the society from the Sibley family in 1893. J. Fletcher Williams, the institution's secretary and librarian, was given permission to examine the correspondence and select papers for the society, "agreeing to return to the family all matter not of historic value and of a personal and private nature." The papers Williams selected were then examined for the society by historian Return Ira Holcombe. Holcombe's penciled notes appear on many of them, and he had translations made of a large number of the French letters. In a report to the society's executive council on March 12, 1894, Holcombe indicated that he had arranged and filed only about a third of the papers, that a large number had been returned to the family, and many were destroyed. It is not known how many of the papers were thus permanently lost to the collection.

Additional papers from the Sibley estate became a part of the collection in 1903, when the society purchased a large number of Sibley volumes from Edgar W. Porter, a St. Paul book dealer. The purchase included miscellaneous account books, letter books, correspondence, and other items.

In 1904 Joseph W. Hancock, a Minnesota missionary to the Sioux, gave to the society a Dakota lexicon he had compiled in 1851 from word lists of other missionaries; this lexicon (vol. 96) was filed in the Sibley Papers with the Riggs lexicon.

Since 1904 the society has received twenty-nine other accessions of one or more Sibley items. In 1924 Sibley's daughter, Sarah Jane Young, presented the 1863 diary (vol. 104), the autobiography (vol. 112), and copies of three 1853 letters and Sibley's 1851 certificate of election as delegate to Congress. Other donors in this period were Louise M. Arnold, Abbe Fuller, Mrs. Edward C. Dougan, and Frederick G. Ingersoll. During the 1930s Sibley letters were given to the society by Mrs. Charles Frederic Sibley, Mrs. Frank H. Morrill, and Major Charles W. Elliot. In the following years, five other donors contributed Sibley letters, including Mrs. William Killgreen, a grandniece, who in 1955 also gave an undated poem, and letter book fragments (vol. 93). In 1965 Mrs. Karl W. Elsinger gave a letter from Cole, James, and Robert Younger.

The society obtained photostats of Sibley family letters in the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library between 1927 and 1959. In 1967 that institution

provided new photocopies of the letters and granted permission for their inclusion in the Sibley microfilm. The letters are from the Solomon Sibley, William Woodbridge, Charles C. Trowbridge, Alpheus Felch, and John T. Mason papers.

Twenty-nine items that are not a part of the society's collection were loaned by the Sibley House Association of the Minnesota Daughters of the American Revolution. They have been photographed in this microfilm edition in chronological order with the rest of the papers. They include personal correspondence, genealogical information from the Sibley family Bible, and a scrapbook of clippings, 1883–1930 (vol. 110), on Sibley and restoration of the Sibley House. There is also a photocopy of an 1853 letter to Sibley from his wife, Sarah Jane.

Description of the Papers

The first items to appear on the Sibley microfilm are genealogical entries from the Sibley family Bible and a typed genealogy, prepared by the society's staff and by Ruth M. Jedermann, curator of the Sibley House. They are followed by a small group of undated materials, including Sibley's notes on the history of Minnesota and the Sioux Uprising; a draft of an article on "Northwestern Indians"; a summary of a law case (*William G. Le Duc v. Thomas Odell*) for which Sibley acted as referee; a list of Sioux Indian annuities; a printed petition of certain Sioux scouts who wished to have their annuities restored after the Sioux Uprising; a few letters; a list of medical supplies and some sutler accounts at Fort Snelling; an advertisement for equipment to regulate gas pressure; fur trade notes and accounts; and real estate notes and accounts for property at Mendota and Hastings.

While the bulk of the collection covers Sibley's activities after he moved to Minnesota in 1834, the correspondence and miscellaneous papers contain several items that document earlier periods: two letters (1828–29) from Sibley to Charles C. Trowbridge, his brother-in-law in Detroit; a recommendation (1830) of Sibley from officers of the Bank of Michigan to Robert Stuart in Mackinac; and Sibley's certificates of appointment as deputy collector of customs and justice of the peace at Mackinac (1831–32).

Although the public aspects of Sibley's life dominate the papers, his unfinished autobiography written in 1884–86 (vol. 112) is a primary source of information on his life through 1834, as well as on his family background, education, and early career. Personal correspondence in the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library (1822–51) is also important for the insight it offers into Sibley's family relationships, his personality, and his ambitions. The letter books, 1849–55 (especially vol. 92) are another source of personal material, for they contain many letters to friends and relatives about the health of Mrs. Sibley and the children. Notable here is data on the death of Henry Hastings, whom Sibley lamented as "the idol of our household" when he died in September, 1851. The deaths of two other children, Franklin and Mary, are recorded with much grief in Sibley's 1863 diary (vol. 104). Only two letters from Mrs. Sibley are present in the collection. One in 1853 is addressed to Sibley in Washington; the other was written to Mrs. Sibley's sister, Rachel Steele Johnson, in 1861. Late in his life Sibley carried on an active personal correspondence (1880–82) with Charles C. Trowbridge, his brother-in-law.

The Fur Trade with the Sioux

More than a third of the Sibley Papers concern the fur trade in what is now Minnesota for the period from 1815 to 1855. The bulk of this material deals with the Sioux trade; a few items (listed below) concern the Chippewa. Included are correspondence, price lists, dated and undated accounts, trade agreements, trade licenses, account books (vols. 1–69), and letter books (vols. 89–92).

The earliest materials on this topic antedate Sibley's arrival in Minnesota and are associated with Alexis Bailly, the trader who was Sibley's predecessor at St. Peter's or New Hope, as Mendota was known before 1841. There are two permits to build a fur post at St. Peter's (1825–26) granted to Bailly by Josiah Snelling, commandant at Fort Snelling; circulars and notices from Indian agent Lawrence Taliaferro to Bailly authorizing trade at posts in the Upper Mississippi area and prohibiting the sale of liquor. It seems probable that Sibley acquired these papers when he replaced Bailly as the American Fur Company's representative at the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers in 1834.

Other papers that largely predate 1834 are those of William A. Aitken (1815–39) of the American Fur Company's Northern Outfit, which traded with the Chippewa, and two Indian credit books in French and Dakota and one ledger in English (vols. 11, 12, 51) showing Sioux credits. The Aitken materials include trade licenses and agreements as well as correspondence with members of the Aitken family, Ramsay Crooks, and such Chippewa traders as Lyman M. Warren, William Morrison, and George Bonga, who was a member of an interesting Negro-Indian fur trade family. Also present is a combined account and letter book, 1823–24 (vol. 1), containing copies of letters to Aitken and Morrison, inventories, and Chippewa credits recorded by trader Bela Chapman at Grand Portage on Lake Superior. Two of the other early volumes (11, 12) seem to date from 1828–29 and 1831 and may have been kept by trader Joseph Laframboise at Little Rock on the Minnesota River. A later Indian credit book (vol. 13) for 1836–37 also appears to belong to the Laframboise sequence. Volume 51 (1829–31) is a ledger kept at a post on Lake Traverse. It seems probable that volumes 11–13 and 51 came into Sibley's possession after he assumed control of the American Fur Company's Sioux Outfit. Volume 1 and the other Chippewa materials may have been given to him by traders, since Sibley himself had no connection with the Chippewa trade.

The remaining fur trade volumes, correspondence, and letter books reveal much detail on how the American Fur Company's Sioux trade was conducted, provide data on individual traders and on Wahpekute, Mdewakanton, and Sisseton Sioux bands in the Minnesota area, and offer insight into the hierarchy of the firm. Although the company's structure was often altered by local circumstances, weather, and personalities, president Ramsay Crooks divided his empire into large regional units of which the Western Outfit—conducted by partners Joseph Rolette, Sr., Hercules Dousman, and Sibley—was one. (While the term “outfit” in the literature of the fur trade often means the goods that an individual trader used to conduct a year's business, the word in the Sibley Papers also refers to the legal name of a business unit that controlled and supervised the trade in a given area.) The territory allotted to the Western Outfit was, in turn, divided into smaller areas controlled by smaller outfits. As head of the organization variously identified as Sioux Outfit (1834–45, 1848–55), Upper Mississippi Outfit (1842), and St. Peter's Outfit

(1845–47), Sibley was the American Fur Company's agent in charge of the Upper Mississippi Valley Sioux trade. He was responsible to Crooks and to his Western Outfit partners. Subordinate to Sibley's Sioux Outfit were various quasi-independent traders operating among the Sioux from posts along the Mississippi, Minnesota, and Red rivers. The working arrangements with the American Fur Company (1834–42) and Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company (1842–55) as well as the structure and personnel of the Sioux Outfit are documented in correspondence and agreements with subordinate traders, licenses issued for the Sioux trade by Indian agents Lawrence Taliaferro, Amos J. Bruce, and Nathaniel McLean, and the fur trade account books discussed below (vols. 2–10, 14–50, 52–69).

The correspondence and miscellaneous papers contain agreements with individual traders signed when Sibley visited the posts under the Sioux Outfit in the fall of 1835. These and the licenses list the names of voyageurs and clerks and define the terms of their contracts. In general, the traders agreed to buy their goods from the Sioux Outfit at a specified mark-up, but they could sell their furs elsewhere if prices were higher and they had paid their debts to the company. Important traders who signed agreements (Reels 1–4) with the American Fur Company were: Joseph Renville at Lac qui Parle and Lake Traverse, Jean Baptiste Faribault at Little Rapids, Joseph Laframboise at Little Rock, Louis Provençalle at Traverse des Sioux, Alexander Faribault at St. Peter's and Cannon River, and Joseph R. Brown at Lake Traverse. There are also later agreements (1839–47) with François Fresnière on the Sheyenne River, Norman W. Kittson at Lac qui Parle and then Pembina, Martin McLeod for the Upper Sioux Outfit at Lac qui Parle and the posts north and west of it, and Brown at Traverse des Sioux, Buffalo Lake, and Patterson's Rapids. In addition to the agreements, there are letters and accounts for all of these men, 1834–55.

The fur trade volumes 1–69 (Reels 17–26) are grouped by type of financial account and filmed chronologically by series within each group. They include miscellaneous fur trade records (vols. 1–10); Indian credit books, 1828–53 (vols. 11–23); daybooks, 1837–55 (vols. 24–41); ledgers, 1829–56 (vols. 42–57); cashbooks, 1836–39, 1842–52 (vols. 58, 59); and invoice and inventory books for scattered years, 1833–54 (vols. 60–69). While a close study of these volumes will reveal the way in which the trade was conducted and provide keys to traders and certain Sioux bands in the area, the volumes do not always yield a clear picture because some series are not complete.

The majority of these volumes (2–10, 18–50, 52–53, 55–59, 66–69) were kept at Mendota for the Sioux Outfit from 1834 through 1855. Volume 2 is a memorandum book (1835–56) containing a variety of lists of supplies and labor agreements, indicating the diversity of Sibley's business during these years. Present here, for example, is a memorandum of the contract for building the stone store at Mendota in 1836. Volume 3, an account book, 1838–56, contains records of the half-breed trust funds for which Sibley was trustee under the 1837 Sioux treaty, including an account of investments for Helen Hastings, Sibley's half-breed daughter. Also present are two volumes (4 and 5) containing bills of exchange, 1842–49, 1850–54; three small private account books, 1842–49 (vols. 6–8), accounts of lumber bought at St. Anthony, 1852–53 (vol. 9), and bills of lading, 1850–55 (vol. 10), detailing the huge amounts of furs and goods shipped by the Sioux Outfit from 1850 through 1855.

The Indian credit books (vols. 11–23) were identified and grouped according to location and Indian band and filmed chronologically within these units. In the earlier volumes (11–12, 14) the Indian names are recorded in French and Dakota; the later volumes (13, 15–23) are largely in English. In both cases the books list goods given out and credit extended as well as furs received. As noted above, volumes 11–13 were probably kept by Joseph Laframboise at Little Rock, volume 14 involves the Wahpekute, volumes 15–17 are for the Sisseton at three locations, and volumes 18–23 list credits extended to the Mdewakanton at New Hope and Mendota.

Daybooks, ledgers, and cashbooks (vols. 24–59) record merchandise debits and usually do not show furs received. Included are accounts for almost every Sioux trader in the region, as well as missionaries, a few soldiers, and such visitors as explorer Joseph N. Nicollet. Two ledger series have been identified—those for Mendota, 1835–56 (vols. 42–50), and ledgers for traders and Indians, 1829–52, (vols. 51–57). The latter contain the accounts of traders subordinate to the Sioux Outfit as well as the records of many Indian customers. Volume 50 contains a summary of accounts and data on the settlement between Sibley and Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company in 1855. Volumes 56 and 57 show the markups added to New York prices by the Sioux Outfit.

The final group of fur trade volumes (60–69) are invoice and inventory books recording merchandise delivered to various traders subordinate to the Sioux Outfit for most years from 1833 to 1854. Included in volumes 66 and 67 are the accounts of Hypolite Dupuis, Sibley's long time clerk and secretary, who operated a small outfit at Mendota in 1853–54 and 1856. Volume 68 traces the shipment of trade goods to the Sioux Outfit from the American Fur Company in New York via the Chouteau companies in St. Louis (1838–41).

Complementing the business records in the volumes described here are many letters in the letter books (vols. 89–92) and in the correspondence and miscellaneous papers. They illuminate Sibley's fur trade activities and associations, particularly between 1834 and 1855, with the American Fur Company and its successor, Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company. There is correspondence with Crooks, Sibley's partners Dousman and Rolette, Sioux and Chippewa traders, and many other individuals. Until the late 1840s Sibley's Sioux Outfit was the sole source of banking services and merchandise in the Minnesota country, and the correspondence and letter books also offer information on Indians, missionaries, and explorers who called at Mendota and turned to Sibley for financial aid, supplies, and mail service with the outside world. Some of these visitors were famous: the papers include correspondence about arrangements for the visits of geologist George W. Featherstonhaugh (1835), artist George Catlin (1836), explorers Nicollet and John C. Fremont (1836–39), novelist Frederick Marryat (1838), and botanist Christophe A. Lamare-Picquot (1846–48), as well as information on their reactions to the Upper Mississippi Valley.

The correspondence with Crooks and Dousman during this period traces the financial condition of the trade both locally and internationally and includes additional data on furs and skins, prices, supplies and trade goods, trade agreements, individual traders, and Indian agents and treaties. It is clear, for example, in a letter from Dousman to Sibley in November, 1838, that the Sioux Outfit lost money during the previous year. From that time on, many letters document the decline of the trade. On July 7, 1842, Crooks wrote Sibley that fur prices were low because the beaver hat was being displaced by the silk hat

in English fashion circles. The company's emphasis on muskrats and buffalo robes did not seem to offset the problems caused by low prices, rival traders, scarce game, and uncooperative Indian hunters. Sibley's letters to his father and to Dousman in the early 1840s clearly show his dissatisfaction with the situation, but his plan to accept another position in St. Louis in 1840 failed, and he remained in charge of the Sioux Outfit.

Sibley's long association with the American Fur Company came to an end in 1842, when Crooks, in a desperate effort to save the firm from bankruptcy, sold the Western Outfit to Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company of St. Louis. A copy of the 1842 agreement, signed by Chouteau, Sibley, Rolette, and Dousman, is in the papers. The correspondence (1842–55) between Sibley and the Chouteau partners—Pierre Chouteau Jr., Benjamin Clapp, and Joseph A. Sire—is voluminous and detailed in describing conditions of the trade in the Minnesota area. The letter books, 1849–53 (vols. 89–90) have many copies of letters, memoranda, orders for goods, and drafts to Chouteau concerning the trade. Many of these were written by Sibley's brother, Frederic, who was in charge at Mendota from 1850 until 1854.

The organization of the Sioux trade is not so clearly illustrated in the papers after 1842, since the traders working for the Sioux Outfit seem to have been more independent under Chouteau ownership. Included are correspondence, accounts, and trade agreements with many of these men, especially with Norman W. Kittson, 1842–51, and Martin McLeod, 1844–53, who purchased their outfits from Chouteau in 1853 when Sibley began to liquidate his interest in the trade.

From 1849 to 1853, the correspondence files and letter books (vols. 89–92) include much information on the fur trade career of Henry M. Rice, a prominent Minnesota pioneer. Rice had bought part of Dousman's interests in 1846, and the papers contain a draft of the 1848 agreement by which Chouteau, Sibley, Rice, and Sylvanus B. Lowry formed the Northern Outfit, which included Rice's Winnebago and Chippewa Outfit and Sibley's Sioux Outfit. There are 1849 letters from Sibley and Charles W. W. Borup, another Chouteau trader in Minnesota, to the company's partners about Rice's investments of the firm's money. Also documented in the papers is Joseph A. Sire's trip to Minnesota in 1849, which resulted in the dissolution of the Northern Outfit that year, a lawsuit against Rice, and the beginning of a long and embittered relationship between Sibley and Rice.

After the dissolution of the Northern Outfit, the papers reflect the growing importance of general merchandising in the trade. Correspondence and accounts are present for the Sioux Outfit's dealings with two new Chouteau concerns—Borup's Minnesota Outfit and William H. Forbes's St. Paul Outfit, both of which maintained merchandise outlets in St. Paul. The papers show that the Sioux and Minnesota outfits operated independently, but that the St. Paul Outfit was subordinate to the Sioux Outfit. Apparently Forbes, who had been Sibley's clerk, never had the financial independence of Borup. Correspondence (1849–53) between Borup and Sibley concerns trade and supplies, investments, politics, and the Sibley family (vols. 89–92). There are also many orders and receipts for goods obtained from Henry F. McCloskey and Company of Galena (1850).

These new organizations and diversified investments did not, however, revive the fur trade, and Sibley and the other Sioux traders had to wait for the signing of treaties ceding the Sioux lands to obtain at least partial payment of the Indians' debts. After the longed-for treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota were negotiated in 1851, the trade was

essentially ended. In the years following 1851 Sibley struggled to bring the business to a close. He was, he wrote the Chouteau partners and his friends, heartily sick of the Indian trade (vols. 91, 92). The final accounts between Sibley and Chouteau were settled in 1855 (vols. 41, 50).

Sibley's long business association with the Indians inevitably involved him in other Indian affairs, and the papers contain information primarily about the Sioux but also scattered materials on the Chippewa and Winnebago. Included are the regulations of the Lake Harriet mission school for the Sioux (1836), on whose committee Sibley served with Indian agent Lawrence Taliaferro. There are letters (1834–53) about the welfare of the Sioux and United States government policy regarding the tribe. The correspondents include Crooks, Governor Alexander Ramsey, Indian agents Nathaniel McLean, Richard G. Murphy, and Taliaferro, traders Duncan R. Kennedy and Norman W. Kittson, and missionaries Thomas S. Williamson, Frederick Ayer, Gideon H. and Samuel W. Pond, and Stephen R. Riggs. Sibley's fascination with Indian life is shown in his autobiography (vol. 112), drafts of articles on hunting and Indian culture (und., 1847, 1848), and in a translation he made for Governor Ramsey of an 1849 letter in French from missionary Georges A. Belcourt describing the Indians at Pembina.

There are three unpublished, handwritten lexicons (vols. 94–96) of Indian languages. In addition to those in the Dakota language by Riggs (vol. 95) and Hancock (vol. 96), there is a Seneca lexicon (vol. 94) of unknown origin.

The papers also offer material on all the Indian treaties concluded in the Minnesota area, 1834–51, and document the active role played by fur traders in negotiating them. There is correspondence about the negotiations, ratifications, and payments of the Sioux, Winnebago, and Chippewa treaties, 1837–40, as well as powers of attorney given to Sibley by Sioux half-breeds to collect and administer funds due them under the 1837 treaty (vol. 3). The papers for the fur trade years also include a draft of an abortive treaty which Sibley and James D. Doty formulated with Sioux half-breeds on July 31, 1841, and correspondence continuing through 1842 about attempts to get it ratified; copies of a treaty with the Winnebago, dated February, 1847, and of one concluded by Sibley in 1849 as agent for the Sioux half-breeds and United States Commissioners John Chambers and Alexander Ramsey, ceding half-breed lands along the Mississippi at Lake Pepin. Correspondence about the latter unratified treaty continued from 1849 through 1851.

Fort Snelling and Other Interests

Although most of the papers dating from the period before 1849 deal with Sibley's career as a fur trader, they also reflect the extent to which this role involved him in other activities. There are scattered references to various business interests, a small body of records having to do with the office of justice of the peace at Mendota, and a larger amount of data on Fort Snelling.

In 1836 Sibley and Samuel C. Stambaugh, the newly appointed sutler at Fort Snelling, became partners. In purchasing a half interest in the sutlership, Sibley was following the American Fur Company's policy of deterring military storekeepers from becoming its competitors in the Indian trade. The negotiations leading to this partnership are suggested in letters from Joseph Rolette, 1835, and Ramsay Crooks, 1836–38.

The papers also include nineteen account books kept while Sibley was co-sutler and manager of the store at the fort, 1836–39 (vols. 70–88). Additional pertinent data may be

found in the cashbook for these years (vol. 58). The accounts in the daybooks (vols. 71–77) detail the daily business of the store and record the sales of merchandise to such military departments as the hospital as well as to individual doctors, missionaries, and traders. Volumes 78–87 are general account books for enlisted men and noncommissioned officers of the United States First Infantry Regiment stationed at the fort and the United States Fifth Infantry, which replaced the First in July, 1837. Many of the entries are in a kind of shorthand, probably indicating staple items that the soldiers frequently bought. Another general account book, 1837–38 (vol. 88) lists the sutler's transactions with civilian traders and visitors and a soldiers' acting troupe known as the Thespians.

In the correspondence and miscellaneous papers appear accounts of the post office at the fort, including lists of newspapers and pamphlets received. These records are present because the American Fur Company's Western Outfit held the mail contract between Prairie du Chien and Fort Snelling, 1836–39, and Sibley acted as postmaster as well as co-sutler.

The partnership between Sibley and Stambaugh was dissolved in April 1839, when Stambaugh's appointment expired. Nevertheless the papers contain material on the sutlership after this date, for Stambaugh's successor—Benjamin F. Baker—died late in 1839, and Sibley again managed the store on behalf of Kenneth Mackenzie, a trader who was executor of Baker's estate (vols. 2, 42, 43). Also present are many receipts and bills for Franklin Steele, the sutler in 1840.

Other materials about Fort Snelling include an early map (1823?), letters and circulars from Josiah Snelling (1825–26), and correspondence about the sale of the military reserve (1849–54). There is information on the potential value of the reserve in letters to and from government officials in Washington; Seth Eastman, formerly the post's commandant; and such pioneer Minnesotans as Joseph R. Brown, Alexander Faribault, James M. Goodhue, William G. Le Duc, Martin McLeod, and Bradley B. Meeker.

Other aspects of Sibley's varied interests are also revealed in the papers for 1837–42. There is an 1837 contract made by Sibley, Lyman Warren, and William A. Aitken with the Chippewa to cut and saw pine on Chippewa lands, some correspondence about the lumber business in 1840, and numerous receipts and accounts of the Galena Packet Company, in which Sibley invested with Franklin Steele and Hercules L. Dousman in the 1840s. Present, too, is evidence that Sibley worked with Crooks and Stambaugh to establish the claim of Jean Baptiste and Pelagie Faribault to Pike Island at the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers within the Fort Snelling reservation. The Faribaults had been granted Pike Island by Colonel Henry Leavenworth in an unratified treaty of 1820. They claimed to own the island and offered to sell it to the government. Correspondence (1839–42) with the War Department about this complex and unsuccessful claim, a copy of Sibley's 1842 petition to Congress concerning it, and an 1848 deed conveying the island from Faribault to Sibley are in the correspondence files.

In addition to his tasks as fur trader, sutler, postmaster, and businessman, Sibley served as justice of the peace for Clayton County, Iowa Territory, 1838–42. The papers contain his appointments to this office and a few records of the court, including depositions, affidavits, and arrest warrants. There are also a few records, 1854–56, for Hypolite Dupuis and George S. Whitman as justices of the peace for Dakota County.

Politics and Indian Treaties

Sibley's papers are particularly useful for the study of politics in the Minnesota territorial period, 1849–58. In an effort to secure territorial status for what became Minnesota, Sibley was chosen delegate to Congress in 1848 and 1849 from the western part of Wisconsin Territory, which had not been included in the new state of Wisconsin. He was re-elected to Congress from officially established Minnesota Territory on August 1, 1849, and again in 1850, serving until March 1853. After leaving Congress, he represented Dakota County in the state legislature in 1854, and he served as the state's first governor, 1858–60.

There are many papers concerning efforts to secure territorial status for Minnesota. In August, 1848, an unofficial convention held at Stillwater chose Sibley as delegate to Congress to work for the organization of a new territory. The papers contain copies of the proceedings, a memorial on the subject to President James K. Polk, and Sibley's certificate of election—all of which were sent to him by David Lambert, secretary of the convention. At a regular election held in October, Sibley was elected delegate from the western portion of Wisconsin Territory between the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers, which was later included in Minnesota. The papers offer correspondence about the October election; petitions, resolutions, and memorials to Congress in January and February, 1849; a printed version of the Minnesota Organic Act dated February 8, 1849; and a pamphlet sent by Sibley to his constituents describing his work for the passage of the Territorial Act approved by Congress on March 3, 1849.

Crucial to an understanding of political events in the territorial era is the split in the young Minnesota Democratic Party between factions led by Sibley and Henry M. Rice. The papers contain considerable information on this key point.

When he was in Washington, Sibley's friends kept him informed of events and gossip at home, especially concerning party politics and Indian affairs. There is much correspondence about the election of 1850 in which Rice supported Sibley's opponent, Alexander M. Mitchell, and about other issues important to the new territory, such as the awarding of public printing, the conduct of territorial officers, and requests for appointments, new mail routes, roads, and railroads. Three of Sibley's fur trade associates—Joseph R. Brown, William H. Forbes, and Martin McLeod—were now his political allies and wrote him frequently about territorial affairs. Other important political correspondents, 1849–53, were Governor Alexander Ramsey; Judge Aaron Goodrich; Frederic B. Sibley; Dr. Thomas R. Potts, Sibley's brother-in-law; James M. Goodhue, newspaperman; and pioneer settlers Henry L. Moss, David and Henry A. Lambert, and John H. Stevens. In addition the papers contain Sibley's certificates of election; various memorials to Congress requesting roads and mail facilities (1849); Sibley's drafts of a bill for the construction of roads in Minnesota (1850) and an unsuccessful bill to provide a land grant for a railroad between New Orleans and the Falls of St. Anthony (1853); seven printed pamphlets distributed to his constituents, 1849–52, setting forth his views on various bills before Congress, Indian affairs, and public lands; a memorandum book (vol. 97) listing his political correspondents; and election broadsides.

In 1849–50 the focus of disagreement between the Rice and Sibley factions in Minnesota was Rice's contract with the Office of Indian Affairs to move the Winnebago Indians, with whom he had traded, to a new reservation. From January to July, 1850, the papers contain correspondence about it with Ramsey, Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Orlando Brown, and Indian agent Jonathan E. Fletcher, and a series of letters (many of them copies) on the movement of the Winnebago exchanged by Adjutant General Don C. Buell and Brevet Major Samuel Woods at Fort Snelling. The Buell-Woods correspondence may have been given to Sibley when he protested to Congress and to Commissioner Brown (on May 18, June 15, 20, 1850) about Rice's means and motives in removing the Winnebago.

During the period of Sibley's congressional career, the papers also contain very detailed and voluminous information on the negotiation, ratification, and subsequent investigation of the 1851 treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota, and under the terms of which four Sioux tribes ceded most of what is now southern Minnesota. Included in the correspondence and letter books, 1850–54, are Sibley's notes made at the time of the treaty sessions in July and August 1851, a copy of the controversial "traders' paper" in which the Indians agreed to pay their fur trade debts, and accounts, lists of claims, and receipts for payment made after the treaties were ratified in 1852 (vols. 89, 90, 92).

The intense interest of Minnesotans in Indian affairs during the period immediately preceding the signing of the treaties is pointed up in a speech given by Sibley in Congress on August 2, 1850, concerning "The Territories and Our Indian Relations," in which he called for a complete reform of United States government Indian policy; a series of letters from Sibley to Gideon H. Pond and other missionaries on the same theme (1849–50, vol. 92); correspondence with Ramsey, Orlando Brown, Forbes, McLeod, and Thomas Foster about securing the appointment of treaty commissioners friendly to Minnesota and fur trade interests; and letters from McLeod and Franklin Steele in February, 1851, informing the delegate that Minnesotans insisted on the opening of the Sioux lands. After Ramsey and Luke Lea, commissioner of Indian affairs, were appointed treaty commissioners, there are letters from and data about these men (1850–54).

Sibley's motivation in taking an active part in the treaty negotiations is revealed in the papers. As the delegate of a new territory whose citizens were demanding land for expanding settlement, he wrote to John H. McKenny on May 26, 1851, that the expected Sioux treaties would make Minnesota prosperous (vol. 92). The papers show, too, that only the old Indian traders—of whom Sibley was the most prominent—had the influence necessary to bring the Sioux to the conference table. In return for the exercise of their influence, the traders demanded payment of the huge Indian credits remaining on their books. Sibley wrote fellow trader Charles W. W. Borup, June 27, 1851, that he wanted to "be successful in making a sufficient sum from our claims to clear me off with the world" (vol. 92).

Writing on December 2, 1851, McLeod expressed misgivings about the way things were handled at the treaty signing. "There was mismanagement with the Indians at the Traverse," said McLeod. "It looked like bribery." He predicted trouble over the "traders' paper," and he was right. It is the traders' role that dominates the Sibley Papers on this topic, and it was their possible influence on Commissioner Ramsey that later caused controversy and an investigation by the United States Senate.

On the ratification and amendment of the treaties, the papers include a copy of an important letter from Sibley to Senator Augustus C. Dodge of Iowa, dated May 3, 1852, in which the delegate maintained that even if the traders' claims were waived, the Senate must ratify the treaties or face Indian war. There is also correspondence of interest from

Frederic Sibley, McLeod, Duncan R. Kennedy, Joseph A. Sire, and Ramsay Crooks about the claims of a rival trader, Madison Svveetser, and his efforts to nullify the “traders’ paper.” After the treaty was ratified by Congress, there are detailed accounts in the letter books (vols. 90, 92) for payments made and claims settled in November 1852.

Included in the papers is considerable material on the Senate investigation, 1853–54, of Ramsey’s conduct as treaty commissioner. Sibley explained his views on the treaties in a manuscript written early in January, 1853, and submitted to the Senate committee on Indian affairs and in a letter of February 28, 1853, to the chairman of the Senate committee. Both documents are in the correspondence and miscellaneous papers. As the investigation continued Willis A. Gorman, territorial governor, and Richard M. Young, formerly chief clerk of the House of Representatives, were appointed by President Franklin Pierce to take testimony about the treaties. There are depositions of some witnesses at hearings held in St. Paul from July 6 to October 7, 1853, and many copies of letters in which Sibley protested the actions of the Gorman-Young committee (vol. 92). Sibley’s correspondents, especially Congressman Ben C. Eastman of Wisconsin, reported to him in January and February, 1854, that the Senate had cleared Ramsey.

In March and April, 1853, several people suggested to President Franklin Pierce that he appoint Sibley governor of Minnesota Territory. The papers contain letters and petitions as well as a copy of a letter from Senator Dodge to Pierce recommending Sibley for this office. Gorman received the appointment instead, and there is correspondence of interest on his actions as territorial governor. Sibley left Congress in 1853, and little material is present in the papers for his term in the legislature (1854–55), the constitutional convention in 1857, or his service as governor (1858–60). Included, however, is his certificate of election to the constitutional convention, December 22, 1857; his certificate of admission to practice law before the Minnesota Supreme Court, July 13, 1858; an 1859 resolution of Democratic members of the Minnesota legislature endorsing the administration of Governor Sibley; and a few letters about his service as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1860 and the subsequent Democratic presidential campaign in Minnesota. Those who corresponded with Sibley on politics, 1858–60, included George L. Becker, Charles H. Berry, William G. Le Duc, Thomas E. Massey, and James W. Shields.

Land and Railroads

With the end of Sibley’s term in Congress and the close of his active participation in the fur trade, the amount of correspondence in the papers diminishes sharply and is concentrated (1853–61) largely on land speculation and the development of Minnesota’s railroads.

In 1855 Sibley agreed to manage and sell Minnesota lands owned by Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company in return for an annual salary (vol. 50). The papers include deeds, dated and undated accounts, maps, and plats for Sibley’s acquisitions on behalf of the company at Traverse des Sioux, Hastings, and Mendota (vols. 46–48, 89–93) as well as correspondence (1851–57) with Chouteau on improvements needed at these townsites. Sibley himself claimed most of the land in the townsite of Mendota in 1856, and in addition to correspondence and deeds concerning his claim, there is an 1860 map entitled “Sibley’s First Addition to Mendota.” With his own money Sibley bought a farm at St.

Anthony (now Minneapolis), and the papers include two account books, 1853–55 (vols. 98–99) concerning it as well as many notes (1856) to his farm foreman. Other correspondence about land speculation in the 1850s includes letters from Andrew G. Chatfield, Hercules L. Dousman, William G. Le Duc, and officials of the United States General Land Office. In the following decade there is scattered material on land investments in the correspondence and miscellaneous papers and in a real estate memorandum book, 1866–67 (vol. 105).

The papers also touch on the administration of public lands in Minnesota. There is correspondence about Sioux half-breed scrip in 1856; a petition to President James Buchanan and two Sibley letters opposing public land sales in 1859; and Sibley's draft of a minority report of the committee on public lands in the Minnesota legislature (1871).

Beginning in 1853 with investments in the Northwestern Pacific Railroad (vol. 92), Sibley was interested in the development of the iron horse. Until 1859 he was a director of the Southern Minnesota Railroad and the Minneapolis and Cedar Valley Railroad, for which there is an 1861 charter. As a member of the Minnesota legislature in 1854, he signed a minority report requesting Congress to dissolve the charter granted by the territory to the Minnesota Northwestern Railroad; there are also letters concerning new railroad bills that he felt were more advantageous to the territory. During these years there is correspondence about railroads with Congressmen Ben C. Eastman and Elihu B. Washburne of Illinois, and Senator Augustus C. Dodge (vols. 101–102).

Railroads again loom large in the papers for 1858–61 when the controversy over the sale of Minnesota state railroad bonds blew up during Sibley's governorship. Intended to help finance the building of railroads after the panic of 1857 by pledging the credit of the state, the bonds soon became worthless as railroad construction halted; payment of the bonds remained a controversial subject in Minnesota for many years. Correspondents concerned with paying the railroads' debts and selling the bonds included such railroad officials and investors as Ramsay Crooks, H. Dollner, William G. Le Duc, John W. North, and Edmund and Henry M. Rice. Further information on the bonds may be found in an 1871 circular, a pamphlet by Sibley entitled *Les Bons de Chemin de Fer de L'Etat* (1877), and some correspondence, 1880–81.

The Sioux Uprising and the Indian Wars, 1862–1865

The focus of the papers in the period 1862–65 is on the Sioux Uprising of 1862 and its aftermath, the war on the plains. Very little material on the Civil War may be found in the Sibley Papers. It includes only resolutions of the Minnesota Democratic party about the war, 1861–62; speech notes made by Sibley after the war, 1866–76; letters from Sarah Sibley, William G. Le Duc, Stephen Miller, Frederic B. Sibley, and Richard W. Johnson, 1861–65; a few letters describing Reconstruction in the South, 1867–76; and an essay on the war by Rensselaer R. Nelson, 1880.

In contrast, the papers contain a considerable body of data on the Sioux Uprising and the war on the plains. When news of the uprising was brought to Governor Alexander Ramsey on August 19, 1862, he appointed Sibley to the rank of colonel and placed him in charge of an expedition to quell the Indian outbreak. Subsequently appointed a brigadier general, Sibley served throughout the period of the Indian wars as commanding officer of

the Military District of Minnesota; all of his service was in Minnesota and the Dakotas. He retired from the army in 1866 with the brevet rank of major general.

Papers concerning the 1862 uprising include Sibley's undated speech notes on the outbreak, obviously compiled some years later; certificates of appointment; correspondence about military matters and the possible execution of the captured Indians; and an order book for the military expedition of 1862 (vol. 103). During the campaign, Sibley wrote many descriptive letters to his wife; years later he made extracts of the letters, and these are included in the papers under the date of August 21, 1862. Return I. Holcombe, the original cataloger of the collection, compared these extracts with the original letters in 1893 and added notes and an appendix, but the originals are no longer present.

When the brief campaign was over, Sibley and other military officials were intent on punishing the captured Sioux. Material in the papers about the hanging of thirty-eight Sioux includes the September 28, 1862, orders for their trial, letters from Bishop Henry B. Whipple and missionary Stephen R. Riggs, and a copy of a letter from President Abraham Lincoln to Sibley on December 6, 1862, ordering the execution. There are also two facsimiles, made by the society in 1876, of the original Lincoln letter to Sibley.

The following summer Sibley led a second expedition against the Sioux, this time to the eastern bank of the Missouri River. His diary for this expedition is in the papers; it is both a military log and a record of his grief over the death of his children, Franklin and Mary (vol. 104). Correspondence during this year includes letters from the Reverend Alexis Andre and Bishop Whipple, both of whom were concerned with the welfare of the Sioux, and a few letters about the death in battle of an Englishman, Lieutenant Frederick J. H. Beaver.

Most of the correspondence with military officials, 1862–66, is marked “private” or “unofficial,” the official correspondence presumably having been forwarded to Washington. Sibley's most frequent correspondents on military matters were General John Pope, his commanding officer in the Department of the Northwest, James F. Meline, Pope's adjutant, and such other officers in his command as Major Joseph R. Brown, Captain Joseph C. Whitney, Major George A. Camp, and Colonels Stephen Miller, William Crooks, Minor T. Thomas, and Mark W. Downie. There are also some copies of Sibley's letters to these men.

Sibley was appointed brigadier general of volunteers in 1862, but the appointment was not confirmed by the Senate until March 26, 1864. Concerned about the confirmation, Sibley corresponded with General Pope, Governor Ramsey, Senator Henry M. Rice, and Congressman Ignatius Donnelly in order to enlist their influence on his behalf. The correspondence of this period also includes information on Sibley's appointment by President Andrew Johnson in 1865 as a United States commissioner to negotiate a treaty with the Sioux at Fort Sully, and his orders and correspondence with Major General Samuel R. Curtis about treaty arrangements. Present, too, are letters that reflect Sibley's concern for such victims of the Sioux Uprising as Mary Schwandt, as well as requests for aid and favors from many Minnesotans—among them Donnelly and Mrs. Stephen R. Riggs—and lists of United States Army medical supplies received and disbursed at Fort Snelling. The latter are signed by Dr. Thomas R. Potts, Sibley's brother-in-law, and may have become a part of the papers when Mrs. Potts, who was Mrs. Sibley's sister, directed Sibley's household after Dr. Potts's death in 1874.

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After the close of his army service in 1866, Sibley continued to be involved in Indian affairs for the next twenty years. In 1866 he was appointed to the North-Western Indian Commission. Although he did not serve, Joseph R. Brown kept him fully informed of plans for a Sisseton-Wahpeton treaty. The papers also include an undated petition to Congress of half-breed scouts who wanted their annuities restored after the uprising. In 1869–70 Sibley substituted for Bishop Henry B. Whipple as United States disbursing agent for the Sisseton and Wahpeton, corresponding with many officials of the Office of Indian Affairs, including William H. Forbes and James McLaughlin, Indian agents at Devils Lake. Sibley also served briefly on the Board of Indian Commissioners in 1874. He corresponded frequently during these years with such friends of the Sioux as Bishop Whipple, Stephen R. Riggs, Gabriel Renville, and with various Indian agents, especially about Drifting Goose's band of Sioux, who were forced to leave their homes on the James River (1876–83). The papers also contain letters from Chippewa chiefs White Cloud and Flat Mouth as well as other correspondence regarding Sibley's service as chairman of a commission to investigate the damage done by government dams on the White Earth Reservation (1882–83). Sibley was busy during these years with business and civic activities in St. Paul. He served as chairman of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Grasshopper Relief Committee after Minnesota's southwestern counties were devastated by grasshoppers in 1873, and when Governor Cushman K. Davis organized relief efforts in February, 1874, Sibley acted as his disbursing agent for food and supplies. The papers contain the committee's correspondence (1873–74), lists, receipts, bills, checks, and Sibley's report of June 27, 1874, to Henry M. Rice, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Frequent correspondents were Stephen Miller, Richard W. Johnson, R. E. Davies, Governor Davis, and the chairmen of the county relief committees. There is also a folder that does not seem to be a part of the Chamber of Commerce papers, containing letters addressed to Governor John S. Pillsbury in 1877 requesting coal tar to fight the grasshoppers. Other papers documenting Sibley's civic activities include reports from University of Minnesota professors to the Board of Regents, of which Sibley was president (1872); a few items regarding a lawsuit over the legal status of the Minnesota Historical Society (1878); the papers of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce committee to aid earthquake victims in Charleston, South Carolina (1886); and correspondence from and about Robert, James, and Cole Younger, associates of Jesse James in the famous Northfield bank robbery (1881–89).

There are six volumes (106–111) that are largely personal. Sibley kept a scrapbook of clippings, 1866–68 (vol. 106), which includes editorials he wrote for the *St. Paul Pioneer*, material on the life and adventures of his hunting companion, Joseph Jack Frazer, which appeared serially in the *Pioneer*, and articles on Minnesota, national and foreign affairs, and railroads. Another scrapbook (vol. 110) prepared by Mrs. Charles F. Sibley, contains clippings about Sibley and the Sibley House, 1883–1930. Volume 107 containing clippings about Sibley's St. Paul home and other items is a scrapbook probably kept by Charles F. Sibley, and volume 108 is a school exercise book that belonged to Alfred B. Sibley. Two personal memorandum books contain notes on the meetings of a commission, of which Sibley was a member, to settle differences between the state of Minnesota and Seymour, Sabin and Company concerning the Minnesota State Prison (1878), a record of sales of Nathaniel West's biography entitled *The Ancestry, Life*

and *Times of Hon. Henry Hastings Sibley* (vol. 109), and a list of expenses on a vacation trip to Kittrell, North Carolina, 1883–84 (vol. 111). It was on this trip that Sibley began the writing of his unfinished autobiography (vol. 112), in which he narrated events in his life through 1834.

Materials about Sibley's death in 1891 include a clipping from the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* on his will, notes on his estate, and memorials.

Supplement

On Reel 32, filmed as a supplement to the Sibley Papers, are translations of eight letters (1837–40) from explorer Joseph N. Nicollet and forty-eight letters (1834–54) from fur trader Joseph Laframboise. There are also seven letters from other fur traders. These translations were probably made in 1893–94 by Rose Morin, working under the direction of Return I. Holcombe, the original cataloger of the collection. Although the originals of the letters were at one time in the Sibley Papers, they are now lost, and it is therefore impossible to check the accuracy of the translations. Nevertheless, they were filmed as a supplement because of the value of the letters to the researcher, and because the translations have been a part of the collection for many years.

A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

The manuscript of Henry H. Sibley's autobiography (vol. 112), narrating events in his life through 1834, has been edited by Theodore C. Blegen and published under the title, *The Unfinished Autobiography of Henry Hastings Sibley* (Minneapolis, 1932). It may also be found in *Minnesota History*, 8:329–362 (December, 1927).

No completely satisfactory biography of Sibley has yet been written, although there are three useful studies of his life: Nathaniel West, *The Ancestry, Life and Times of Hon. Henry Hastings Sibley*, which was written with Sibley's help (St. Paul, 1889); Wilson P. Shortridge, *The Transition of a Typical Frontier with Illustrations from the Life of Henry Hastings Sibley* (Menasha, Wis., 1919); and an unpublished doctoral dissertation by Erling T. Jorstad, "Life of Henry Hastings Sibley" (University of Wisconsin, 1957).

Many articles on Sibley's career, times, and associates appear in publications of the Minnesota Historical Society. Especially useful are the following articles in *Minnesota History*: Theodore C. Blegen, ed., "Henry Hastings Sibley: Pioneer of Culture and Frontier Author," 15:382–394 (December, 1934); Robert M. Brown, "A Territorial Delegate in Action," 31:172–178 (September, 1950); Lucile M. Kane, "The Sioux Treaties and the Traders," 32:65–80 (June, 1951); Erling T. Jorstad, "Personal Politics in the Origin of Minnesota's Democratic Party," 36:259–271 (September, 1959); Francis Paul Prucha, "Army Sutlers and the American Fur Company," 40:22–31 (Spring, 1966); Kenneth A. Carley, "The Sioux Campaign of 1862," 38:99–114 (September, 1962); and Jane S. Davis, "Two Sioux War Orders: A Mystery Unraveled," 41:119–125 (Fall, 1968).

In addition to a number of published speeches and political tracts that are among the Sibley Papers, Sibley wrote nine articles that appear in volumes 1 and 3 of the *Minnesota Historical Collections*, five articles on hunting that were published in issues of the *Spirit of the Times*, 1846–48 and 1851, and two additional pieces for *Porter's Spirit of the Times* in 1856 and 1857. Copies of all these may be found in the society's library. Sibley's articles on "The Life and Adventures of Joseph Jack Frazer," published in the *St.*

Paul Pioneer Press in 1866, appear in clipping form in vol. 106 of the papers and are published with annotation and comment in Theodore C. Blegen and Sarah A. Davidson, eds., *Iron Face: The Adventures of Jack Frazer* (Chicago, 1950).

A range of rich manuscript and archival sources on Sibley is indicated in the card files microfilmed on Reel 32 of this edition of the Sibley Papers. Among the sources are letters and documents in the society's holdings of Sibley contemporaries and selected photocopies of materials both in record groups in the National Archives and in collections held by other repositories. Other Sibley documents in the records of the governors are held by the Minnesota State Archives and Records Center. In the manuscripts department two other reader aids should be mentioned: a partial calendar of Sibley Papers for the years 1815–90 and a full print-out list by year of all of Sibley's correspondents. The latter may be purchased from the society.

SOURCE NOTE

Papers of Henry Hastings Sibley: Fur Trader, Politician, and General has been microfilmed by the Minnesota Historical Society Library and Archives, M164, 1815–1903. The materials are in the custody of the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota.

REEL INDEX

Following is a list of the folders that compose the *Papers of Henry Hastings Sibley: Fur Trader, Politician, and General*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. The file title follows the frame number. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading appropriate category. Terms are listed in the order in which they appear on the film, and each is listed only once per folder.

Most of the correspondence is either to or from Henry H. Sibley, therefore his name will not appear among the Principal Correspondents.

Reel 1

Frame No.

Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers Genealogy; Undated; 1815–1837

0001 Genealogy. Undated. 1815–1820.

Descriptive Title: Sibley family records and correspondence regarding Indian trade and the fur industry.

Subject Terms: Family life; Sioux Indians; Louisiana Purchase; Congress; Senate; Northwestern Indians; case law; Chambers of Commerce; Indian treaties; fur industry; Indian trade; Real Estate.

Geographic Place Names: Louisiana; Hastings, Minnesota; St. Paul, Minnesota.

Organization Names: St. Paul Chamber of Commerce.

Principal Correspondents: A. S. Talmadge; William Morrison; Roger Aitken; Elizabeth Aitken.

Content Notes: Minnesota history and Sioux uprising; Congressional history Senate proceedings; Henry H. Sibley draft article “North-Western Indians”; case law *William G. Le Duc v. Thomas Odell* for which Sibley acted as referee; Chamber of Commerce tribute to Henry H. Sibley; Real Estate sale of lots at Hastings, Minnesota.

Dates: 1815–1820.

0147 1822–January 1835.

Descriptive Title: Indian, fur trade, and family correspondence between various authors, including the Sibley family.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; fur industry; family life; Black Hawk War; diseases and disorders; Indian claims.

Principal Correspondents: Sarah W. Sibley; David Aitken; Roger Aitken; Henry R. Schoolcraft; Lawrence Taliaferro; Robert Stuart; Charles H.

Oakes; William A. Aitken; Ramsay Crooks; William T. Boutwell; Charles C. Trowbridge.

Dates: 1822–January 1835.

0294 February 1835–June 1836.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence on Sioux and Chippewa Indians, trade, family life, Church membership, and hunting licenses.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; Christianity; fur industry; family life; Sioux Indians; Chippewa Indians; Indian agents and agencies; hunting and trapping; licenses.

Persons as Subjects: Lawrence Taliaferro.

Organization Names: American Fur Company.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph Rolette Sr.; Elizabeth F. Ayer; Henry R. Schoolcraft; Gabriel Franchère; Alexander Faribault; Joseph N. Laframboise; Louis Provençalle Sr.; Lawrence Taliaferro; Thomas S. Williamson; Joseph Rinvile Sr.; William A. Aitken; Ramsey Crooks; Joseph R. Brown; Frederick Ayer; Hercules L. Dousman; William T. Boutwell.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley church membership; complaints against Indian agent Lawrence Taliaferro; hunting licenses.

Dates: February 1835–June 1836.

0454 July–December 1836.

Descriptive Title: Indian and other correspondence on trade, family life, and estate and Indian claims.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; fur industry; Sioux Indians; family life; missions and missionaries; death and dying; Indian agents and agencies; Indian claims.

Geographic Place Names: Lake Harriet, Minnesota; Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Organization Names: Lake Harriet Mission School for the Sioux; American Fur Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: Lawrence Taliaferro; Joseph R. Brown; Hercules L. Dousman; Ramsey Crooks; William T. Boutwell; Alexander Faribault; Thomas S. Williamson; Lyman M. Warren; Alexander Faribault.

Content Notes: Account of mail received at the Fort Snelling post office.; estate and Indian claims.

Dates: July–December 1836.

0577 1837.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about health issues, food and trade, and agreements with Indian bands.

Subject Terms: Indians; Health facilities and services; medicine; agricultural commodities; Indian trade; Chippewa Indians; Sioux Indians; Winnebago Indians; Indian treaties.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Organization Names: American Fur Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: William A. Aitken; Joseph Rolette Sr.; Ramsay Crooks; Lyman M. Warren; Thomas S. Williamson; Lawrence Taliaferro.

Content Notes: Account of mail received at the Fort Snelling post office.

Dates: 1837.

Reel 2

Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers 1838–1840

0001 January–June 1838.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indian trade, treaties, and claims, debt settlement, the fur industry, family life, and Indian trade licenses.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; fur industry; Indian treaties; family life; Indian claims; liens; banks and banking; Chippewa Indians; agricultural commodities; licenses; fish and fishing industry; Sioux Indians.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Organization Names: American Fur Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: Ramsay Crooks; Lyman M. Warren; Hercules L. Dousman; Samuel C. Stambaugh; George Bonga; H. B. Hoffman; Joseph Rolette Sr.; Thomas S. Williamson; Alexander Faribault; Lawrence Taliaferro.

Content Notes: Account of mail received at the Fort Snelling post office.

Dates: January–June 1838.

0167 July–October 1838.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent correspondence and power of attorney on behalf of Sioux Indians for purchase of commodities and payments to Chippewa and mixed blood Sioux Indians under treaties.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; family life; Indian treaties; Sioux Indians; commodities; personal debt; leasing and renting; Chippewa Indians; Indian claims.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Organization Names: American Fur Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: Hercules L. Dousman; Miles M. Vineyard; Lawrence Taliaferro; Lyman M. Warren; Stephen R. Riggs; Gabriel Franchère; Samuel C. Stambaugh; Joseph Rolette Sr.; Louis Provençalle

Sr.; Ramsay Crooks; Alexander Faribault; Robert Stuart; Joseph R. Brown.

Content Notes: Account of mail received at the Fort Snelling post office.

Dates: July–October 1838.

0334 November 1838–June 1839.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent correspondence about loans, leases, Sioux and Chippewa bands of Indians, monetary payments to mixed Indian breeds, and Indian trade.

Subject Terms: Sioux Indians; loans; banks and banking; loans; commodities; family life; Chippewa Indians; leasing and renting; Indian trade; deeds and conveyances; Indian agents and agencies; educational facilities; fur industry.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Organization Names: American Fur Company; Lacquiparle Mission.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: Louis Provençalle Sr.; Alexander Faribault; Hercules L. Dousman; Kenneth Mackenzie; Alexis Bailly; William A. Aitken; Miles M. Vineyard; Lyman M. Warren; Joel R. Poinsett; Charles W. Borup; Gabriel Franchère; Stephen R. Riggs; William T. Boutwell; Ramsay Crooks; Eugene Gauss; Joseph Renville Sr.; Gustavus Loomis; Thomas S. Williamson.

Content Notes: Account of mail received at the Fort Snelling post office; school at Lacquiparle Mission.

Dates: November 1838–June 1839.

0510 July 1839–April 1840.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about family, Indian bands and skirmishes, education, banks, commodities and fur trade, and deeds.

Subject Terms: Family life; Christianity; educational facilities; commodities; Sioux Indians; robbery and theft; Indian claims; Indian trade; licenses; Sac and Fox Indians; banks and banking; deeds and conveyances; Chippewa Indians; Winnebago Indians; Indian treaties; Indian claims; Bureau of Indian Affairs; fur industry; freight.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Lawrence Taliaferro; Joseph N. Laframboise.

Organization Names: Lacquiparle Mission; American Fur Company; Ladies of the Menard Academy.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: Thomas S. Williamson; Stephen R. Riggs; Gustavus Loomis; Alexander Faribault; Ramsay Crooks; William A. Aitken; Hercules L. Dousman; Sarah A. Sibley; Joseph Renville Sr.; Samuel C. Stambaugh; Amos J. Bruce; Lyman M. Warren.

Content Notes: Indians request payment for refraining from going to war; charges of Indian agent inciting Sioux Indians to take by force liquor from

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house; license to trade with Indians; Sac and Fox Indian attack on Sioux Indians, killing fourteen and taking two prisoners; Indian treaty for land for mixed bloods.

Dates: July 1839–April 1840.

0659 May–December 1840.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indian attacks, hunger among Sioux Indians, and Indian claims, treaties, and trade.

Subject Terms: Commodities; freight; Chippewa Indians; Sioux Indians; Sac and Fox Indians; hunger and malnutrition; Indian claims; Winnebago Indians; Indian treaties; Indian trade; taxation.

Persons as Subjects: Vital Guerin.

Organization Names: Chouteau & Mackenzie; American Fur Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: Hercules L. Dousman; Ramsay Crooks; Stephen R. Riggs; Kenneth Mackenzie; Louis Provençalle Sr.; Joel R. Poinsett; Joseph Renville Sr.; Joseph N. Laframboise; Alexander Faribault.

Content Notes: Sac and Fox Indians attack Sioux, killing two women and two children; Sioux near starvation; Vital Guerin charged with selling liquor to David Faribault; payment of pole tax.

Dates: May–December 1840.

Reel 3

Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers 1841–March 1845

0001 1841.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about child rape case under Henry H. Sibley as Justice of Peace, Indian bands, fur industry and trade, and land ownership.

Subject Terms: Commodities; child abuse; rape; voluntary military service; Sioux Indians; Sac and Fox Indians; Indian trade; business debt; fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; wills and probate; business; land ownership and rights; claims; leasing and renting; personal debt; missions and missionaries; family life; Chippewa Indians; Indian treaties.

Persons as Subjects: Jean Baptist Denigen; Ursule Sabissoniere; B. F. Baker; Jean B. Faribault.

Organization Names: Western Outfit; Hudson's Bay Company; American Fur Company.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph Renville Sr.; James Thompson; Hercules L. Dousman; William T. Boutwell; Kenneth Mackenzie; Ramsay Crooks; William A. Aitken; Philander Prescott; Lyman M. Warren; Stephen R. Riggs; James D. Doty; Amos J. Bruce.

Content Notes: Child rape at knife point first criminal case under Sibley as Justice of the Peace in Minnesota; company formation of volunteer Mounted Men.

Dates: 1841.

0187 January–August 1842.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about land ownership and sale, ratification of Indian treaty, postal service, and business transactions.

Subject Terms: Voluntary military service; U.S. Postal Service; family life; business; Indian treaties; claims; land ownership and rights; Sioux Indians; Dakota Indians; Congress; Indian agents and agencies; Indian trade; commodities; lumber and lumber industry; wills and probate.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Persons as Subjects: David Aitkin; Jean B. Faribault; Pelagie Faribault.

Organization Names: Western Outfit; American Fur Company; St. Croix Lumber Company.

Principal Correspondents: Bernard W. Brisbois; Ramsay Crooks; James D. Doty; Hercules L. Dousman; Jean B. Faribault; Franklin Steele; Joseph Renville Sr.; Gustavus Loomis; Robert Stuart; Amos J. Bruce.

Content Notes: Island at confluence of Mississippi and St. Peters Rivers given by Sioux Indians to Pelagie Faribault taken over by military; Sioux Treaty of 1841.

Dates: January–August 1842.

0364 September 1842–1843.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent correspondence about business transactions and debt, Indian trade and treaties, and settlement of property after death.

Subject Terms: Business; Indian trade; gunpowder; Indian treaties; Chippewa Indians; Senate; fur industry; commodities; rifles; Indian agents and agencies; business debt; wills and probate; personal debt; claims; Sioux Indians; Winnebago Indians; Wahpakoota Indians; hunting and trapping.

Persons as Subjects: Joseph R. Brown.

Organization Names: American Fur Company; Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company.

Principal Correspondents: William T. Boutwell; Hercules L. Dousman; Bernard W. Brisbois; Samuel C. Stambaugh; Ramsay Crooks; Joseph Renville Sr.; Pierre Chouteau Jr.; Louis Provençalle Sr.; Philander Prescott; Norman W. Kittson; Stephen R. Riggs; Charles W. Borup; Amos J. Bruce; Benjamin Clapp.

Content Notes: Senate rejection of Sioux Indian Treaty; American Fur Company failure; Joseph R. Brown grant of license to trade with Indians; rifle and gunpowder sales to Indians; trespassing controversy between Winnebago and Wahpakoota Indians.

Dates: September 1842–1843.

0550 1844.

Descriptive Title: Indian treaty settlement, murder of Fort Snelling driver and slaughter of Sioux and others in Indian attacks, payment of debts, and trade.

Subject Terms: Indian treaties; Sioux Indians; family life; missions and missionaries; commodities; fur industry; boats and boating; Indian trade; claims; Indian wars and warfare; assassination; personal debt; business debt; hunting and trapping; Indian agents and agencies.

Geographic Place Names: Sac Travaire Islands; Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Organization Names: Hudson's Bay Company; Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company.

Principal Correspondents: Benjamin Clapp; Stephen R. Riggs; James Wells; Hercules L. Dousman; Alexis Bailly; Joseph Renville Sr.; Norman W. Kittson; William A. Aitken; Bernard W. Brisbois; David Faribault; Martin McLeod; Thomas S. Williamson; Louis Provençalle Sr.

Content Notes: Annuity settlement to Sioux heads of families under the Treaty of Washington; murder of Fort Snelling driver and Indian attacks by war party from Sac Travaire, stealing, and slaughtering of Sioux, an American, and cattle.

Dates: 1844.

0743 January–March 1845.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about hunting buffalo and trapping muskrats, Indian attacks, and trade.

Subject Terms: Family life; hunting and trapping; Indian trade; fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; business; Chippewa Indians; Indian wars and warfare; commodities.

Principal Correspondents: Martin McLeod; Hercules L. Dousman; Thomas S. Williamson; William A. Aitken; Joseph Renville Sr.; Benjamin Clapp; Stephen R. Riggs; Norman W. Kittson.

Dates: January–March 1845.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers April 1845–May 1848

0001 April–December 1845.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indian murders and accidental deaths, and trade business.

Subject Terms: Business; Indian trade; gunpowder; fur industry; lumber and lumber industry; Indians; commodities; Indian agents and agencies; family life; accidental death; assassination; capital punishment; education; contracts; missions and missionaries.

Persons as Subjects: Louis Provençalle Sr.

Organization Names: Hudson's Bay Company; Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company; American Fur Company.

Principal Correspondents: Martin McLeod; Benjamin Clapp; Hercules L. Dousman; John McKusick; Bernard W. Brisbois; Duncan Finlayson; Stephen R. Riggs; Kenneth Mackenzie; Louis Provençalle Sr.; Joseph Renville Sr.; Norman W. Kittson; Thomas S. Williamson; William A. Aitken; Emilie R. Hooe.

Content Notes: Accidental death of Louis Provençalle Sr.'s son; murder of Sioux Indian and accidental killing of young Chippewa standing near him by Chippewa Indian and hanging of murderer.

Dates: April–December 1845.

0172 January–June 1846.

Descriptive Title: Indian agents correspondence about trade and business, Indian warfare, deaths, and commodities.

Subject Terms: Commodities; Indian trade; business; hunting and trapping; fur industry; Indian wars and warfare; Indian agents and agencies; licenses; steamboats; Sissiton Indians; wills and probate; death and dying.

Persons as Subjects: B. F. Baker; Joseph Renville Sr.

Organization Names: Hudson's Bay Company; American Fur Company.

Principal Correspondents: John Atchison; Hercules L. Dousman; Benjamin Clapp; James Wells; Martin McLeod; Norman W. Kittson; Kenneth Mackenzie; Louis Provençalle Sr.

Content Notes: Death of Joseph Renville Sr.

Dates: January–June 1846.

0314 July–December 1846.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent correspondence about Indian trade, commodities, fur industry and legislation to establish the territorial government of Minneaota.

Subject Terms: Commodities; Indian trade; hunting and trapping; Sioux Indians; Chippewa Indians; children; fur industry; family life; health condition; steamboats; House of Representatives; legislation.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Alexander Faribault; Martin McLeod; Joseph R. Brown.

Organization Names: Hudson's Bay Company; American Fur Company.

Principal Correspondents: Alexander Faribault; Franklin Steele; Hercules L. Dousman; Thomas S. Williamson; Martin McLeod; Bernard W. Brisbois; Stephen R. Riggs; Alexis Bailly; Kenneth Mackenzie; Robert Hopkins; John Atchison; Jean B. Faribault; William H. Forbes.

Content Notes: Corn crop failing; Sioux Indians fear of Chippewa Indians; affairs of steamboat *Lynx*; H.R.568 bill to establish the territorial government of Minnesota.

Dates: July–December 1846.

0461 1847.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about business, warfare, trade, Indian treaties, and bill establishing territorial government of Minnesota.

Subject Terms: Sioux Indians; business debt; commodities; Indian trade; hunting and trapping; Indian treaties; legislation; Winnebago Indians; fur industry; Indian wars and warfare; Chippewa Indians; military personnel; hunger and malnutrition; lawsuits; death and dying; family life; Indian agents and agencies; business; Indian claims; steamboats.

Persons as Subjects: James K. Polk; Norman W. Kittson; François Fresnière; Martin McLeod; Alexander Faribault.

Organization Names: Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company; Hudson's Bay Company.

Principal Correspondents: Martin McLeod; Norman W. Kittson; James Wells; Jesse B. Frémont; D. G. Fenton; Pierre Chouteau Jr.; Alexis Bailly; John McKusick; Kenneth Mackenzie; Henry M. Rice; Hercules L. Dousman; John F. A. Sanford; Duncan Finlayson.

Content Notes: Indian outfits balances due and commodities; buffalo hunting; treaty between the United States and Winnebago Indians; lawsuit against Norman W. Kittson by Hudson's Bay Company for trading in Canada; death of François Fresnière.

Dates: 1847.

0662 January–May 1848.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent correspondence about Indian warfare, Indian trade and business, and Senate bill to establish the territorial government of Minnesota.

Subject Terms: Lumber and lumber industry; Indian wars and warfare; Indian trade; Chippewa Indians; Sioux Indians; hunting and trapping; steamboats; Sissiton Indians; commodities; retail trade; legislation; Senate; fur industry; business.

Organization Names: Brisbois and Rice; Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company; American Fur Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: Martin McLeod; Stephen R. Riggs; Kenneth Mackenzie; Alexis Bailly; Hercules L. Dousman; Norman W. Kittson; James Wells; D. G. Fenton; Henry M. Rice; Robert Hopkins; James McLaughlin; Frederick Ayer; Pierre Chouteau Jr.

Content Notes: Bill S.152 to establish the territorial government of Minnesota; offer to sell the American Fur Company.

Dates: January–May 1848.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers June 1848–June 1849

0001 June–October 1848.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about business, hunting and trading laws, establishing territories, and delegate election.

Subject Terms: Sioux Indians; Winnebago Indians; Chippewa Indians; Indian trade; business; commodities; retail trade; boundaries; robbery and theft; hunting and trapping; newspapers; Indian agents and agencies; treaties and conventions; gold; elections; congress; personal debt.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: James K. Polk.

Organization Names: Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company; Hudson's Bay Company.

Principal Correspondents: John McKusick; John F. A. Sanford; Pierre Chouteau Jr.; Robert Hopkins; Norman W. Kittson; Martin McLeod; David D. Owen; James Wells; David Lambert; Jean B. Faribault; D. G. Fenton; James D. Doty; Thomas R. Potts; Henry L. Moss; Bernard W. Brisbois; Henry L. Moss; John C. Catlin.

Content Notes: Boundary agreement of outfits of Sibley and Rice and Bernard W. Brisbois; Canadian half-breeds and others forbidden to hunt and trade within the limits of the U.S. Indian territory without agent authorization; convention to ask President James K. Polk to call attention of Congress to the organization of the territory of Minnesota; British gold to American traders; deed from Jean B. Faribault to Henry H. Sibley for Island at confluence of Mississippi and St. Peters Rivers; Henry H. Sibley as possible delegate for Congress.

Dates: June–October 1848.

0190 November 1848–January 15, 1849.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indian affairs, territorial government, postal service, and election of Zachary Taylor.

Subject Terms: Indian treaties; Sioux Indians; elections; Congress; Indian trade; claims; assassinations; arrest; Chippewa Indians; Indian claims; missions and missionaries; Indian agents and agencies; education; children; business; steamboats; lumber and lumber industry; Winnebago Indians; gold; election; whiskey; smuggling; family life; Whig Party; territorial government; legislation; death and dying.

Geographic Place Names: Texas; St Paul, Minnesota; California; Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Zachary Taylor; David B. Freeman.

Organization Names: Fall Mill Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U.S. Postal Service.

Principal Correspondents: David Lambert; Norman W. Kittson; William Holcombe; Henry L. Moss; John C. Catlin; Franklin Steele; William H.

Forbes; Joseph R. Brown; Orange Walker; Seth Eastman; Hercules L. Dousman; Richard G. Murphy; Alexander Faribault; Mary H. Eastman; C. J. Whitney; Henry M. Rice; Charles W. Borup; Philander Prescott.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley election as delegate to Congress; request for weekly mail at St. Paul, Minnesota; Indians smuggling whiskey; Zachary Taylor election; bill S.152 to establish territorial government of Minnesota; death of David B. Freeman.

Dates: November 1948–January 15, 1949.

0382 January 16–February 1849.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indians and liquor, Minnesota territory bill, and postal service.

Subject Terms: Sioux Indians; Chippewa Indians; Winnebago Indians; prohibition; personal debt; deeds and conveyances; legislation; House of Representatives; Senate; family life; education; postal service; claims; religious faith; Indian treaties; judges; immigration.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota; Wisconsin.

Persons as Subjects: Louis Robert.

Principal Correspondents: Jonathan E. Fletcher; Lawrence Taliaferro; John C. Catlin; Thomas R. Potts; William Holcombe; David Aitkin; Richard G. Murphy; Mary H. Eastman; David Lambert; Louis Roberts; Henry M. Rice; Alexander Faribault; Joel R. Poinsett; Ramsey Crooks.

Content Notes: Prohibition of Indians from purchasing liquor in Minnesota; deed from Henry H. Sibley to Louis Robert; House amendments to Senate Bill No.152 for establishment of Minnesota; Council formation of Sioux, Chippewa, and Winnebago Indians; Emigration from Wisconsin to Minnesota.

Dates: January 16–February 1849.

0538 March–May 1849.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Minnesota, trade and commodities, missions, and Indians.

Subject Terms: Commodities; newspapers; surveyors and surveying; retail trade; hunger and malnutrition; family life; freight; missions and missionaries; Indians.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota; Traverse des Sioux, Minnesota.

Organization Names: Hudson's Bay Company.

Principal Correspondents: Henry M. Rice; Martin McLeod; Hercules L. Dousman; Norman W. Kittson; Mary H. Eastman; Elihu B. Washburne; James D. Doty; Kenneth Mackenzie; Gideon H. Pond.

Content Notes: First newspaper in Minnesota; geological survey of Minnesota; Indians starving from failure of crops and shortage of game.

Dates: March–May 1849.

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0688 June 1849.

Descriptive Title: Henry H. Sibley address to people of Minnesota and Congress, and correspondence on establishing new post office, unpaid debts, and lumber for Indians.

Subject Terms: Speeches and addresses; House of Representatives; population; post offices; business debt; poetry; Indians; lumber and lumber industry.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Organization Names: Hudson's Bay Company.

Principal Correspondents: Robert Hopkins; David Lambert; Emilie R. Hooe; Bernard W. Brisbois; Hercules L. Dousman; Mary H. Eastman; Richard G. Murphy; Henry M. Rice.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley address to people of Minnesota Territory and Committee on Elections of House of Representatives.

Dates: June 1849.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers July 1849–February 1850

0001 July–August 1849.

Descriptive Title: Lists of commodities and correspondence on trade, cholera, Minnesota, politics and elections, postal service, Indians, and business.

Subject Terms: Commodities; retail trade; cholera; elections; Whig Party; Democratic Party; Indians; judges; voter registration; elections; postal service; Chippewa Indians; missions and missionaries; Sioux Indians; education; business; conferences; railroads; newspapers; death and dying.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Gideon H. Pond; John F. A. Sanford; D. A. Randall.

Principal Correspondents: Pierre Chouteau Jr.; Henry M. Rice; John C. Catlin; Henry L. Moss; Gideon H. Pond; Levi Hertzell; John F. A. Sanford; Stephen R. Riggs; Georges A. Belcourt; Norman W. Kittson; James M. Goodhue.

Content Notes: Cholera preventing travel and integration of Minnesota; Gideon H. Pond candidacy for Minnesota legislature; John F. A. Sanford, owner of Dred Scott, operating fur business on upper Missouri; absent mail and postage; half-breed Indians; education of Sioux; Henry H. Sibley invitation to attend St Louis railroad convention; first Minnesota newspaper man D. A. Randall killed in duel.

Dates: July–August 1849.

0113 September 1849.

Descriptive Title: Military academy at Fort Snelling and correspondence about sale of school land, trading agreements, commodities shipped, and Indian matters.

Subject Terms: Public lands; public schools; military academy; trade agreements; commodities; agricultural machinery; expense accounts; property damage and loss; Indian lands; Indians; money; Indian treaties; legislation; exploration; military personnel; business debt; printing.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota; Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Iowa.

Principal Correspondents: Pierre Chouteau Jr.; Georges A. Belcourt; Norman W. Kittson; Don C. Buell; Charles W. Borup; Henry M. Rice; Stephen R. Riggs; Martin McLeod; Alexander Ramsey; Gustavus Loomis; Alexis Bailly; James M. Goodhue.

Content Notes: Public school lands sale in Minnesota territory; expedition to Iowa; military academy at Fort Snelling, arrival of printing press at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dates: September 1849.

0251 October–November 1849.

Descriptive Title: Lists of commodities and correspondence about wills, Indians and Indian treaties, business, and trade.

Subject Terms: Commodities; wills and probate; business debt; Sioux Indians; Indian treaties; business; Winnebago Indians; budget of the U.S.; post offices; retail trade.

Organization Names: Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company.

Principal Correspondents: Emilie R. Hooe; Kenneth Mackenzie; Henry M. Rice; Martin McLeod; Jonathan E. Fletcher; Ramsey Crooks; Charles C. Trowbridge; Samuel J. Findley; Philander Prescott; Richard G. Murphy; David Aitkin; Electus Backus; Bradley B. Meeker; Henry A. Lambert; James M. Goodhue.

Content Notes: Treaty with half-breed Indians.

Dates: October–November 1849.

0422 December 1849.

Descriptive Title: List of agricultural commodities and correspondence about claims, public lands and schools, business debt, Indians and treaties, trade agreements, and appointment request to military academy at West Point, New York.

Subject Terms: Claims; public lands; public schools; business debt; agricultural commodities; Indians; trade agreements; Indian treaties; Winnebago Indians; Chippewa Indians; military academy.

Geographic Place Names: West Point, New York.

Persons as Subjects: Charles K. Smith Jr.

Organization Names: West Point Military Academy.

Principal Correspondents: Daniel Rohrer; William R. Marshall; Ramsey Crooks; Alexis Bailly; Charles W. Borup; Orange Walker; John H. McKenney; Philander Prescott; William H. Forbes.

Dates: December 1849.

0522 January 1850.

Descriptive Title: Appropriations for Minnesota Territory and correspondence about Indian trade and claims, hunger among Indians, expanded postal service, and legislation.

Subject Terms: Budget of the U.S.; monuments and memorials; Indian claims; highways; legislation; Indian trade; hunting and trapping; Sisseton Indians; Cheyenne Indians; hunger and malnutrition; postal service; elections; military academy; fur industry; House of Representatives; retail trade; post offices.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Charles K. Smith Jr.

Organization Names: American Fur Company; Hudson's Bay Company.

Principal Correspondents: Stephen R. Riggs; James M. Goodhue; William Holcombe; Philander Prescott; William G. Ewing; Henry A. Lambert; Thomas R. Potts; Norman W. Kittson; Jonathan E. Fletcher; Alexander Faribault; John C. Catlin; Orlando Brown; Clement C. Beaulieu.

Content Notes: Appropriations for the payment of the offices of the territories; bill for construction of roads in Minnesota territory; Sisseton Indians starvation from Cheyenne eating their dogs and driving buffalo away; Minnesota Territory county elections; Minnesota Territory delegate now in Washington; Hudson's Bay Company trade encroachments; deficiency in appropriations for Minnesota Territory.

Dates: January 1850.

0670 February 1850.

Descriptive Title: Henry H. Sibley membership in Minnesota Historical Society and correspondence about Indian removal, Minnesota geological survey, Indian trade and treaties, and school public land sales.

Subject Terms: Winnebago Indians; military academy; geological survey; postal service; public lands; animals; Indian trade; business; military personnel; retail trade; Indian removal; Indian treaties.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota; Iowa.

Organization Names: Minnesota Historical Society.

Principal Correspondents: Henry R. Schoolcraft; Orlando Brown; Jonathan E. Fletcher; Richard G. Murphy; William H. Forbes; Alexander Ramsey; Joseph R. Brown; John Pope; Charles K. Smith; James M. Goodhue; Norman W. Kittson; Charles W. Borup; Martin McLeod; Louis Robert; Hercules L. Dousman; Stephen R. Riggs; Alexis Bailly; Samuel Woods.

Content Notes: Removal of Winnebago Indians to their own country; Henry H. Sibley election as member of Minnesota Historical Society; school

public lands; Lynx deaths of unnatural disease; geological survey of Minnesota; removal of Indians from Iowa.

Dates: February 1850.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers March–October 1850

0001 March–April 1850.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about trade agreements, political parties, fur industry, Indians and liquor, starvation, debts, and encroachments on settlements.

Subject Terms: Alcohol; Indians; Indian agents and agencies; food supply; postal service; Sioux Indians; hunger and malnutrition; Winnebago Indians; business debt; fur industry; trade agreements; wages and salaries; Whig Party.

Geographic Place Names: Wisconsin; Fort Snelling; Minnesota.

Organization Names: American Fur Company.

Principal Correspondents: Alexander Faribault; John J. Deming; Philander Prescott; Charles C. Trowbridge; Alexander Ramsey; Charles K. Smith; Martin McLeod; Charles W. Borup; James M. Goodhue; William H. Forbes; William Holcombe; Franklin Steele; Gustavus Loomis; Henry A. Lambert; Orlando Brown; Don C. Buell; Joseph N. Laframboise; David Olmstead; Electus Backus; Norman W. Kittson; Levi Hertzell; Elisha Whittlesey; Samuel J. Findley.

Content Notes: Legislation for suppression of sale of alcohol to Indians; postal service routes; Indian food supply shortage; Sioux starvation; Winnebago Indian debts; Indians in Wisconsin; encroachments of Indians on settlements.

Dates: March–April 1850.

0220 May–June 1850.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about the removal of Winnebago Indians from Iowa to Wisconsin.

Subject Terms: Indian removal; Winnebago Indians; Sioux Indians; Congress; claims; Indian agents and agencies; maps; commodities.

Geographic Place Names: Iowa; Wisconsin.

Principal Correspondents: Don C. Buell; Alexander Ramsey; Charles W. Borup; Jonathan E. Fletcher; George W. Ewing; William H. Forbes; Henry A. Lambert; Frederic B. Sibley; John H. Stevens; Thomas R. Potts; Joseph R. Brown; John H. McKenny; Martin McLeod; Robert Hopkins; John McKusick; Charles H. Oakes; James M. Goodhue; Henry F. McCloskey.

Content Notes: Removal of Winnebago Indians from Iowa to Wisconsin; military expedition to Iowa.

Dates: May–June 1850.

0411 July–August 1850.

Descriptive Title: Henry H. Sibley speeches and correspondence about Indians and Indian removal, retail trade, postal service, and claims.

Subject Terms: Indian agents and agencies; Sioux Indians; Winnebago Indians; Indian removal; retail trade; postal service; commodities; speeches and addresses; post offices; Congress; Indian treaties; House of Representatives; Whig Party; claims.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Organization Names: Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company.

Principal Correspondents: Augustin Ravoux; Henry F. McCloskey; Alexander Ramsey; Joseph N. Laframboise; Henry A. Lambert; Gideon H. Pond; Don C. Buell; John H. Stevens; Thomas Foster; Richard W. Johnson; James M. Goodhue; Pierre Chouteau Jr.; Thomas R. Potts; William Holcombe; George W. Ewing; Richard G. Murphy; Norman W. Kittson; Philander Prescott; Montgomery C. Meigs; William H. Forbes; Levi Hertzell; Henry R. Schoolcraft; Joseph R. Brown; Alexander Ramsey.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley address to people of Minnesota Territory and speech to the House on the territories and Indian relations.

Dates: July–August 1850.

0613 September–October 1850.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about election results, trading, and Indian treaties and claims.

Subject Terms: Fireworks; elections; retail trade; Indian treaties; Sioux Indians; floods; Indian claims.

Geographic Place Names: Mississippi River.

Principal Correspondents: Alexander Ramsey; Joseph R. Brown; Henry A. Lambert; William Holcombe; Henry F. McCloskey; Frederic B. Sibley; Alexander Ramsey; Norman W. Kittson; Charles W. Borup; David Olmstead; Ramsey Crooks; Martin McLeod; William H. Forbes; James M. Goodhue.

Content Notes: Mississippi River flooding.

Dates: September–October 1850.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers November 1850–March 1852

0001 November–December 1850.

Descriptive Title: Election results and correspondence about claims, Indians, commodities, postal service, and post offices.

Subject Terms: Elections; claims; Sioux Indians; Christianity; commodities; retail trade; Indian treaties; postal service; educational facilities; post offices; Chippewa Indians; family life; Winnebago Indians.

Principal Correspondents: Norman W. Kittson; Henry F. McCloskey; Emilie R. Hooe; Frederic B. Sibley; Nathaniel McLean; Joseph R. Brown; John H. Stevens; Thomas Foster; Alexander Ramsey; Hercules L. Dousman; William G. Le Duc; Stephen R. Riggs; Richard W. Johnson; C. M. Conrad; Thomas R. Potts; Bradley B. Meeker; Jonathan E. Fletcher.

Dates: November–December 1850.

0195 January 1851.

Descriptive Title: Territory map and correspondence about legislative matters, Indian agents and agencies, debts, and family life.

Subject Terms: Maps; U.S. statutes; family life; business debts; legislature; publishers and publishing; Indian agents and agencies; commodities; Winnebago Indians; claims; war; military personnel; census.

Organization Names: Historical Society of the Territory of Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Norman W. Kittson; Simon B. Buckner; Martin McLeod; John H. Stevens; Aaron Goodrich; Alexander Ramsey; Thomas R. Potts; Frederic B. Sibley; Jacob W. Bass; William Holcombe; James M. Goodhue; Hercules L. Dousman; William H. Forbes; Philander Prescott; Joseph R. Brown; David Olmsted; David Faribault; Jonathan E. Fletcher; Franklin Steele; Henry A. Lambert; Henry F. McCloskey.

Dates: January 1851.

0386 February–April 1851.

Descriptive Title: Henry H. Sibley address on Minnesota to constituents and correspondence about claims, trade, Indians, and land use.

Subject Terms: Claims; hunting and trapping; judges; immigration; wills and probate; retail trade; speeches and addresses; land use; commodities; taxes; Winnebago Indians; elections.

Persons as Subjects: Franklin Steele.

Organization Names: Hudson's Bay Company; Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company.

Principal Correspondents: John H. Stevens; Norman W. Kittson; Martin McLeod; Charles K. Smith; Aaron Goodrich; Alexander Ramsey; Frederic B. Sibley; Charles W. Borup; John H. Stevens; Kenneth Mackenzie; John Pope; George W. Ewing; Pierre Chouteau Jr.; Henry A. Lambert.

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Content Notes: Suffering of buffalo hunters in storm; Scandinavian immigration; Henry H. Sibley address on Minnesota to constituents; Franklin Steele finances.

Dates: February–April 1851.

0584 May–December 1851.

Descriptive Title: Trade case *Pierre Chouteau Jr. v. Henry M. Rice* and correspondence about claims, treaties, debts, and elections.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; Indian claims; Winnebago Indians; retail trade; fur industry; commodities; Indian treaties; Sioux Indians; claims; personal debt; Indian agents and agencies; missions and missionaries; elections.

Principal Correspondents: Franklin Steele; Alexander Ramsey; George W. Ewing; William G. Ewing; Joseph A. Sire; Levi Hertzell; Martin McLeod; Charles C. Trowbridge; Frederic B. Sibley; Nathaniel McLean; John H. McKenny; Norman W. Kittson; Kenneth Mackenzie; Ramsey Crooks; Hercules L. Dousman; Simon B. Buckner; William H. Forbes; Louis Robert.

Content Notes: Trade case *Pierre Chouteau Jr. v. Henry M. Rice*; Sioux treaty allowances; personal debt by Indians to traders; claims against Sioux; mission boat *Winona*; Pembina Treaty of 1851.

Dates: May–December 1851.

0760 January–March 1852.

Descriptive Title: Pamphlet *Minnesota Territory: It's Present Condition and Prospects* by Henry H. Sibley and correspondence about treaties, elections, Indians, military reservations; and legislation.

Subject Terms: Maps; publishers and publishing; treaties; elections; Sioux Indians; Military bases, posts, and reservations; legislation.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota; Fort Snelling.

Principal Correspondents: David D. Owen; Stephen R. Riggs; Thomas R. Potts; Martin McLeod; Ramsey Crooks; Charles W. Borup; Norman W. Kittson; William Holcombe.

Content Notes: Map of Traverse Des Sioux, Minnesota; military reserve boundaries; pamphlet *Minnesota Territory: It's Present Condition and Prospects* by Henry H. Sibley.

Dates: January–March 1852.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers April 1852–November 1853

0001 April–September 1852.

Descriptive Title: Speech on Homestead Bill by Henry H. Sibley and Indian agent correspondence on treaties, prohibition, Indians, trade, and rivers.

Subject Terms: Treaties; hunting and trapping; elections; prohibition; commodities; land area; highways; Sioux Indians; speeches and addresses; publishing and publishers; lumber and lumber industry; public lands; retail trade; rivers and waterways.

Geographic Place Names: St. Peters River; Minnesota River.

Principal Correspondents: Norman W. Kittson; James H. Simpson; Martin McLeod; David Faribault; Seth Eastman; Joseph R. Brown; Allan Morrison; Millard Fillmore; Henry L. Moss; James M. Goodhue; Hercules L. Dousman; Nathaniel Mclean; Charles W. Borup; Henry M. Rice; Luke Lea; William H. Forbes; Frederic B. Sibley; Alexander Ramsey.

Content Notes: Pembina Treaty of 1851; election on prohibition of liquor shops; Homestead Bill speech by Henry H. Sibley; St. Peters River name change to Minnesota River; print correspondence between Ben C. Eastman and Henry H. Sibley on pine lumber cutting on public lands.

Dates: April–September 1852.

0154 October–December 1852.

Descriptive Title: Voter lists and correspondence about claims, fur and other trade, Indian murder of White woman, Sioux debt payment treaty, Indian agencies, and Indian starvation.

Subject Terms: Claims; Sioux Indians; agriculture; fur industry; voter registration; retail trade; post offices; assassination; Sioux Indian treaty; Indian agents and agencies; hunger and malnutrition; business debt.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Organization Names: Benton County Agricultural Society; American Fur Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: Department of Agriculture.

Principal Correspondents: Martin McLeod; Norman W. Kittson; Alexander Ramsey; Charles H. Oakes; Duncan R. Kennedy; Thomas Foster; Frederic B. Sibley; Hercules L. Dousman; Ramsey Crooks.

Content Notes: Murder of Mrs. Keener by Sioux Indians; list of Sioux half-breeds owing money to trade company; money; Sioux debt treaty; Indians in starving condition.

Dates: October–December 1852.

0282 January–March 1853.

Descriptive Title: Map of Hastings, Minnesota, and correspondence about trade, Indian treaties, public lands and the railroad, elections, and family life.

Subject Terms: Maps; licenses; fur industry; hunting and trapping; Democratic Party; Indian treaties; public lands; railroads; monuments and memorials; postal service; elections; legislature; Indian agents and agencies; patents; Indian trade.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Andrew Jackson; Stephen A. Douglas.

Federal Departments and Agencies: Department of Post Office.

Principal Correspondents: Martin McLeod; Joseph R. Brown; Stephen R. Riggs; Hercules L. Dousman; Norman W. Kittson; Frederic B. Sibley; Elisha Whittlesey; Henry M. Rice; Seth Eastman; Sarah Jane Sibley; Clement H. Beaulieu; John McKusick; Alexander Ramsey; David Olmsted; Charles W. Borup.

Content Notes: Map of Hastings, Wabasha County, Minnesota Territory; trade licenses; unpublished manuscript on 1851 Sioux treaties; inauguration of Andrew Jackson statue; letter to Sibley from wife Sarah Jane; oration of Stephen A. Douglas on inauguration of Andrew Jackson statue; patent for burning fluid.

Dates: January–March 1853.

0486 April–July 1853.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Henry H. Sibley loss of presidential appointment as governor of Minnesota, trade, claims, survey of land for railroad, and elections.

Subject Terms: Presidential appointments; Indian trade; government documents; surveyors and surveying; claims; elections; fur industry.

Organization Names: Benton County Agricultural Society.

Federal Departments and Agencies: U. S. Patent Office.

Principal Correspondents: Augustus C. Dodge; Norman W. Kittson; Martin McLeod; Willis A. Gorman; Isaac I. Stevens; Ben C. Eastman; William H. Forbes; Henry F. McCloskey; Hercules L. Dousman; Jacob J. Noah; Alexis Bailly; Henry A. Lambert; Napoleon J. T. Dana; Frederic B. Sibley.

Content Notes: Franklin Pierce decision against appointment of Henry H. Sibley for governor of Minnesota; survey of Northern Pacific Railroad route; geological survey of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota gift to Benton County Agricultural Society.

Dates: April–July 1853.

0654 August–November 1853.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indian trade, land surveys, claims, elections, business, and Henry H. Sibley retirement.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; Whig Party; surveyors and surveying; lumber and timber industry; elections; claims; business; commodities; Sioux Indians; retirement; death and dying.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Norman W. Kittson; Willis A. Gorman; Allan Morrison; Luke Lea; Charles W. Borup; David D. Owen; Frederic B. Sibley; Martin McLeod; Henry M. Rice; Duncan R. Kennedy; Ben C. Eastman; William H. Forbes; Joseph Rolette Jr.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley retirement from politics; death of Norman W. Kittson's daughter.

Dates: August–November 1853.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers December 1853–1857

0001 December 1853–May 1854.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence on education, Indians, money and business, land use, and claims.

Subject Terms: Education; Sioux Indians; money; trade agreement; post offices; land use; business; commodities; legislature; claims.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: William H. Wood; Willis A. Gorman.

Federal Departments and Agencies: General Land Office.

Principal Correspondents: Stephen R. Riggs; Alexander Ramsey; Ben C. Eastman; Henry M. Rice; Charles W. Borup; Norman W. Kittson; Willis A. Gorman; Augustus C. Dodge; Napoleon J. T. Dana; Martin McLeod; John H. Stevens; Clement H. Beaulieu.

Content Notes: Money for education of Sioux Indians; William H. Wood removal from land office; bill for land warrants to half-breeds; Minnesota legislature minority memorial.

Dates: December 1853–May 1854.

0138 June–December 1854.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence on trade and business, commodities, elections, and claims.

Subject Terms: Fur industry; business; foundries; commodities; elections; claims; Indian trade.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling; Minnesota.

Federal Departments and Agencies: General Land Office; armed services reserves.

Principal Correspondents: Ben C. Eastman; Gabriel Franchère; Bernard W. Brisbois; Martin McLeod; Hypolite Dupuis; George S. Whitman; Simon B. Buckner; Norman W. Kittson; James H. Simpson; Elihu B. Washburne; Stephen R. Riggs; Charles E. Flandrau; Edmund Rice; Alexander Faribault; Ignatius Donnelly; Ramsey Crooks.

Content Notes: Foundry price list; Justice of the Peace records, Dakota County, Minnesota Territory.

Dates: June–December 1854.

0258 1855.

Descriptive Title: Map of Hastings, Minnesota, and correspondence about Indians, claims, business, deeds, and politics.

Subject Terms: Maps; Sioux Indians; Indian removal; legislature; partners and partnerships; claims; business; deeds and conveyances; seeds; compulsory military service; political conventions; Republican Party; Democratic Party.

Geographic Place Names: Hastings, Minnesota; Dakota County, Minnesota.
Principal Correspondents: Joseph R. Brown; Martin McLeod; Orange Walker; Duncan R. Kennedy; Bernard W. Brisbois; William G. Le Duc; Andrew G. Chatfield; Alexander Faribault; David Faribault; Hercules L. Dousman; Jacob J. Noah; Pierre Chouteau Jr.; Richard G. Murphy; Charles H. Oakes; George H. Spencer; Thomas A. Hendricks; George H. Spencer; Augustin Ravoux; Ben C. Eastman; James W. Shields.
Content Notes: Map of Hastings, Minnesota; Sioux Indian removal from Marine, Minnesota, neighborhood; Minnesota legislature; members of the Dakota County Association renewed; seed corn for Indians; Hastings, Minnesota, military duty list; Minnesota Territory Republican Convention; Minnesota Territory Democratic Convention.
Dates: 1855.

0428 January–May 1856.

Descriptive Title: Deeds and correspondence about political parties; speech by Henry H. Sibley; legislature and legislation, and trade.
Subject Terms: Deeds and conveyances; Whig Party; railroads; legislation; speeches and addresses; fur industry; securities; land use; Winnebago Indians; Democratic Party; legislature; Indian trade; commodities.
Federal Departments and Agencies: General Land Office.
Principal Correspondents: Martin McLeod; Bradley B. Meeker; Gideon H. Pond; Gabriel Franchère; Alexander Faribault; Hypolite Dupuis; Jacob J. Noah; Jonathan E. Fletcher; George L. Becker; James D. Doty; Henry M. Rice; Hercules L. Dousman.
Content Notes: Act to incorporate the Saint Anthony Falls Water Power Company; draft address by Henry H. Sibley “Reminiscences: Historical and Personal”; bonds; Democratic delegates to National Convention; Minnesota legislature.
Dates: January–May 1856.

0574 June–December 1856.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about agricultural commodities, deeds and conveyances, trade, lawsuits, claims, and elections.
Subject Terms: Agricultural commodities; deeds and conveyances; bond and bonding; Indian trade; surveyors and surveying; exhibitions and trade fairs; lawsuits; claims; maps; land use; steamboats; presidential elections.
Geographic Place Names: Northfield, Minnesota; Traverse des Sioux, Minnesota.
Persons as Subjects: James Buchanan.
Organization Names: American Fur Company.
Federal Departments and Agencies: General Land Office.
Principal Correspondents: Duncan R. Kennedy; James W. Shields; Joseph Rolette Jr.; Ramsey Crooks; Martin McLeod; Alexander Faribault;

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Lawrence Taliaferro; Gideon H. Pond; Andrew G. Chatfield; Charles K. Smith.

Content Notes: survey of Northfield, Minnesota; Minnesota territorial fair; Lawrence Taliaferro law suit; map of Lake Minnetonka; land for cattle; Hastings town site case.

Dates: June–December 1856.

0684 1857.

Descriptive Title: Maps and correspondence about deeds, railroads, land use, trade, and elections.

Subject Terms: Maps; deeds and conveyances; railroads; land use; retail trade; elections.

Geographic Place Names: Hastings, Minnesota; Traverse des Sioux, Minnesota.

Federal Departments and Agencies: General Land Office.

Principal Correspondents: Hercules L. Dousman; James W. Shields; James H. Simpson; Hercules L. Dousman; Charles W. Borup; George L. Becker; William G. Le Duc; John Pope.

Content Notes: Map of southern Minnesota and northern Iowa; Minnesota elections.

Dates: 1857.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers 1858–1862

0001 January–September 1858.

Descriptive Title: Maps and correspondence about legislation, banks, bonds, railroads, deeds, land use, and elections.

Subject Terms: Maps; House of Representatives; legislation; banks and banking; educational facilities; securities; retail trade; commodities; railroads; land use; wills and probate; deeds and conveyances; elections; claims; paleontology.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota; Traverse des Sioux, Minnesota.

Organization Names: Bloomfield Institute, New Jersey.

Principal Correspondents: Isaac Atwater; Edward D. Neill; George L. Becker; Thomas A. Hendricks; Hercules L. Dousman; James W. Shields; Rensselaer R. Nelson; Henry M. Rice; Edmund Rice; Ramsey Crooks.

Content Notes: Plat of Mendota, Minnesota; members of House of Representatives protest act to regulate banks and banking; railroad bonds; seal of State of Minnesota; railroad land grant to Minnesota; Louis Martin estate; Minnesota elections; land claims; university bonds; mineral, fossil, and shell collection at Bloomfield Institute, New Jersey.

Dates: January–September 1858.

0168 October 1858–March 1859.

Descriptive Title: Deeds and correspondence about deeds and conveyances, railroads, land use, and bonds.

Subject Terms: Railroads; securities; land use; deeds and conveyances; postal service; educational facilities.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Organization Names: Minnesota and Pacific Railroad Company; Minnesota and Cedar Valley Railroad Company.

Principal Correspondents: Bradley B. Meeker; John W. North; James Wells; Isaac I. Stevens; Ignatius Donnelly; Jacob J. Noah; Isaac Atwater; Andrew G. Chatfield; H. Dollner; Joseph R. Brown; Francis Baasen; James W. Shields; John H. McKenny; Charles H. Berry; Ramsey Crooks; William Holcombe; William G. Le Duc.

Content Notes: Railroad bonds; trust deed for Minnesota and Pacific Railroad Company bonds to state of Minnesota; request for translation of Minnesota constitution into Norwegian; university bonds; bill for materials for school house.

Dates: October 1858–March 1859.

0354 April–December 1859.

Descriptive Title: Deeds and correspondence about deeds and conveyances, railroads, bonds, public lands, and political parties.

Subject Terms: Railroads; securities; newspapers; banks and banking; deeds and conveyances; death and dying; immigration; public lands; elections; business debt; Democratic Party.

Geographic Place Names: Traverse des Sioux, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Charles W. Borup.

Organization Names: Dakota County Agricultural Society; Minnesota and Cedar Valley Railroad Company.

Principal Correspondents: John W. North; Andrew G. Chatfield; Charles E. Flandrau; John H. Stevens; Thomas E. Massey; James W. Shields; Francis Baasen; H. Dollner; George L. Becker; Charles H. Berry; Henry M. Rice.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley election as director of Dakota County Agricultural Society; railroad bonds; property scrip at Traverse des Sioux; death of Charles W. Borup; sale of public lands in Minnesota; money owed to engineers by Minnesota and Cedar Valley Railroad Company; Minnesota Democratic Convention.

Dates: April–December 1859.

0517 1860–1861.

Descriptive Title: Deeds and correspondence about deeds and conveyances, business, railroads, loans, claims against Sioux Indians, and political parties.

Subject Terms: Business; railroads; deeds and conveyances; loans; Sioux Indians; claims; Democratic Party; patents.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Organization Names: Dubuque and Pacific Railroad Company; Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company; Minneapolis, Faribault, and Cedar Valley Railroad Company.

Principal Correspondents: Thomas E. Massey; Richard G. Murphy; Hercules L. Dousman; George L. Becker; Alexander Faribault.

Content Notes: Indian Treaty claims against Sioux Indians; Minnesota Democratic Party resolutions; Minneapolis, Faribault, and Cedar Valley Railroad Company charter; patent for Minnesota State seal.

Dates: 1860–1861.

0627 1862.

Descriptive Title: Lists of military personnel employed on extra duty, medical and hospital property at Fort Snelling, and Indian and half-breed executions in Minnesota; excerpts of letters from Henry H. Sibley to his wife during the Sioux uprising.

Subject Terms: Military personnel; deeds and conveyances; medicine; letter writing; capital punishment.

Geographic Place Names: St. Peters, Minnesota; Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: H. Dollner; William G. Le Duc; Alexander Ramsey; John T. Averill; Stephen R. Riggs.

Content Notes: Lists of military personnel employed on extra duty; lists of medical and hospital property at Fort Snelling; extracts of Henry H. Sibley letters to wife during Sioux uprising; list of executions of Indians and half-breeds in Minnesota.

Dates: 1862.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers 1863–1864

0001 January–August 1863.

Descriptive Title: Lists of medical supplies and ordnance at Fort Snelling, lists of Indian scouts and ordnance at Fort Abercrombie, and correspondence about transportation, legislature, and Indians.

Subject Terms: Transportation; legislature; voluntary military service; medical supplies and equipment; ordnance; Indians.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Fort Abercrombie, Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: William Crooks; Henry M. Rice; Stephen Miller; Charles H. Berry; Charles H. Oakes.

Content Notes: Transportation needed at listed posts; joint resolution for confirmation of Henry H. Sibley as Brigadier General of Volunteers; medical supplies received at Fort Snelling; ordnance at Fort Snelling; list

of Indian scouts from Fort Abercrombie; Fort Snelling inventory; ordnance at Fort Abercrombie.

Dates: January–August 1863.

0193 September–December 1863.

Descriptive Title: Lists of medical supplies and inventories for Fort Snelling and Fort Abercrombie and correspondence about Indians and Indian scouts, expeditions, and accusation of William A. Hill military desertion.

Subject Terms: Medical supplies and equipment; Indians; exploration; military deserters; Sioux Indians; Chippewa Indians; business.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Fort Abercrombie; Fort Randall, Missouri.

Persons as Subjects: William A. Hill.

Principal Correspondents: George A. Camp; William R. Marshall; Stephen Miller; John Pope; Henry B. Whipple; John T. Averill; Gideon H. Pond; William Crooks; Mark W. Downie; William M. Kimball; Charles E. Flandrau; Minor T. Thomas; Joseph R. Brown; Alexander Ramsey; Charles H. Berry.

Content Notes: Invoices of medical and hospital supplies at Fort Snelling; supplies needed at Fort Abercrombie; Indian scouts; medical requisition for expedition to Fort Randall, Missouri; William A. Hill accusation of military desertion.

Dates: September–December 1863.

0441 January–July 1864.

Descriptive Title: Lists of military personnel, ordnance, and medical supplies, and correspondence about Indians, fairs, expeditions, military posts and hospitals, and Indian agents.

Subject Terms: Military personnel; medical supplies and equipment; Indians; military housing; exhibitions and trade fairs; ordnance; exploration; horses; military health facilities and services; military bases, posts, and reservations; Indian agents and agencies; army; Sioux Indians; Chippewa Indians.

Geographic Place Names: Iowa; Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph R. Brown; Alexander Ramsey; William Crooks; Minor T. Thomas; Ignatius Donnelly; Joseph Rolette Jr.; Stephen R. Riggs; Montgomery C. Meigs; H. J. Seigneuret; James F. Meline; Napoleon J. T. Dana; Alexis André; Joseph C. Whitney; John Pope; Henry B. Whipple.

Content Notes: List of military personnel transfers and discharges; invoices of medical and hospital supplies at Fort Snelling; military housing at military posts; Irish National Fair; invoice of ordnance and ordnance stores; horses for expedition; military hospital at Fort Snelling; Northern Iowa Sanitary Fair; 7th Army Corp headquarters; Indian agent allowance of Sioux to plant and fish off reservation; duty list of clerks and orderlies.

Dates: January–July 1864.

0627 August–December 1864.

Descriptive Title: Lists of war casualties and medical supplies and correspondence about Indians, military personnel, land taxes, and warfare.

Subject Terms: Horses; exploration; war casualties; Indians; diseases and disorders; military personnel; Indian wars and warfare; medical supplies and equipment; business; land use; taxes.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Dakota County, Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Henry B. Whipple; William H. Forbes; Joseph R. Brown; Stephen R. Riggs; Joseph C. Whitney; Robert N. McLaren; Minor T. Thomas; H. Dollner; Mark W. Downie; James F. Meline; John Pope; George H. Spencer; Alexander Ramsey.

Content Notes: Number of horses at military posts; official list of killed and wounded on Indian expedition; military officer with epilepsy; invoice of medical and hospital supplies at Fort Snelling; Dakota County taxable lands.

Dates: August–December 1864.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers 1865–October 1869

0001 January–June 1865.

Descriptive Title: List of food items for Fort Snelling hospital and correspondence about Indians and murders, the army and military officers, and land taxes.

Subject Terms: Indians; grocery stores and supermarkets; army; medical supplies and equipment; claims; public property; horses; military officers; surveyors and surveying; taxes; Chippewa Indians; homicide; Sioux Indians.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Minor T. Thomas; Thomas S. Williamson; Joseph N. Laframboise; William M. Kimball; Alexander Ramsey; William G. Le Duc; William H. Forbes; H. Dollner; Joseph R. Brown; John H. Stevens; Samuel R. Curtis.

Content Notes: Grocery list for Fort Snelling hospital; medical and hospital property at Fort Snelling; delinquent land taxes; murder of family by half-breed Indian and mob law.

Dates: January–June 1865.

0143 July–December 1865.

Descriptive Title: Inventory report of public property at Fort Snelling and correspondence about Indians, military posts, Indian warfare and treaties, Indian agents and agencies, and claims.

Subject Terms: Indians; military bases, posts, and reservations; Indian wars and warfare; Indian treaties; Sioux Indians; Cheyenne Indians; public property; medical supplies and equipment; Indian agents and agencies; claims.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Yellow Medicine County.

Federal Departments and Agencies: Department of War; Office of Indian Affairs.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph R. Brown; Samuel R. Curtis; James F. Meline; John Pope; H. J. Seigneuret; Robert H. Rose; James Harlan; Andrew Johnson; George H. Spencer; Thomas S. Williamson; Charles H. Oakes; Thomas R. Potts; Richard W. Johnson; Henry B. Whipple.

Content Notes: Inventory and inspection report of public property at Fort Snelling; Indian agents purchase of goods or supplies for Indian Service; battle of Yellow Medicine County.

Dates: July–December 1865.

0303 1866.

Descriptive Title: Henry H. Sibley speech excerpts and correspondence about Indians and Indian treaties, deeds, medical supplies at Fort Snelling, and military personnel.

Subject Terms: Speeches and addresses; medical supplies and equipment; Indians; military officers; Sioux Indians; Indian treaties; Blackfoot Indians; firearms; deeds and conveyances; military personnel; railroads.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Organization Names: Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph R. Brown; Thomas R. Potts; Stephen R. Riggs; Robert H. Rose; Alexander Ramsey; D. N. Cooley; Willis A. Gorman; Thomas R. Potts; Henry B. Whipple; William T. Sherman; Richard W. Johnson; Andrew G. Chatfield; Augustin Ravoux; Hercules L. Dousman.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley speech excerpts; medical and hospital supplies at Fort Snelling; treaty with Blackfoot Indians; guns and ammunition to certain Indians; Native American troops.

Dates: 1866.

0518 1867–1868.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about railroads, securities, Indians and Indian treaties, land use, educational facilities, claims, and business.

Subject Terms: Railroads; securities; Indian treaties; land use; educational facilities; death and dying; claims; business income; Indians.

Persons as Subjects: James Wells.

Organization Names: Minnesota Historical Society.

Principal Correspondents: Hercules L. Dousman; Alexander Ramsey; Richard W. Johnson; Edmund Rice; Robert H. Rose; Joseph R. Brown;

Stephen Miller; Alexander Faribault; George A. McLeod; Henry B. Whipple; William T. Sherman; Simon B. Buckner; Jared W. Daniels; Edward D. Neill.

Content Notes: Railroad bonds; Henry H. Sibley elected Minnesota Historical Society president; James Wells death.

Dates: 1867–1868.

0694 January–October 1869.

Descriptive Title: deeds and conveyances and correspondence about death of Sarah Jane Sibley, wife of Henry H. Sibley, Indians and Indian claims, Indian hunger and malnutrition, agricultural commodities, business, and trade.

Subject Terms: Indians; agricultural commodities; death and dying; Sioux Indians; hunger and malnutrition; Indian claims; business; deeds and conveyances; retail trade.

Persons as Subjects: Sarah Jane Sibley.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph R. Brown; William R. Marshall; Robert N. McLaren; Jared W. Daniels; Ely S. Parker; Hercules L. Dousman; Henry B. Whipple; Francis Baasen; Stephen Miller; Winfield S. Hancock.

Dates: January–October 1869.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers November 1869–June 1878

0001 November–December 1869.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indians, business, claims, and commodities.

Subject Terms: Elections; Indians; Sioux Indians; business income; Indian agents and agencies; Indian trade; claims; retail trade; ordnance; commodities.

Geographic Place Names: Duluth, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: William W. Folwell.

Organization Names: Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company; University of Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Thomas R. Potts; Jared W. Daniels; Ely S. Parker; Henry B. Whipple; Alexander Ramsey.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley election as member of board of directors of Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company; William W. Folwell inauguration as president of University of Minnesota.

Dates: November–December 1869.

0091 1870–1871.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indian hunger, seeds for planting, coal, business and trade, railroad bonds, land use, claims, and elections.

Subject Terms: Indians; Indian agents and agencies; seeds; coal and coal mining; Sioux Indians; retail trade; hunger and malnutrition; Railroads; securities; business; Indian removal; lumber and lumber industry; taxes; business debt; claims; legislature; land use; public lands; newspapers; elections.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Jared W. Daniels; Ely S. Parker; Henry B. Whipple; Winfield S. Hancock; William W. Folwell; Joseph R. Brown; Hercules L. Dousman; Aaron Goodrich; George L. Becker; Gabriel Renville; Richard G. Murphy; Charles H. Berry; Gideon H. Pond; Augustus C. Dodge; Alexander Faribault; Charles E. Flandrau; Stephen Miller; Hypolite Dupuis.

Content Notes: corn used for seed for Indians; Indian hunger and malnutrition; railroad stock; lumber for ferry boat; land taxes; Minnesota State bonds; Minnesota State legislature; *Pioneer* newspaper.

Dates: 1870–1871.

0259 1872–1874.

Descriptive Title: Deeds and conveyances and correspondence about Indians and Indian murders, trade, railroads, Indian agents and agencies, and land use.

Subject Terms: Colleges and universities; exploration; elections; coal and coal mining; deeds and conveyances; retail trade; Indians; Sisseton Indians; poetry; railroads; presidential appointments; Indian agents and agencies; Indian wars and warfare; land use.

Geographic Place Names: North Dakota.

Organization Names: University of Minnesota.

Federal Departments and Agencies: Board of Indian Commissioners.

Principal Correspondents: Edward D. Neill; Alexander Ramsey; Charles H. Berry; Minor T. Thomas; Samuel W. Pond; James H. Simpson; Cushman K. Davis; Alexander Faribault; Henry B. Whipple; William H. Forbes; Clement H. Beaulieu.

Content Notes: Government expeditions; coal miners in Dakota; by-laws for the Board of Indian Commissioners; Samuel W. Pond poem; Henry H. Sibley appointment as commissioner of Indian Department, Department of the Interior; Red River Indian murders by Grand River Agency Indians; sale of pine land.

Dates: 1872–1874.

0422 1875.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indian agents and agencies, Indians, business, land contracts, deaths, and deeds.

Subject Terms: Diseases and disorders; Chippewa Indians; lumber and lumber industry; Indian agents and agencies; business debt; railroads; contracts; Osage Indians; Cherokee Indians; transportation; commodities; claims; legislation; Winnebago Indians; membership organizations; death and dying; judges; deeds and conveyances.

Geographic Place Names: Wisconsin.

Persons as Subjects: William H. Forbes; Andrew G. Chatfield.

Organization Names: State Normal School; American Geographical Society.

Federal Departments and Agencies: Board of Indian Commissioners, Department of the Interior.

Principal Correspondents: William H. Forbes; Edward P. Smith; Joseph Tassé; Elisha Whittlesey; Cushman K. Davis; Alexander Faribault; Francis Baasen; James McLaughlin; Duncan R. Kennedy; Stephen Miller.

Content Notes: Protests of Henry H. Sibley resignations from Board of Indian Commissioners, Department of the Interior, and as president of State Normal School; land contract between Cherokee and Osage Indians; Homestead Law; Winnebago Indians in Wisconsin; death of Indian agent William H. Forbes; death of Judge Andrew G. Chatfield.

Dates: 1875.

0576 1876–June 1878.

Descriptive Title: Indian agent and other correspondence about Indian hunger and starvation, elections, contracts, Indian warfare, and claims.

Subject Terms: Maps; business income; contracts; Indian agents and agencies; silver mining; political conventions; elections; Indians; Indian wars and warfare; poverty; firearms; Sioux Indians; hunger and malnutrition; presidential election; claims; land ownership and rights; pests and pest control; Chippewa Indians; Indian treaties.

Geographic Place Names: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Rutherford B. Hayes.

Organization Names: University of Minnesota; Society for Improving Condition of the Poor; Minnesota Historical Society.

Principal Correspondents: James McLaughlin; Henry B. Whipple; John S. Pillsbury; Elisha Whittlesey; Clement H. Beaulieu; William W. Folwell; E. E. Chatfield; H. Dollner; John M. Corse; William R. Marshall; Emilie R. Hooe; Henry M. Rice; Alexander Faribault; Bernard W. Brisbois; Jacob W. Bass; William G. Le Duc.

Content Notes: Map of James River Valley; Henry H. Sibley resignation from Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; Democratic-Republican Convention; Indian food supply depleted; Indian possession of firearms; Sioux Indians dying of starvation; settlers claims to land; requests of coal tar to fight grasshoppers; map of Minneapolis real estate plots; Chippewa hunger; Rutherford B. Hayes visit to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dates: 1876–June 1878.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers July 1878–1899

0001 July 1878–1879.

Descriptive Title: Deeds and correspondence about land use, Indian claims, Indian agents and agencies, and Indian removal.

Subject Terms: Land use; agricultural commodities; Indians; Indian claims; Indian agents and agencies; deeds and conveyances; Indian removal; railroads; exhibitions and trade fairs.

Persons as Subjects: Rutherford B. Hayes.

Principal Correspondents: Henry B. Whipple; Samuel W. Pond; William G. Le Duc; Alexander Ramsey; James McLaughlin; William R. Marshall; Charles Crissey; James M. Burns; John S. Pillsbury.

Content Notes: Land for Indian church; Indian reception of bad treatment by Indian agent; Rutherford B. Hayes visit to St. Paul; articles of incorporation of the St. Paul and Minnesota Exposition; purchase of land for state university.

Dates: July 1878–1879.

0107 1880.

Descriptive Title: Personal and other correspondence about Indians and land claims, speech excerpts, railroads, stocks and bonds, military officers, colleges, and elections.

Subject Terms: Speeches and addresses; writing; family life; Indian claims; land ownership and rights; railroads; Sioux Indians; army; securities; military officers; colleges and universities; religious faith; art; elections; Civil War.

Geographic Place Names: Traverse des Sioux.

Persons as Subjects: Hercules L. Dousman.

Principal Correspondents: Charles Crissey; Alexander Ramsey; James M. Burns; Clarence E. Bennett; Rutherford B. Hayes; William T. Sherman; William G. Le Duc; Henry B. Whipple; R. E. Trowbridge; John H. Stevens; Jacob J. Noah; H. Dollner; Charles H. Berry; Rensselaer R. Nelson.

Content Notes: excerpts from Henry H. Sibley speeches on Civil War and Sioux uprising; Henry H. Sibley incomplete manuscript "Memoir of Hercules L. Dousman"; Indian rights to land; decision on Drifting Goose Band of Indians land ownership case; white settlers taking Sioux Indian homes; railroad bonds; apportionment of military officer details training at colleges and universities; painting of Treaty of Traverse des Sioux.

Dates: 1880.

0284 1881–1883.

Descriptive Title: Personal and other correspondence about stocks and bonds, Indians and Indian agents and agencies, railroads, Indian claims, and business.

Subject Terms: Securities; Indians; death and dying; gifts and donations; Indian agents and agencies; hospitals and nursing homes; railroads; Indian claims; Chippewa Indians; business income.

Organization Names: St. Luke's Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Alexander Ramsey; Coleman Younger; William W. Folwell; James Younger; White Cloud; Henry B. Whipple; William G. Le Duc; George H. Spencer; H. J. Seigneuret; Charles H. Berry; Isaac Atwater; James H. Simpson; Charles Crissey; John S. Pillsbury.

Content Notes: Railroad bonds; donations to widow of deaf Indian killed on railroad track; list of names of chiefs and headmen; mining stock; petition for help to Indian who rendered great help to whites during 1862 Sioux uprising; Drifting Goose case.

Dates: 1881–1883.

0445 1884–1886.

Descriptive Title: Personal and other correspondence about family life, coal, writing, Minnesota history, deeds and contracts, Indian claims, gifts to earthquake victims, crime and criminals; pardons, and Indians.

Subject Terms: Family life; coal and coal mining; writers and writing; speeches and addresses; history; deeds and conveyances; contracts; Indian claims; gifts and donations; earthquakes; crime and criminals; pardons; Indian agents and agencies.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota; St. Paul, Minnesota; Charleston, South Carolina.

Persons as Subjects: Coleman Younger.

Organization Names: University of Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: John S. Pillsbury; Aaron Goodrich; Jean B. Faribault; William R. Marshall; Coleman Younger; James Younger; Robert Younger; Henry B. Whipple.

Content Notes: Henry H. Sibley reminiscent accounts of Minnesota history in writings and speeches; land contract; land claim as half-breed; gifts from St. Paul, Minnesota for relief of Charleston, South Carolina, earthquake sufferers; Coleman Younger request for governor to pardon him and his brothers for participation in Northfield bank robbery.

Dates: 1884–1886.

0681 1887–1899.

Descriptive Title: Deeds and correspondence about military instructors at colleges and universities, university bonds, Indians, claims, and death and will of Henry H. Sibley.

Subject Terms: Military officers; army; colleges and universities; deeds and conveyances; securities; Sioux Indians; Congress; poetry; pensions;

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widows and widowers; claims; crime and criminals; wills and probate; death and dying.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Coleman Younger.

Organization Names: University of Minnesota; Military Order of the Loyal Legion; North American Publishing Company; The Minnesota Club.

Principal Correspondents: John S. Pillsbury; Henry B. Whipple; Edmund Rice; Samuel W. Pond; William R. Marshall; Charles H. Berry; Alexander Ramsey.

Content Notes: No army officer as military instructor at the University of Minnesota; University of Minnesota bonds; Congress memorial for Sioux relief; H. A. Castle poem to Henry H. Sibley; Henry H. Sibley conferral of commander of the Minnesota Military Order of the Loyal Legion; claim for increase in widow pension for losses during Sioux uprising; petition to commute Younger brothers sentence for participation in Northfield bank robbery; North American Publishing Company publication of Henry H. Sibley book; claims against Indians; Henry H. Sibley commission as Regent of the University of Minnesota; Henry H. Sibley will filed in probate court; death of Henry H. Sibley; Henry H. Sibley memorial by Military Order of the Loyal Legion; The Minnesota Club memorial to Henry H. Sibley.

Dates: 1887–1899.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers Grasshopper Relief Committee, 1873–May 13, 1874

0001 Undated; 1873.

Descriptive Title: Gifts and donations of clothing, cash, and commodities from individuals and companies to the grasshopper relief fund.

Subject Terms: Commodities; Indians; gifts and donations; publishers and publishing; railroads; churches.

Geographic Place Names: Cottonwood County, Minnesota; Stillwater, Minnesota.

Organization Names: Grasshopper Relief Committee.

Principal Correspondents: Stephen Miller; Daniel Rohrer.

Content Notes: List of supplies for Indian relief; relief list of families in Cottonwood County; Relief Committee report; Stillwater clothing contributions; donations from stockholders to relief fund; cash contributions; St. Paul and Sioux City railroads circular; church contributions to relief fund.

Dates: 1873 and Undated.

0093 January 1–20, 1874.

Descriptive Title: Distribution of gifts and donations of clothing, cash, and commodities from individuals and companies to the grasshopper relief fund.

Subject Terms: Gifts and donations; commodities; railroads.

Geographic Place Names: Cottonwood County, Minnesota; Jackson County, Minnesota; Watonwan County, Minnesota; Worthington, Minnesota.

Organization Names: Grasshopper Relief Committee; St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad Company; American Express Company; City Bank of St. Paul.

Principal Correspondents: James Muir; R. E. Davies; Daniel Rohrer; Pierce J. Kniss; Stephen Miller.

Content Notes: Commodities delivery to towns by relief committee; list of necessities by town in Cottonwood County, Minnesota; free St. Paul Railroad Company and American Express Company shipment of relief supplies; list of articles for poor in Jackson County, Minnesota; crops destroyed by grasshoppers and hail in Watonwan County, Minnesota; commodities distribution report at Worthington, Minnesota; City Bank of St. Paul relief fund.

Dates: January 1–20, 1874.

0247 January 21–February 1874.

Descriptive Title: Monetary and other donations and distributions of commodities, seeds for planting, and sickness in families.

Subject Terms: Commodities; seeds; families; gifts and donations; diseases and disorders.

Geographic Place Names: Watonwan County; Murray County; Cedar Martin County; Belmont Jackson County; Worthington, County.

Organization Names: Grasshopper Relief Committee.

Principal Correspondents: Pierce J. Kniss; Daniel Rohrer; Richard W. Johnson; Stephen Miller; James Muir; R. E. Davies.

Content Notes: List of commodities delivered to Watonwan County by relief committee; list of commodities purchased with funds; seeds needed by towns in Murray County; list of families in Cedar Martin County in need of immediate aid; sickness in families; commodities distribution statement.

Dates: January 21–February 1874.

0391 March 1874.

Descriptive Title: Receipt and disbursement of gifts and donations by Grasshopper Relief Committee.

Subject Terms: Gifts and donations.

Geographic Place Names: Yellow Medicine County; Cottonwood County; Murray County; Windom, Minnesota; Worthington, Minnesota.

Organization Names: St. Paul Chamber of Commerce; Grasshopper Relief Committee.

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Principal Correspondents: James Muir; Pierce J. Kniss; Daniel Rohrer; John Weir; Cushman K. Davis.

Content Notes: Requests for provisions; Murray County disbursement of money statement.

Dates: March 1874.

0495 April–May 13, 1874.

Descriptive Title: Donations receipt and disbursement and requests for seed for planting and other provisions.

Subject Terms: Families; gifts and donations; seeds.

Geographic Place Names: Jackson County; Kimball, Minnesota; Murray County.

Organization Names: Grasshopper Relief Committee.

Principal Correspondents: Daniel Rohrer; John Weir; Richard W. Johnson; James Muir; Edmund Rice; Pierce J. Kniss.

Content Notes: Jackson County list of family names for relief.

Dates: April–May 13, 1874.

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Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers Grasshopper Relief Committee, 1874

0001 May 15–December 1874.

Descriptive Title: Gifts and donations and correspondence about commodities and grasshopper control.

Subject Terms: Gifts and donations; flour; commodities; pests and pest control.

Geographic Place Names: Heron Lake.

Organization Names: Grasshopper Relief Committee.

Principal Correspondents: Pierce J. Kniss; James Muir; R. E. Davies; John Weir; Cushman K. Davis; Henry B. Whipple.

Content Notes: Grasshopper Relief Committee report; grasshoppers at Heron Lake.

Dates: May 15–December 1874.

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0072 Volume No. 1.

Descriptive Title: Letters and accounts from Grand Portage.

Subject Terms: Indians; fish and fishing industry; lakes and lakeshores.

Geographic Place Names: Fond du Lac.

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Principal Correspondents: Bela Chapman; George Bonga.
Content Notes: Fond du Lac commodities inventory.
Dates: 1823–1824.

0095 Volume No. 2.

Descriptive Title: Daily Memorandum Book on retail, fur, and Indian trade, and commodities.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; fur and fur industry; commodities; Indian trade.
Principal Correspondents: Martin McLeod.
Dates: 1835–1856.

0150 Volume No. 3.

Descriptive Title: Account of Indian trade and purchase of land.
Subject Terms: Fur and fur industry; Indians; Indian trade; accounting and auditing; land ownership and rights.
Principal Correspondents: Joseph R. Brown; Gabriel Renville.
Dates: 1838–1855.

0197 Volume No. 4.

Descriptive Title: Account of Upper Mississippi Outfit at St Peters.
Subject Terms: Fur and fur industry; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: St. Peters.
Organization Names: Upper Mississippi Outfit.
Dates: 1842–1849.

0340 Volume No. 5.

Descriptive Title: Accounts for freight and other charges.
Subject Terms: Freight; accounting and auditing.
Organization Names: Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company.
Dates: 1850–1853.

0431 Volume No. 6.

Descriptive Title: Account of Madame Robinette.
Subject Terms: Accounting and auditing.
Persons as Subjects: Madame Robinette.
Dates: 1842–1847.

0451 Volume No. 7.

Descriptive Title: Account of Augustus Cournaye.
Subject Terms: Accounting and auditing.
Persons as Subjects: Augustus Cournaye.
Dates: 1843–1848.

0481 Volume No. 8.

Descriptive Title: Account of François Gamelle.
Subject Terms: Accounting and auditing.

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Persons as Subjects: François Gamelle.
Dates: 1847–1848.

0495 Volume No. 9.

Descriptive Title: Lumber accounts.
Subject Terms: Lumber and lumber industry; accounting and auditing.
Dates: 1852–1853.

0515 Volume No. 10.

Descriptive Title: Steamboat freight of furs, lumber, and other commodities.
Subject Terms: Steamboats; freight; furs and fur industry; lumber and lumber industry; commodities.
Dates: 1850–1855.

0590 Volume No. 11.

Descriptive Title: Indian credit list.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1827–1832 and Undated.

0621 Volume No. 12.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1831.

0642 Volume No. 13.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1836.

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Volumes 14–23, Fur Trade, Indian Credit Books, 1833–1853

0001 Volume No. 14.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book [Wauk pay cootays].
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1833–1847.

0038 Volume No. 15.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credits, Big Stone Lake.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Geographic Place Names: Big Stone Lake.
Dates: 1843–1845.

0110 Volume No. 16.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book, Lake Traverse.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Geographic Place Names: Lake Traverse.
Dates: 1844–1845.

0120 Volume No. 17.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book, Kittson's Outfit.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Organization Names: Kittson's Outfit.
Dates: 1845–1847.

0152 Volume No. 18.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1836–1837.

0218 Volume No. 19.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1845–1846.

0308 Volume No. 20.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1846–1847.

0406 Volume No. 21.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1848–1849.

0485 Volume No. 22.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book [Mendota?] and Index.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Dates: 1851–1852.

0670 Volume No. 23.

Descriptive Title: Indian Credit Book and Index.
Subject Terms: Indians; credit; furs and fur industry.
Dates: 1852–1853.

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0001 Volume No. 24.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, New Hope.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; accounting and auditing; Indian agents and agencies; furs and fur industry.

Geographic Place Names: New Hope, Minnesota.

Dates: August 1, 1837–July 8, 1838.

0173 Volume No. 25.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, New Hope.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian agents and agencies; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: New Hope, Minnesota.

Dates: July 9, 1838–September 25, 1938.

0250 Volume No. 26.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, New Hope.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian agents and agencies; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: New Hope, Minnesota.

Dates: April 24, 1839–December 24, 1839.

0436 Volume No. 27.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, New Hope.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; Indian agents and agencies; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: New Hope, Minnesota.

Dates: December 27, 1839–June 24, 1841.

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0001 Volume No. 28.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, New Hope and Mendota.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: New Hope, Minnesota; Mendota, Minnesota.

Dates: June 24, 1841–July 27, 1942.

0238 Volume No. 29.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; Indian agents and agencies; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Dates: July 27, 1842–September 6, 1944.

0509 Volume No. 30.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; Indian agents and agencies; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Dates: November 14, 1848–June 18, 1849.

0590 Volume No. 31.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Dates: February 15, 1851–July 4, 1851.

0666 Volume No. 32.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Indian trade; Indian agents and agencies; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Dates: July 5, 1851–October 1851.

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Volumes 33–38, Fur Trade, Daybooks—Mendota May 8, 1852–January 2, 1855

0001 Volume No. 33.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Dates: May 8, 1852–October 6, 1852.

0122 Volume No. 34.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

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Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Dates: October 6, 1852–July 9, 1853.

0245 Volume No. 35.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies;
accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Dates: May 12, 1848–November 29, 1850.

0467 Volume No. 36.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies;
accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Organization Names: Sioux Outfit.
Dates: April 17, 1851–February 28, 1852.

0519 Volume No. 37.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies;
accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Organization Names: Sioux Outfit.
Dates: June 5, 1852–June 18, 1853.

0628 Volume No. 38.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies;
accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Dates: June 3, 1853–December 29, 1854.

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Volumes 39–42, Fur Trade

Volumes 39–41, Daybooks—Mendota, June 3, 1853–December 8, 1855
Volume 42, Ledgers—Mendota, June 1835–May 1840

0001 Volume No. 39.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies;
accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Dates: June 3, 1853–September 29, 1855.

Frame No.

0124 Volume No. 40.

Descriptive Title: Journal of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Dates: May 1, 1850–August 20, 1853.

0300 Volume No. 41.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Dates: May 1, 1850–December 8, 1855.

0507 Volume No. 42.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Joseph R. Brown; Gustavus Loomis; Hypolite Dupuis; Joseph Renville Sr.; Louis Provençalle Sr.; Alexander Faribault; Joseph Renville Jr.; Samuel C. Stambaugh; Jean B. Faribault; François Fresnière; Joseph N. Laframboise; Norman W. Kittson; Samuel J. Findley; William H. Forbes; Hercules L. Dousman; William T. Boutwell; Emilie R. Hooe; Alexis Bailly; Philander Prescott; Franklin Steele; Stephen R. Riggs; Gideon H. Pond; Kenneth Mackenzie; Henry M. Rice; William A. Aitken.

Organization Names: Western Outfit.

Dates: June 16, 1835–May 1840.

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Volumes 43–47, Fur Trade, Ledgers—Mendota, 1840–1853

0001 Volume No. 43.

Descriptive Title: Index, A.F. Company Ledger.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Louis Provençalle Sr.; Joseph Renville Sr.; Joseph N. Laframboise; William H. Forbes; Jean B. Faribault; Alexander Faribault; Samuel W. Pond; Gideon H. Pond; Joseph R. Brown; Franklin Steele; Samuel J. Findley; Hypolite Dupuis; Kenneth Mackenzie; Norman W. Kittson; William A. Aitken; Samuel C. Stambaugh; Stephen R. Riggs; Henry M. Rice; Gustavus Loomis; David Faribault; Martin McLeod; François Fresnière; James D. Doty.

Organization Names: Western Outfit.
Dates: 1840–1843.

0161 Volume No. 44.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Persons as Subjects: Jean B. Faribault; Alexander Faribault; David Faribault; Joseph N. Laframboise; Joseph Renville Sr.; Louis Provençalle Sr.; François Fresnière; William H. Forbes; Hypolite Dupuis; Norman W. Kittson; William A. Aitken; Kenneth Mackenzie; Franklin Steele; Seth Eastman; Gideon H. Pond; Martin McLeod; James Wells; Philander Prescott; Joseph R. Brown; Gustavus Loomis; Augustin Ravoux; Samuel W. Pond; Alexis Bailly; Stephen R. Riggs; Joseph Renville Jr.; Jean B. Faribault; William A. Aitken; Joseph Rolette Jr.; Norman W. Kittson; James Wells.
Organization Names: Western Outfit.
Dates: 1842–1846.

0313 Volume No. 45.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Persons as Subjects: Alexander Faribault; Jean B. Faribault; David Faribault; William H. Forbes; Hypolite Dupuis; Louis Provençalle Sr.; Joseph N. Laframboise; Norman W. Kittson; Martin McLeod; Augustin Ravoux; James Wells; Franklin Steele; Gideon H. Pond; Kenneth Mackenzie; Gustavus Loomis; Joseph R. Brown; Alexis Bailly; Samuel J. Findley; Henry M. Rice; Joseph N. Laframboise; Hercules L. Dousman; Samuel W. Pond; Gabriel Renville.
Dates: 1846–1848.

0442 Volume No. 46.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; steamboats; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Persons as Subjects: Alexander Faribault; Henry M. Rice; Jean B. Faribault; Franklin Steele; Louis Provençalle Sr.; William H. Forbes; Alexis Bailly; James Wells; Joseph N. Laframboise; David Faribault; Martin McLeod; Samuel J. Findley; Augustin Ravoux; Stephen R. Riggs; Samuel W. Pond; Seth Eastman; Norman W. Kittson; Gustavus Loomis; Gabriel Renville; William R. Brown; Jacob W. Bass; Bernard W. Brisbois; Hypolite

Dupuis; Kenneth Mackenzie; Thomas R. Potts; Alexander Ramsey; Elihu B. Washburne; Hercules L. Dousman; Frederic B. Sibley.

Organization Names: Western Outfit.

Dates: 1848–1850.

0579 Volume No. 47.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Levi Hertzell; David Faribault; Joseph N. Laframboise; Duncan R. Kennedy; Alexander Faribault; Jean B. Faribault; James Wells; Hypolite Dupuis; Martin McLeod; Norman W. Kittson; Franklin Steele; Joseph R. Brown; William H. Forbes; Henry M. Rice; Henry F. McCloskey; Alexis Bailly; Hercules L. Dousman; Alexander Ramsey; Thomas R. Potts; Stephen R. Riggs; Louis Provençalle Sr.

Dates: 1852–1853.

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Volumes 48–50, Fur Trade, Ledgers—Mendota, 1850–1856

0001 Volume No. 48.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: Augustin Ravoux; David Faribault; Alexis Bailly; Samuel J. Findley; Franklin Steele; Joseph N. Laframboise; Philander Prescott; Louis Provençalle Sr.; Martin McLeod; Alexander Ramsey; William G. Le Duc; James Wells; Stephen R. Riggs; Gabriel Renville; Hercules L. Dousman; Thomas R. Potts; Alexander Faribault; Henry M. Rice; William H. Forbes; Andrew G. Chatfield.

Dates: 1850–1853.

0233 Volume No. 49.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts, Mendota.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing; claims.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.

Persons as Subjects: James Wells; Alexander Faribault; Alexis Bailly; Hypolite Dupuis; Norman W. Kittson; Franklin Steele; Jean B. Faribault; Joseph N. Laframboise; Martin McLeod; Duncan R. Kennedy; Alexander Ramsey; Thomas R. Potts; Frederic B. Sibley; Andrew G. Chatfield; Jacob J. Noah; Stephen R. Riggs; Bernard W. Brisbois.

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Organization Names: Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company.
Dates: 1853–1854.

0348 Volume No. 50.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts, Mendota.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Mendota, Minnesota.
Persons as Subjects: David Faribault; Martin McLeod; Alexander Faribault; Joseph N. Laframboise; Hypolite Dupuis.
Dates: 1852–1856.

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Volumes 51–59, Fur Trade
Volumes 51–57, Traders and Indians Ledgers, 1829–1852
Volumes 58–59, Cash Books, 1836–1839, 1842–1852

0001 Volume No. 51.

Descriptive Title: Ledger of accounts for traders and Indians.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Lake Traverse, Minnesota; Devils Lake, Minnesota.
Persons as Subjects: Joseph N. Laframboise; William R. Brown.
Dates: 1829–1830.

0075 Volume No. 52.

Descriptive Title: Traders Ledger [New Hope].
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: New Hope, Minnesota.
Persons as Subjects: Joseph N. Laframboise; Louis Provençalle Sr.
Dates: 1835.

0099 Volume No. 53.

Descriptive Title: Indian ledger of accounts.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.
Dates: 1836–1841.

0225 Volume No. 54.

Descriptive Title: Traders and Indian ledger of accounts.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.

Persons as Subjects: Alexander Faribault.
Dates: 1845–1847.

0246 Volume No. 55.

Descriptive Title: Traders and Indian ledger of accounts.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; Indian agents and agencies; accounting and auditing.
Persons as Subjects: Louis Provençalle Sr.; Alexis Bailly; Jean B. Faribault; Alexander Faribault; Joseph Renville Sr.; Hypolite Dupuis; Martin McLeod.
Dates: 1847–1851.

0293 Volume No. 56.

Descriptive Title: Traders ledger of accounts.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; accounting and auditing.
Persons as Subjects: William H. Forbes; Alexander Faribault; Hypolite Dupuis; Norman W. Kittson.
Dates: 1846–1848.

0354 Volume No. 57.

Descriptive Title: Traders ledger of accounts.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; accounting and auditing.
Persons as Subjects: Alexander Faribault; Jean B. Faribault; Hypolite Dupuis; Joseph N. Laframboise; David Faribault; Martin McLeod; Alexis Bailly; James Wells; Norman W. Kittson.
Dates: 1850–1852.

0461 Volume No. 58.

Descriptive Title: Cash books of accounts.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; accounting and auditing.
Dates: 1836–1839.

0521 Volume No. 59.

Descriptive Title: Cash books of accounts.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; accounting and auditing.
Dates: 1842–1852.

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Volumes 60–69, Invoice and Inventory Books, 1833–1854 [1856]

0001 Volume No. 60.

Descriptive Title: Invoice and Inventory Book.

Frame No.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Persons as Subjects: Joseph N. Laframboise.

Dates: 1833–1838.

0034 Volume No. 61.

Descriptive Title: Invoice and Inventory Book.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Dates: 1836–1837.

0055 Volume No. 62.

Descriptive Title: Invoice and Inventory Book.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Persons as Subjects: Samuel C. Stambaugh.

Dates: 1836–1838.

0165 Volume No. 63.

Descriptive Title: Invoice and Inventory Book.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Persons as Subjects: Jean B. Faribault; Joseph N. Laframboise; Alexander Faribault; Joseph R. Brown.

Dates: 1838–1841.

0236 Volume No. 64.

Descriptive Title: Invoice and Inventory Book.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Persons as Subjects: Alexander Faribault; Jean B. Faribault; David Faribault; James Wells; Norman W. Kittson; Joseph N. Laframboise; Louis Provençalle Sr.; Martin McLeod; Charles W. Borup.

Dates: 1846–1855.

0368 Volume No. 65.

Descriptive Title: Invoice and Inventory Book.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Persons as Subjects: Norman W. Kittson; Alexis Bailly.

Dates: 1847–1854.

0476 Volume No. 66.

Descriptive Title: Inventory H. Dupuis Outfit.

Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.

Frame No.

Persons as Subjects: Hypolite Dupuis.
Dates: 1853–1855.

0485 Volume No. 67.

Descriptive Title: Inventory H. Dupuis Stock.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.
Persons as Subjects: Hypolite Dupuis.
Dates: 1856.

0499 Volume No. 68.

Descriptive Title: Invoices of Merchandise Sioux Outfit.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.
Dates: 1838–1841.

0525 Volume No. 69.

Descriptive Title: Furs and pelts purchased.
Subject Terms: Retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing.
Persons as Subjects: James Wells; Alexander Faribault; Jean B. Faribault; Norman W. Kittson; Joseph N. Laframboise; Louis Provençalle Sr.; David Faribault; Franklin Steele; Joseph R. Brown; Alexis Bailly.
Dates: 1843–1853.

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**Volumes 70–80, Fort Snelling Sutler Store
Volumes 70–77 and 73[b], Daybooks, 1836–1839
Volumes 78–80, Account Books, 1836–1839**

0001 Volume No. 70.

Descriptive Title: Memorandum Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1836.

0032 Volume No. 71.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing; Indian trade.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1836.

0115 Volume No. 72.

Descriptive Title: Journal of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Frame No.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1836.

0133 Volume No. 73.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing; Indian trade.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Persons as Subjects: Lawrence Taliaferro; Gustavus Loomis.
Dates: 1836.

0151 Volume No. 74.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1836–1837.

0228 Volume No. 75.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1837.

0271 Volume No. 76.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler's Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1837–1838.

0312 Volume No. 77.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1838.

0389 Volume No. 73[b].

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1838–1839.

0412 Volume No. 78.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.
Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Dates: 1834–1836.

Frame No.

0464 Volume No. 79.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1836.

0555 Volume No. 80.

Descriptive Title: Day Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1836.

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Volumes 81–88, Fort Snelling Sutler Store, Account Books, 1836–1839

0001 Volume No. 81.

Descriptive Title: Company F Account Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1836–1837.

0056 Volume No. 82.

Descriptive Title: Company G Account Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1836–1837.

0112 Volume No. 83.

Descriptive Title: Company H Account Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1836.

0208 Volume No. 84.

Descriptive Title: Account Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1837–1839.

0275 Volume No. 85.

Descriptive Title: Account Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1837–1839.

0341 Volume No. 86.

Descriptive Title: Account Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1837–1839.

0412 Volume No. 87.

Descriptive Title: Account Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Dates: 1837–1838.

0487 Volume No. 88.

Descriptive Title: Account Book of Fort Snelling Sutler Store.

Subject Terms: Commodities; accounting and auditing.

Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.

Persons as Subjects: Franklin Steele; Samuel J. Findley; Louis Provençalle Sr.; James Wells; Hypolite Dupuis; Joseph R. Brown; William H. Forbes; Norman W. Kittson; Jean B. Faribault.

Organization Names: Thespian Society.

Dates: 1837–1838.

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Volumes 89–90, Letter Books, 1849–May 1853

0001 Volume No. 89.

Descriptive Title: Letter Book about business accounts, Indians, and retail and Indian trade.

Subject Terms: Sioux Indians; claims; Indians; accounting and auditing; commodities; business; property; land ownership and rights; Chippewa Indians; fish and fishing industry; furs and fur industry; citizenship; Indian trade; licenses; retail trade; lumber and lumber industry; business debt; deeds and conveyances; Indian treaties.

Geographic Place Names: Mendota.

Persons as Subjects: Norman W. Kittson.

Organization Names: Pierre Chouteau Jr. and Company; Hudson's Bay Company.

Principal Correspondents: Alexander B. Campbell; Jean B. Faribault; Frederic B. Sibley; Norman W. Kittson; James Wells; Alexander D. Graham; Antoine Renville; Joseph N. Laframboise; Martin McLeod; Henry Bailly.

Dates: 1849–1852.

0480 Volume No. 90.

Descriptive Title: Letter Book about business accounts, Indians, and retail and Indian trade.

Subject Terms: Indian claims; land ownership and rights; Indian treaties; commodities; accounting and auditing; furs and fur industry; postal service; property; Indian trade; retail trade; Indians; hunger and malnutrition; deeds and conveyances; seeds; claims; business debt; Sioux Indians; licenses; lumber and lumber industry.

Principal Correspondents: Frederic B. Sibley; James Wells; Duncan R. Kennedy; Joseph N. Laframboise; Martin McLeod.

Content Notes: Indian hunger and malnutrition; Indian claims by half-breeds; land claims; trade licenses.

Dates: 1852–1853.

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Volumes 90–92, Letter Books

Volumes 90 Cont.–91, June 1853–August 1855; Volume 92, 1849–1853

0001 Volume No. 90 cont.

Descriptive Title: Correspondence about Indians, commodities, accounts, claims, deeds, business, and retail trade.

Subject Terms: Commodities; retail trade; furs and fur industry; accounting and auditing; Indian agents and agencies; claims; deeds and conveyances; Indians; contracts; business.

Principal Correspondents: Frederic B. Sibley; Norman W. Kittson; Philander Prescott.

Dates: 1853–1854.

0096 Volume No. 91.

Descriptive Title: Correspondence about payment of accounts, claims, land deeds, Indian and retail trade, commodities, and land ownership and rights.

Subject Terms: Accounting and auditing; claims; deeds and conveyances; Indians; retail trade; Indian trade; furs and fur industry; commodities; land ownership and rights.

Principal Correspondents: Frederic B. Sibley; John Kennedy.

Dates: 1853–1855.

0383 Volume No. 92.

Descriptive Title: Henry H. Sibley will and general correspondence about Indian and other claims, Indian and retail trade, sale of property, elections, and deeds.

Subject Terms: Indian agents and agencies; Indian claims; Indians; retail trade; immigration; land ownership and rights; property; licenses; Indian trade;

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Indian treaties; accounting and auditing; claims; Sioux Indians; elections; furs and fur industry; deeds and conveyances; wills and probate; commodities.

Geographic Place Names: Minnesota.

Organization Names: American Fur Company.

Federal Departments and Agencies: General Land Office.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph N. Laframboise; Alexander Faribault;

Charles W. Borup; Frederic B. Sibley; Alexis Bailly; Hurcules L.

Dousman; Stephen R. Riggs; Joseph R. Brown.

Content Notes: Will of Henry H. Sibley; Sioux Indian claims.

Dates: 1849–1853.

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Volumes 91–99, Letter Books

**Volume 92 Cont.; Volume 91, 1854–August 1855; Volume 93, August 1858–1859
Miscellaneous Volumes 94–99, 1836–1855**

0001 Volume No. 92 cont.

Descriptive Title: Correspondence about legislature, Indians and Indian treaties and warfare, immigration, and deeds.

Subject Terms: Legislature; Indian treaties; business; claims; Indian wars and warfare; immigration; Indians; deeds and conveyances.

Dates: 1854.

0083 Volume No. 91.

Descriptive Title: Correspondence about the Democratic Party and elections, business, and accounts.

Subject Terms: Democratic Party; business; accounting and auditing.

Dates: August 1854–August 1855.

0110 Volume No. 93.

Descriptive Title: Correspondence about deeds, business, elections, and Sioux Indians.

Subject Terms: Deeds and conveyances; business; elections; Sioux Indians.

Dates: August 1858–1859.

0128 Volume No. 94.

Descriptive Title: Seneca Lexicon.

Subject Terms: Seneca Indians; education.

Dates: 1836.

0164 Volume No. 95.

Descriptive Title: Dakota-English Lexicon.

Subject Terms: Dakota Indians; education.

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Principal Correspondents: Stephen R. Riggs.
Content Notes: Dakota-English Lexicon written by Stephen R. Riggs for Henry H. Sibley.
Dates: 1843–1844.

0425 Volume No. 96.

Descriptive Title: A Dakota Lexicon.
Subject Terms: Dakota Indians; education; prohibition.
Principal Correspondents: Joseph W. Hancock.
Content Notes: Dakota Lexicon by Joseph W. Hancock; Dakota Indian temperance pledge.
Dates: 1851.

0637 Volume No. 97.

Descriptive Title: Claytons' Diary about claims and patent and finance reports.
Subject Terms: Claims; patents; finance.
Geographic Place Names: Fort Snelling.
Persons as Subjects: Charles H. Berry.
Federal Departments and Agencies: Fort Snelling Military Reserve; Patent and Trademark Office.
Content Notes: Charles H. Berry papers; finance reports; patent reports.
Dates: 1850.

0666 Volume No. 98.

Descriptive Title: Farm accounts book.
Subject Terms: Farms and farmers.
Dates: 1853–1855.

0713 Volume No. 99.

Descriptive Title: Sibley Farm Accounts.
Subject Terms: Farms and farmers.
Dates: 1855.

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Volumes 100–112 Miscellaneous Volumes, 1856–1886

0001 Volume No. 100.

Descriptive Title: Cashbook.
Subject Terms: Accounting and auditing.
Dates: 1856–1858.

0037 Volume No. 101.

Descriptive Title: Cashbook.

Frame No.

Subject Terms: Accounting and auditing.
Dates: 1857–1859.

0050 Volume No. 102.

Descriptive Title: Account Book.
Subject Terms: Accounting and auditing.
Dates: 1858–1859.

0086 Volume No. 103.

Descriptive Title: Order book for Indian expeditions.
Subject Terms: Population; exploration; army; military personnel; Indians.
Content Notes: City population statistics; Indian expeditions.
Dates: 1860–1862.

0162 Volume No. 104.

Descriptive Title: Charles F. Sibley Diary.
Subject Terms: Exploration; army; military personnel.
Dates: 1863.

0223 Volume No. 105.

Descriptive Title: Memorandum book of Henry H. Sibley property and other real estate.
Subject Terms: Property; real estate; deeds and conveyances.
Dates: 1860–1866.

0252 Volume No. 106.

Descriptive Title: Scrapbook containing newspaper articles on the legislature, railroad bonds, and Dakota Sioux mixed blood Joseph Jack Frazer.
Subject Terms: Legislature; railroads; Sioux Indians.
Geographic Place Names: St Paul, Minnesota.
Persons as Subjects: Joseph Jack Frazer.
Organization Names: *St. Paul Pioneer*.
Content Notes: Democratic newspaper *St. Paul Pioneer*.
Dates: 1867–1871.

0293 Volume No. 107.

Descriptive Title: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of illustrations and public interest articles and the assassination of James Fisk Jr.
Subject Terms: Art; assassination.
Persons as Subjects: James Fisk Jr.
Dates: 1871–1872.

0334 Volume No. 108.

Descriptive Title: Notebook of physiology, grammar, and geography.
Subject Terms: Physiology; English language; geography.
Dates: 1878.

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0365 Volume No. 109.

Descriptive Title: Memorandum Book for the Seymour Sabin Commission.

Organization Names: Seymour Sabin and Company.

Dates: 1878, 1889.

0382 Volume No. 110.

Descriptive Title: Henry Hastings Sibley biography with newspaper clippings.

Subject Terms: Biographies; Sioux Indians; art; death and dying.

Geographic Place Names: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Principal Correspondents: Charles E. Flandrau.

Content Notes: Sioux uprising in 1862; The Treaty of the Traverse des Sioux painting; death of Henry H. Sibley.

Dates: 1883–1886 [1930].

0454 Volume No. 111.

Descriptive Title: Memorandum Book.

Dates: 1876–1883.

0516 Volume No. 112.

Descriptive Title: Henry H. Sibley Autobiography.

Subject Terms: Biographies.

Dates: 1884.

0549 Supplement.

Descriptive Title: Supplements to the Sibley Papers are translations of letters from explorer Joseph N. Nicollet and from Joseph Laframboise and other fur traders.

Subject Terms: Furs and fur industry; Indians; Indian trade; retail trade; Indian agents and agencies; Indian treaties; exploration; commodities.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph N. Nicollet; Joseph Renville Sr.; Joseph Laframboise; Hypolite Dupuis; Louis Provençalle Sr.

Dates: 1837–1854; 1893–1894.

Catalog Cards

0672 Catalog Cards.

Descriptive Title: Card Catalog for Henry H. Sibley papers.

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Henry H. Sibley told his parents that he “longed for a more active and stirring life” than practicing law. He started out in the fur trade as a clerk in a sutler’s store and then as a business agent for a fur trader. A year later Sibley began his long career in the fur trade, working as head of the American Fur Company. He was a representative in the Minnesota legislature in 1854 and in 1858 became the first governor of Minnesota. Sibley was appointed brigadier general of volunteers by President Abraham Lincoln and became commanding officer of the Military District of Minnesota. In 1866 Sibley left the army with the brevet rank of major general.

Sibley was deeply involved in the Sioux treaties by which the Indians ceded much of southern Minnesota. He represented fur trade interests in the negotiation of the Sioux, Chippewa, and Winnebago treaties in the late 1830s, and he was the attorney for the Sioux mixed-bloods at the treaty of 1849. Sibley’s first criminal case in Minnesota law was a child rape case (Reel 3, Frame 0019).

The *Papers of Henry Hastings Sibley: Fur Trader, Politician, and General* contain a fascinating insight into a man who both worked with the Indians as a trader and fought the Indians as a general. Sibley knew the Indians well; he traded with them, hunted with them, and learned to speak their language. The Sibley papers compose a vast collection of correspondence between Indian agents, traders and trading companies, and Sibley. Indian agents often wrote letters for Indian traders, who signed them with an “x.”

Correspondence include such topics as trade through the trading outfits, Indian skirmishes among tribes and with the military, atrocities, Indian malnutrition and starvation, expeditions, and the Sioux uprising in which Sibley served as commander of the military expedition. Included in the collection are 112 volumes of Indian fur trade credit books, Mendota daybooks, trader and Indian ledgers; Fort Snelling Sutler Store U.S. Infantry and civilian inventory and account books; and diaries and scrapbooks.

In the last twenty-five years of his life, Sibley was concerned largely with business and community interests. In 1873, after grasshoppers devastated crops in southwestern Minnesota, Sibley served as chairman of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce relief committee, and in 1886 he organized a similar committee to help victims of the Charleston, South Carolina, earthquake.

Sibley grieved over the death of his wife and two of his children. In a letter to his brother Charlie he wrote, “As we approach the end of our earthly pilgrimage, let us indulge a reasonable hope, that we may soon be re-united...in that bright sphere...where all tears will be wiped from our eyes” (Reel 15: 0294).

In 1888 Princeton University awarded Sibley an honorary degree of doctor of laws. He died in St. Paul on February 18, 1891, two days before his eightieth birthday.

Throughout this collection, researchers will gain insight into the fur trade and the trials of Indian life at a time when territorial governments were established and into a very gifted man who contributed much to history and the changing times—Henry Hastings Sibley.