

Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie Papers

Span Dates: 1853-1937

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1853-1914)

ID No.: MSS26674

Creator: Ream, Vinnie, 1847-1914

Creator: Hoxie, R. L. (Richard Leveridge), 1844-1930

Extent: 2,500 items; 9 containers plus 2 oversize; 6 linear feet; 5 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Sculptor Vinnie Ream and her husband, army officer and engineer Richard L. Hoxie.

Correspondence, memoranda, commissions, essays, poetry by Vinnie Ream and Albert Pike, reports, notebooks, biographical data, scrapbooks, clippings, printed material, and memorabilia pertaining chiefly to Ream's work following her commission to execute the statue of Abraham Lincoln now standing in the United States Capitol rotunda.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Bingham, George Caleb, 1811-1879--Correspondence.

Boudinot, Elias A.--Correspondence.

Brandes, Georg Morris Cohen, 1842-1927--Correspondence.

Briggs, Olivia--Correspondence.

Cornell, Ezra, 1807-1874--Correspondence.

Custer, Elizabeth Bacon, 1842-1933--Correspondence.

Early, Jubal Anderson, 1816-1894--Correspondence.

Healy, G. P. A. (George Peter Alexander), 1813-1894--Correspondence.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Statues.

Miller, Joaquin, 1837-1913--Correspondence.

Noyes, Crosby Stuart, 1825-1908--Correspondence.

Pike, Albert, 1809-1891--Correspondence.

Porter, David D. (David Dixon), 1813-1891--Correspondence.

Ream, Vinnie, 1847-1914.

Rollins, James S. (James Sidney), 1812-1888--Correspondence.

Ross, Edmund G. (Edmund Gibson), 1826-1907--Correspondence.

Shepherd, Alexander Robey, 1835-1902--Correspondence.

Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.

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Stevens, Thaddeus, 1792-1868--Correspondence.

Voorhees, Daniel W. (Daniel Wolsey), 1827-1897--Correspondence.

Wheeler, George M. (George Montague), 1842-1905.

Organizations

Geographical Surveys West of the 100th Meridian (U.S.)

United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)

United States. Army. Corps of Engineers.

Subjects

Military engineering.

Race relations.

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)--Washington (D.C.)

Sculpture.

Sherman's March to the Sea.

Statues--Washington (D.C.)

Surveys.

Locations

Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

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

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Related Names

Hoxie, R. L. (Richard Leveridge), 1844-1930. Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie papers (1853-1937)

Occupations

Army officers.

Sculptors.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Vinnie Ream, sculptor, and R. L. Hoxie, army officer and engineer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Ruth Norcross Hoxie in 1923 and converted to a gift in 1930. Further gifts and a purchase were received between 1945 and 1986.

Processing History:

The papers of Ream and Hoxie were processed in 1964 and revised and expanded in 1985 and 1994. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

Transfers:

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Architectural drawings and some photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. A broadside has been transferred to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division. Sheet music has been transferred to the Music Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie Papers.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The papers of Vinnie Ream and R. L. Hoxie are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm:

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on five reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

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Biographical Note

Vinnie Ream

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1847, Sept. 25	Born, Madison, Wis.
circa 1861	Attended Christian College, Columbia, Mo.
1862	Clerkship, United States Post Office Department, Washington, D.C.
1866	Contracted for statue of Abraham Lincoln
1871	Statue of Abraham Lincoln unveiled
1875	Contracted for statue of David Glasgow Farragut
1878	Married Richard L. Hoxie, Lieutenant, U. S. Army
1914, Nov.	Died, Washington, D.C.

R. L. Hoxie

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1844, Aug. 7	Born, New York, N.Y.
1861-1864	Bugler, private, and corporal, First Iowa Cavalry
1864	Cadet, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1868	Second lieutenant, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1878	Married Vinnie Ream (died 1914)
1895	Major, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1898-1907	Member and Engineer Secretary, U.S. Light-House Board, Washington, D.C.
1907	Colonel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1908	Retired as brigadier general
1917	Married May Ruth Norcross
1930, Apr. 30	Died, Miami, Fla.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Vinnie Ream (1847-1914) and Richard Leveridge Hoxie (1844-1930) span the years 1853-1937, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1853-1914. They include correspondence, memoranda, commissions, biographical data, writings, scrapbooks, reports, notebooks, printed matter, and miscellaneous material. The focus is on Ream after she successfully competed for the commission to execute the statue of Abraham Lincoln that now stands in the rotunda of the United States Capitol. Other topics include racial conditions after the Civil War and social life in Washington, D.C., during Reconstruction.

A smaller portion of the collection focuses on Richard L. Hoxie and deals mainly with military and engineering matters, including Hoxie's Civil War service, participation in the Wheeler Expedition of 1872, and career in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Of special importance are two notebooks he kept while on the Wheeler Expedition. Also in the collection is a map said to have been carried by William T. Sherman on his march to the sea during the Civil War.

Among the prominent correspondents are George Caleb Bingham, Elias A. Boudinot, Georg Morris Cohen Brandes, Olivia Briggs, Ezra Cornell, Elizabeth Bacon Custer, Jubal Anderson Early, G. P. A. Healey, Joaquin Miller, Crosby Stuart Noyes, Albert Pike, David D. Porter, James S. Rollins, Edmund G. Ross, Alexander Robey Shepherd, William T. Sherman, Thaddeus Stevens, and Daniel W. Voorhees.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	General correspondence
	Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 21,139
BOX 1 REEL 1	1854-1873
	(14 folders)
BOX 2 REEL 2	1874-1889
	(15 folders)
BOX 3 REEL 3	1890-1927, undated
	(33 folders)
BOX 4 not filmed	Commissions, 1866-1928, undated
	(6 folders)
BOX 5 not filmed	Miscellany
BOX 5 not filmed	Ream, Vinnie, poetry, essays, songs
BOX 5 not filmed	Pike, Albert, poetry and other material
	(2 folders)
BOX 5 not filmed	Clippings and notes
	(2 folders)
BOX 5 not filmed	"Journal from Abroad," 1869-1870
BOX 6 not filmed	Memorabilia and clippings
	(7 folders)
BOX 7 not filmed	<i>Supplemental Report of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War</i> (1866), including loose and inserted clippings, 1866, 1874
BOX 7 not filmed	Scrapbooks
BOX 7 not filmed	Memorabilia, postcards, and photographs
BOX 7 not filmed	Novelettes
BOX 7 not filmed	Magazine articles about Ream
BOX 7 not filmed	Baker, Mrs. Isador
BOX 7 not filmed	"Vinnie Ream Hoxie, Her Statue of Lincoln and Other Work," <i>Midland Monthly</i> , Nov. 1897
BOX 7	"The Ream Statue of Farragut," <i>Gartner's Monthly</i> , May 1899

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not filmed	
BOX 8	Bayard, Mary Temple, "Vinnie Ream Hoxie," <i>Home Monthly</i> , Feb. 1898
REEL 4	
BOX 8	"Vinnie Ream Hoxie," <i>America's Greatest Men and Women</i> , 1894
REEL 4	
BOX 8	Book, <i>Vinnie Ream</i> , "Printed for private distribution only; and to preserve a few souvenirs of artist's life from 1865 to 1878," 1908
REEL 4	
BOX 8	Autograph book, 1869-1894, undated
REEL 4	
BOX 8	Scrapbooks
REEL 4	
BOX 8	1866-1878, undated
REEL 4	
BOX 8	1864-1876, 1901, 1914, undated <u><i>See Oversize</i></u>
not filmed	
BOX 8	Map attested by Hoxie to have been carried by William T. Sherman on his
not filmed	march to the sea <u><i>See Oversize</i></u>
BOX 8	Copy of Emancipation Proclamation <u><i>See Oversize</i></u>
not filmed	
BOX 8	Memorabilia <u><i>See Oversize</i></u>
not filmed	
BOX 9	Richard L. Hoxie material
not filmed	
BOX 9	General correspondence, 1853-1937, undated
not filmed	
	(27 folders)
BOX 9	Notebooks, Wheeler Expedition, 1872, 1872-1873
not filmed	
	(2 vols.)
BOX 9	Clippings
not filmed	
	(3 folders)
BOX 9	Miscellany
not filmed	
REEL 1	Microfilm reproduction of Ream material in papers of the U.S. Architect of the Capitol
	Available only on microfilm. Shelf no. 8,090
BOX OV 1	Oversize
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BOX OV 1	Scrapbook, 1864-1876
not filmed	
BOX OV 2	Map attested by Hoxie to have been carried by William T. Sherman on his
not filmed	march to the sea
BOX OV 2	Copy of Emancipation Proclamation
not filmed	
BOX OV 2	Memorabilia
not filmed	