



**Record Group:** Department of Defense  
**Subgroup:** Adjutant General's Office  
**Series:** Correspondence, 1864 & 1879-1911  
**Accession #:** 1978.027 & unknown  
**Series #:** SDEA0019  
**Guide Date:** 4/1999 (CSM); rev. 6/2004 (EC)  
**Volume:** 13.25 c.f. [27 boxes]

[Contents](#)

**Content Note**

The bulk of this series consists of an incomplete set of letterpress copybooks of New Jersey's adjutant general's outgoing correspondence for the period September 1887 to March 1911. This includes the correspondence of William S. Stryker (served 1867-1900), R. Heber Breintnall (served 1902-1909) and Wilbur F. Sadler, Jr. (served 1909-1916). Each volume is arranged chronologically and includes a name index by surname of recipients. Portions of the correspondence of the adjutant generals listed above, as well as all of Alexander C. Oliphant's (served 1900-1902) correspondence were not found (major gaps are noted in the **Contents** list below).

This series also includes one contemporary copy of a letter from Richard F. Stockton (served 1858-1867) as well as original correspondence of William S. Stryker and R. Heber Breintnall. Included are letters from Gen. Stryker to William Nelson (attorney and expert in New Jersey history) that were purchased by the Archives in 1978. These letters focus on Stryker's and Nelson's activities at the New Jersey Historical Society.

**Contents - Copybooks**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates</u>
1.	24 September 1887 - 28 November 1887 29 November 1887 - 1 February 1888 1 February 1888 - 14 April 1888
2.	16 April 1888 - 9 June 1888 [June 8 & 9 correspondence overlaps with next volume] 8 June 1888 - 16 September 1888 <i>[Note gap: 17 September 1888 - 12 June 1891]</i> 13 June 1891 - 31 July 1891
3.	31 July 1891-18 September 1891 18 September 1891- 30 October 1891 30 October 1891- 3 December 1891 <i>[Note gap: 4 December 1891 - 8 July 1892]</i>
4.	9 July 1892 - 5 March 1892 5 March 1892 - 14 April 1892

- 7 May 1892 - 8 July 1892
- 5. 9 July 1892 - 9 September 1892  
9 September 1892 - 26 October 1892  
26 October 1892 - 29 December 1892
- 6. 29 December 1892 - 24 February 1893  
28 February 1893 - 12 May 1893  
12 May 1893 - 21 July 1893
- 7. 24 July 1893 - 14 November 1893  
14 November 1893 - 2 February 1894  
2 February 1894 - 23 April 1894
- 8. 24 April 1894 - 3 July 1894  
3 July 1894 - 16 October 1894  
16 October 1894 - 2 January 1895
- 9. 2 January 1895 - 13 March 1895  
13 March 1895 - 21 May 1895  
21 May 1895 - 19 July 1895
- 10. 19 July 1895 - 4 October 1895  
4 October 1895 - 10 December 1895  
10 December 1895 - 10 February 1896
- 11. 10 February 1896 - 11 April 1896  
13 April 1896 - 17 June 1896  
*[Note gap: 18 June 1896 - 16 May 1897]*  
17 May 1897- 30 August 1897
- 12. 30 August 1897 - 11 December 1897  
11 December 1897 - 8 March 1898
- 13. 8 March 1898 - 22 April 1898  
22 April 1898 - 8 June 1898  
9 June 1898 - 4 August 1898  
*[Note gap: 5 August 1898 - 7 April 1899]*
- 14. 8 April 1899 - 23 June 1899  
*[Note gap: 24 June 1899 - 29 August 1905]*  
30 August 1905 - 10 November 1905
- 15. 10 November 1905 - 15 January 1906  
15 January 1906 - 26 March 1906
- 16. 26 March 1906 - 29 May 1906  
29 May 1906 - 15 January 1906  
*[Note gap: 16 January 1906 - 2 August 1906]*
- 17. 3 August 1906 - 25 October 1906  
25 October 1906 - 15 January 1907
- 18. 15 January 1907 - 15 March 1907  
*[Note gap: 16 March 1907 - 24 June 1907]*  
25 June 1907 - 24 September 1907
- 19. 24 September 1907 - 7 December 1907  
7 December 1907 - 13 February 1908
- 20. 13 February 1908 - 1 April 1908  
1 April 1908 - 4 June 1908
- 21. 5 June 1908 - 28 August 1908  
28 August 1908 - 20 November 1908

22. 20 November 1908 - 25 January 1909  
25 January 1909 - 29 March 1909
23. 29 March 1909 - 4 June 1909  
13 August 1909 - 6 November 1909  
*[Note gap: 7 November 1909 - 30 January 1910]*
24. 24 September 1909 - 21 December 1910 [labeled "Endorsements;" appear to be notes of transmittal sent with material forwarded to others for action or response]  
31 January 1910 - 5 April 1910
25. 5 April 1910 - 16 June 1910  
16 June 1910 - 14 September 1910
26. 14 September 1910 - 27 December 1910  
28 December 1910 - 18 March 1911

### Contents - Box 27

*Loose Correspondence: Richard F. Stockton*

Folder #   Description

1. General Richard F. Stockton to Capt. Henry C. Paxson re: mustering-in procedures, Trenton, 8 July 1864 [handwritten contemporary copy on Adjutant General stationery.]

*Loose Correspondence: William S. Stryker*

Folder #   Description

2. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: reprint of "minutes" and work on "Trenton battle," Trenton, 8 September 1879. [Acc. #1978.027]
3. Isaac Craig to William Webster [?], Chief of Old War and Navy Division re: Molly Pitcher and John Hays, Allegheny, PA, 16 July 1883 [copy; may have been included in 15 August 1883 letter from C. B. Walker or the 28 August 1883 letter from William N. Dudley (see below) as all three letters are written in same hand and refer to Molly Pitcher or her husband, John Hays].
4. C. B. Walker, Acting Commissioner of the Pension Office, United States Department of the Interior to William S. Stryker re: Molly Pitcher, widow of John Hays, Washington, D.C., 15 August 1883.
5. William N. Dudley, Commissioner of the Pension Office, United States Department of the Interior, to William S. Stryker re: service of John Hays (husband of Molly Pitcher), Washington, D.C., 28 August 1883.
6. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: influencing Mr. Frelinghuysen to approve a bill funding publication of the "Force Archives," Trenton, 27 February 1884. [Acc. #1978.027]
7. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: influencing Gov. Parker to sign Bill # 488 and New Jersey Historical Society business, Trenton, 3 May 1884. [Acc.# 1978.027]
8. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: replacing the late William A. Whitehead as editor of the *New Jersey Archives* series, Trenton, 9 February 1885. [Acc. #1978.027]
9. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: Dr. E. P. Buffet's sketch of Abraham Clark and other Historical Society business, Trenton, 21 May 1886. [Acc. #1978.027]
10. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: Nelson's sketch of Gov. William Livingston, Trenton, 14 May 1888. [Acc. #1978.027]
11. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: continuation of the work of the Committee on Colonial Documents, Trenton, 16 May 1888. [Acc. #1978.027]

12. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: plans for continuing the *Archives Series*, Trenton, 17 May 1888. [Acc. #1978.027]
13. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: Nelson's article on Gov. Livingston, Trenton, 11 September 1888. [Acc. #1978.027]
14. General William S. Stryker to William Nelson re: Nelson's article on Gov. Livingston, Trenton, 18 October 1888. [Acc. #1978.027]
15. Emily T. McMurtrie, widow of Col. Theodore McMurtrie (Pennsylvania Volunteers) to General William S. Stryker re: pension application, Atlantic City, 9 February 1892.
16. F. B. Heitman, Adjutant General's Office, United States War Department to Colonel Clifford S. Sims re: differences in Heitman's list of field officers for the 2nd New Jersey and those of Stryker's "Register," Washington D.C., 18 January 1893. [It is assumed that Colonel Sims sent this letter to Col. Stryker as they frequently corresponded during this period.]

*Loose Correspondence: General R. Heber Breintnall*

Folder #    Description

17. Francis M. Tichenor, Librarian, New Jersey Historical Society, to General R. Heber Breintnall re: resolution of the Society allowing Adjutant General's office to review military manuscripts at the Society's library, Newark, 16 December 1904; copy of resolution. [2 items]
18. Correspondence to and from General R. Heber Breintnall re: biographical information on Gov. Rodman M. Price, 11 July 1906 - 2 December 1906 [correspondents include the Governor's brother and daughter; 12 items]
19. General R. Heber Breintnall to Alfred Reed re: Reed's biographical information for annual report, Trenton, 5 September 1906
20. General R. Heber Breintnall to George Pfeiffer, Jr., re: Pfeiffer's military career, Trenton, 17 November 1906 [includes Pfeiffer's response written on bottom of original letter]
21. W. P. Potter, Acting Bureau Chief, U. S. Bureau of Navigation to General R. Heber Breintnall re: history of the USS Missouri, Washington, D.C., 19 November 1906
22. General R. Heber Breintnall to Charles H. Olden re: Olden's uncle, Gov. Charles S. Olden, Trenton, 12 December 1906 [includes Olden's response written on bottom of original letter]
23. V. Warner, Commissioner, Bureau of Pensions, United States Department of the Interior to Colonel R. Heber Breintnall re: pension claim #563314 of Mrs. Marion J. Brown, widow of Col. Henry W. Brown, Washington, D.C., 13 August 1907
24. Washington A. Roebling [builder of the Brooklyn Bridge] to R. Heber Breintnall re: receipt of First Service Medal [for Civil War service], Trenton, 29 July 1908. [includes envelope]

Created November 2004

If you have any questions about the information in this collection guide, please contact [njarchives@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:njarchives@sos.state.nj.us)