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Language

English German

Abstract

This collection of contemporary (and near-contemporary) maps, woodcuts, and steel engravings illustrates the history of Richmond and environs from the 1830s to the 1870s, largely centered on the Civil War Era, but also featuring several illustrations of the disasters of 1870.

Extent

2 Linear Feet 1 box 27 items: 8 maps, 19 illustrations (4 color, 15 black/white)

Repository

University of Richmond

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The majority of pieces within the collection come from one of three sources: weekly newspapers Harper's Weekly and Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper (in one case, a German-language edition printed in New York), and one-time publication Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. Harper's Weekly was published in New York from 1857 to 1916 as an offshoot of the more popular Harper's Monthly; both publications covered a variety of topics, including politics, literature, arts, humor, and illustrations, although the Weekly was especially famed for coverage of the events of the Civil War as they unfolded. Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper was published in New York from 1855 to 1921 under a variety of titles; the German language edition, Frank Leslie's Illustringe Zeitung, was published from 1857 to 1894, also in New York. Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, often referred to by historians as the War of the Rebellion Atlas, was created as a companion piece to the Official Records of the American Civil War, a collection of primary sources from both sides of the war, including orders, correspondence, and diagrams; maps were compiled into the Atlas. Of special note here are those included on Plate LXXXI, which were created originally by Jedediah Hotchkiss for Stonewall Jackson and whose detail and precision are credited as being a factor in Jackson's success.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of two series: maps and illustrations. Series I, Maps, is subdivided into Civil War era, arranged chronologically by year of publication and including several campaign maps from the definitive Atlas, and two additional maps.

Series II, Illustrations, tends to come from contemporary newspapers, and as such, the reverse sides may feature editorials and propaganda in support of the Union and ridiculing both the South and the pro-reconciliation views of the British, as well as fiction, poetry, and advertisements for patent medicines and sundry other items.

Keywords

Richmond (Va.) -- History

Confederate States of America

Richmond (Va.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Clippings

Maps

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Prisoners and prisons

Richmond (Va.) -- Capital disaster, 1870

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889

McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885

Libby Prison

Arrangement

Subseries 1A: Civil War maps Subseries 1B: Other maps Subseries 2A: Pre-Civil War Richmond Subseries 2B: Richmond in the Civil War Subseries 2C: Campaigns of the Civil War Subseries 2D: Post Civil-War Richmond

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Maps**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/1502**Unit Date** 1861-1895**Sub-Series IA: Civil War Maps****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/1503**Unit Date** 1861-1895**"Richmond and its defences [sic]"****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/1504**Unit Date** 1861**Maps** 1 MS-17 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Material Specification** Tinted map. 1861 in pencil.**"A Topographical Map of Eastern Virginia from Fredericksburg to Virginia"****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/1505**Unit Date** December 27, 1862**Maps** 1 MS-17 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Material Specification** Map, Harper's Weekly, December 27, 1862, p. 821.**Map including Richmond, the James River, the Chickahominy River, and White Oak Swamp****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/1506**Unit Date** 1867**Maps** 1 MS-17 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Material Specification** "Military and Naval History of the Rebellion", W.J. Tenney, p. 248.**"Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1861-1865." Plate XIX.****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/1507**Unit Date** 1895**Maps** 1 MS-17 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Material Specification** Plate XIX. "No. 1. Campaign Maps - Army of the Potomac - Map No. 3 - White House to Harrison's Landing. Prepared by Command of Major General George B. McClellan, USA." Color map. "Series 1. Vol. XI. Part 1. Page 5. and 264."

"Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1861-1865." Plate LXXXI.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1508

Unit Date 1895

Maps 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Material Specification "Accompanying journal of Capt. Jed Hotchkiss, Top Engineer, 2nd Corps, A.N.V.A. Series I, LXIII, Part 1." Color maps. Julius Bien and Co. Lith., New York. Left to right, top to bottom: "No. 1. Map, from Maj. A. H. Campbell's Surveys, Showing the Positions of the Camps and Pickets of the 2nd Corps, A.N.V.A., May 3, 1864, and the Routes of March from May 4th to May 21st, 1864, Battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania C.H., Virginia." "No. 5. Map, from Maj. A. H. Campbell's Surveys, Showing the Routes and Positions of the 2nd Corps, A.N.V.A., from May 21st to May 27th, 1864." "No. 7. Map, from Maj. A. H. Campbell's Surveys, Showing the Routes, Camps, and Positions of the 2nd Corps, A.N.V.A., from May 27th to June 13th, 1864." "No. 11. Map Showing Routes and Camps of the Army of the Valley District from Staunton, Virginia, to Washington, D.C., and back to Strausburg [sic], Virginia, from June 27th to July 22nd, 1864." "No. 99. Wickham's Attack on Federal Cavalry, November 22nd, 1864." "No. 8. Map Showing the Routes and Camps of the 2nd Corps, A.N.V.A., from Gaines' Mill to Lynchburg, Virginia, June 13th to 18th, 1864, and of the Army of the Valley District from Lynchburg to Salem and Staunton, Virginia, June 19th to 27th, 1864." "No. 6. Map, from Maj. A.H. Campbell's Surveys, Showing the Position of the 2nd Corps, A.N.V.A., at Hanover Junction, Virginia, May 22nd to May 27th, 1864."

"Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1861-1865." Plate LXXXVI, number 12 only.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1509

Unit Date 1895

Maps 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Material Specification "Campaign Maps accompanying report of Bvt.Maj.Gen. J.W. Geary, U.S. Army, for the campaign from Goldsborough, N.C., to Washington, D.C." "12. May 9-12 [1865]. No. 6."

Sub-Series IB: Other Maps

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1510

Unit Date 1891-1892

"Virginia and West Virginia"

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1511

Unit Date 1891

Maps 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Material Specification Map. People's Publishing Co.1891 in pencil.

"No. 2. James River Improvement. Comparison of Cross-sections of Randolph Flats taken in 1874 & 1892. To accompany report of 1892"

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1512

Unit Date 1892

Maps 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Material Specification Topographical map.

Series II: Illustrations

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1513

Unit Date 1831-1896

Subseries IIA: Pre-Civil War Richmond

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1514

Unit Date 1831-1853

"Episcopal Church at Richmond Virginia"

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1515

Unit Date 1831

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Material Specification Steel engraving, London.

"Representation of the Equestrian Statue of Washington, at Richmond, Virginia"

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1516

Unit Date April 16, 1853

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Material Specification Hand colored woodcut, Gleason's Pictorial, April 16, 1853.

Subseries IIB: Richmond in the Civil War

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1517

Unit Date 1861-1896

"The Rebel Steamer 'Merrimac', Razeed [sic], and Iron-Clad." "Henrico County Jail, Richmond, Virginia."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1518

Unit Date 1861

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Material Specification Two woodcuts, Harper's Weekly, November 2, 1861. Reverse: pro-Union editorials.

Main title: "The Prisons and Jailers at Richmond."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1519

Unit Date 1862

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Material Specification Sub-titles: "General Wilder." "Lieutenant Todd." "A Prisoner of War." "Sudley Church." "The Rebel Prisons on Main St. Near 25th Street, Richmond, Virginia." "4th Story Prison No. 2, Richmond." Hand-colored woodcuts, Harper's Weekly, February 22, 1862, p. 117.

"The Inauguration at Richmond."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1520

Unit Date 1862

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Material Specification Woodcut (political cartoon of Jefferson Davis), Harper's Weekly, March 15, 1862, p. 176.

"The City of Richmond, Virginia." "Henrico County Jail." "The Capitol at Richmond." "Rebel Prisons on Main, Near Twenty-Fifth Street, Richmond."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1521

Unit Date 1862

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Material Specification Double-page color woodcut, Harper's Weekly, May 31, 1862, pp. 344-345.

"Interior view of Libey [sic] Prison, Richmond, Virginia, Showing the Quarters of the Union Officers Confined There."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1522

Unit Date 1862

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Material Specification Insets: "Captain H. W. Sawyer, 1st, New Jersey" and "Captain Flynn. 71st Indiana." Woodcut. Harper's Weekly, October 17, 1863, p. 689.

"View of Richmond, Virginia, from the Libey [sic] Prison." "How the Rebels Destroy Railroads - Twisting the Rails."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1523

Unit Date 1863

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Material Specification Two woodcuts, Harper's Weekly, October 24, 1863, p. 684.

"View of Richmond, Virginia, from the Prison Camp at Belle Isle, James River."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1524

Unit Date 1896

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Material Specification Color woodcut, [95, penciled in.] Frank Leslie's Illustrated Famous Leaders and Battles of the Civil War (book, also called Frank Leslie's Illustrated History of the Civil War), 1896, p. 430. Reverse: "Blowing Out of the Bulkhead of the Dutch Gap Canal, James River, Virginia, January 1, 1865." Woodcut. P. 429.

Subseries IIC: Campaigns of the Civil War

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1525

Unit Date 1862

"General McClellan's Army on the March Through the Woods from Williamsburg toward Richmond."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1526

Unit Date 1862

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Material Specification Woodcut, Harper's Weekly, June 7, 1862, p. 364. Reverse: news-item about Jefferson Davis' escaped slave coachmen and his account of Mrs. Davis' remarks about how she expected the South to lose the war.

"The Army Before Richmond - General Keyes's Division Crossing the Chickahominy River, May 23, over Bottom's Bridge, and a Supplementary Bridge built by the Engineer Corps of the National Army." "Major J. H. Allen, Provost Marshall of Beaufort, North Carolina." "Heroes in Ebony - the Captors of the Rebel Steamer Planter, Robert Small, W. Morrison, A. Gradine, and John Small." "Lieutenant Colonel E. F. W. Ellis, 15th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1527

Unit Date 1862

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Material Specification Four woodcuts, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, June 21, 1862, p. 180. Reverse: editorials mocking Southern and anti-war British newspapers.

"Rebel Balloon Reconnaissance [sic] from Richmond, Thursday, June 26." "The Battles Before Richmond - Charging of the Jersey Brigade."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1528

Unit Date 1862

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Material Specification Two woodcuts, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, August 2, 1862, p. 293. Reverse: stories and news about the two woodcuts, including an account of "cowardly" farmers firing on the unarmed reconnaissance balloons.

Subseries IID: Post-Civil War Richmond

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1529

Unit Date 1865-1870

"The Mass Meeting Held at Richmond, VA, August 19, 1865."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1530

Unit Date 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Material Specification Woodcut. Harper's Weekly, September 16, 1865, p. 580

"The Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad, Virginia - Train starting out from Richmond." "The James River and Kanawha Canal, Richmond, Virginia."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1531

Unit Date 1865

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Material Specification Hand-colored woodcuts, Harper's Weekly, October 14, 1865, p. 652.

"View of Shockoe Creek Valley, Richmond, Virginia."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1532

Unit Date 1866

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Material Specification Hand-colored woodcut, Harper's Weekly, May 12, 1866, p. 296.

"Ankunft von Jefferson Davis aus Richmond, am 11. Mai 1867 [Arrival of Jefferson Davis in Richmond, on May 11, 1867]."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1533

Unit Date 1866

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Material Specification Woodcut, Frank Leslie's Illustrierte Zeitung [American German-language edition of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper], June 8, 1867.

"Virginia - the Richmond Calamity - Citizens and firemen removing the wounded, the dying and the dead, from the ruins. - Sketch taken from the west side of the Hall of Delegates."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1534

Unit Date 1870

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Material Specification Double-page woodcut: Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, May 14, 1870, pp. 136-137.

"Virginia. - The Terrible Calamity at the State Capitol, City of Richmond, Wednesday, April 27, 1870 - Exterior view of the building - Bringing out the wounded, the dying and the dead."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1535

Unit Date 1870

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Material Specification Woodcut, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, May 14, 1870.

"The Great Flood at Richmond, V.A."

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1536

Unit Date 1870

Graphic Materials 1 MS-17 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Material Specification Double-page, seven woodcuts (plus one of Sedan, France, "during the bombardment"), Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, October 22, 1870, pp. 88-89.