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Adam Badeau Collection

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Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Ridgewood Public Library: Bolger Heritage Center Staff

Title: Adam Badeau Collection

Dates: 1856-2011 (bulk, 1856-1895)

Quantity: 4 linear ft. (2 mss. boxes), 21 books, 5 objects

Abstract: Adam Badeau was an author, a general during the Civil War, and an American diplomat to several countries. He was most famous for being the military secretary for General Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War. The collection spans from 1856 to 2011 with the bulk of the collection dating 1856 to 1895. It includes letters, articles, newspaper clippings, photography, certificates, invitations, and books. The information that is contained within this collection spans Badeau's whole life including his biography, his time in The Civil War and Post-Civil War, his family, and his death.

Collection No.: Be Ri 35 Badeau

Language: English

Repository: Ridgewood Public Library: Bolger Heritage Center

Adam Badeau History: (December 29, 1831- March 19, 1895)

Adam Badeau was born in NYC on December 29, 1831 and grew up in Tarrytown, NY. Badeau joined the Union army in 1862 and in 1864 was recommended to become a member of Ulysses S. Grant's staff by James H. Wilson. He was the military secretary for

Grant throughout the rest of the Civil War. When Grant became President, he appointed Badeau to be consul general to London from 1870 to 1881. Afterwards, from 1882 to 1884, he was given the position of U.S consul to Cuba. Badeau also wrote many books about Grant such as *The Military History of Ulysses S. Grant Volumes I, II, and III* and *Grant in Peace*, and *From Appomattox to Mount McGregor*. He also wrote books about his diplomatic positions which include *Conspiracy: A Cuban Romance* and *Aristocracy in England*. In 1884, Badeau assisted Grant in putting together his memoirs but there was conflict between the two over money and the role that Badeau played in writing the book. After Grant died, Badeau sued over money that he thought that he deserved for his role in assisting Grant and eventually got paid over \$10,000. In the last years of his life, Badeau moved to Ridgewood, NJ, where he died of apoplexy on March 19, 1895. He is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Tarrytown, New York.

FAMILY

Adam Badeau

Nicholas Badeau- father

Dr. Charles W. Badeau- brother of Adam Badeau

Marie Elise Badeau nee Niles - wife

Rose Amelia- sister of Badeau's wife

George Corsa- adopted son

Kittie Chillman- adopted daughter

Ella F. Cooper- Corsa's heir to his estate

Charles C. Badeau

Helen Cheel

William Cheel - father in law to Helen Cheel

LITERARY CAREER

Edwin Booth

Henry Adams

Charles L. Webster- publisher

CIVIL WAR

Ulysses S. Grant – General and President

Thomas W. Sherman

James H. Wilson

John A. Rawlins

Philip H. Sheridan

Orville E. Babcock

Horace Porter

Ely. S Parker

General Quincy Adams Gillmore

Robert E. Lee

Cyrus B. Comstock

George Meade

William R. Rowley

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Scope and Content Note:

The collection is 4 linear ft housed in two mss. boxes. The entire collection spans the years 1856 to 2011 with the bulk of the information pertaining to the years 1856 to 1895. The type of documents within the collection consist of letters, articles, newspaper clippings, photography, packets, certificates, invitations, books, a hat, a hatbox, a spur, a pillow, a chest full of maps, and a portrait of Grant. The information within the collection was sorted into folders going chronologically through his life. The collection has 7 series: Biography; Civil War; Post-Civil War; Personal Life; Ridgewood Library; Badeau Exhibit; and Objects.

The Biography series has information on the life of Adam Badeau. There are folders on Badeau's biography, his books and writing, his letters, a certificate he received, search results, photos of Badeau, and a bibliography. The series spans the years 1858-2010.

The Civil War series has information that deals with The Civil War and the role that Adam Badeau had in it. There are folders on the war in general, photography, Grant and the people in his staff, and Badeau's rank. The series spans the years 1862 to 2011.

The Post-Civil War series has information on Badeau's life after the Civil War. The folders contain information on Badeau and his diplomatic positions around the world, invitations, his political career, and on the relationship between President Grant and Badeau after the Civil War. The series involves the years 1856 to 2004.

The Personal Life series has information on Badeau which includes his family and his death. There are folders on his wife, his death and funeral, and his will. The series involved the years 1874 to 1994.

The Ridgewood Library series has information on the items that were found within the Library that belonged to Adam Badeau. The folders within the series contain information on the items found, photos of the items, and letters between the Ridgewood Library director and Charles C. Badeau. The series spans the years 1987 to 2005.

The Badeau Exhibit series has information and items that were in the Adam Badeau exhibit that was in June of 1999.

The Objects are the seventh series in this collection. The items within this collection are include a hat and hatbox. There are also 23 books within the collections that reference Badeau including some that Badeau wrote.

Arrangement Note:

The records of Adam Badeau are arranged in the following 7 series and then their subseries:

- I. Biography Files, 1858-2010
 - a. Biography, 1858-2008
 - b. Badeau Bibliography, 1920-2010
 - c. Badeau's Books/Writings, 1870-1889
 - d. Badeau's Letters, 1862-2006
 - e. Badeau Photography
 - f. Certificate for Practicing NY Law, 1856
 - g. City Directories, 1881-1890
 - h. Items for sale, 1901-2000
 - i. Keyword Search Results, 1998
 - j. Photos/Cards
- II. Civil War Files, 1862-2011
 - a. Civil War, 1863-2011
 - b. Badeau Soldier Data, 2008-2009
 - c. Ely S. Parker, 1919-1978
 - d. Grant's Staff, 1864-1865
 - e. James Harrison Wilson, 1936-2006
 - f. Newspaper edited by Badeau, 1862
 - g. Photography
- III. Post-Civil War Files, 1856-2004
 - a. Badeau and Grant, 1865-1988
 - b. Badeau Invitations, 1874-1875
 - c. Consul to other countries, 1875-2004
- IV. Badeau's Personal Life Files, 1874-1994
 - a. Badeau's Family, 1874-1994
 - b. Badeau's Wife, 1897-1991
 - c. Badeau's Will, 1895
 - d. Death/Funeral, 1895

- V. Ridgewood Library Files, 1987-2005
 - a. Items Found in Library, 1987-2005
 - b. Letters between Charles Badeau and Robert Ross, 1991-1993
 - c. Photos of Items Found
- VI. Badeau Exhibit File, June 1999
- VII. Objects Files,
 - a. Badeau's hat
 - b. Badeau's hatbox
 - c. Boot ornament
 - d. Strap
 - e. Pillow
 - f. Trunk full of Civil War maps
 - g. Portrait of Ulysses S. Grant
 - h. Books
 - i. Adam Badeau Carte de Visite Albums (2 albums)
 - ii. Ulysses S. Grant Personal Memoirs
 - iii. The Personal Memoirs of Julia Dent Grant
 - iv. Ulysses S. Grant : Memoirs and Selected Letters : Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant / Selected Letters, 1839-1865
 - v. Grant Takes Command
 - vi. Voyages and Travels or Scenes in Many Lands Volume I
 - vii. Voyages and Travels or Scenes in Many Lands Volume II
 - viii. The Military Souvenir: A Portrait Gallery of Our Military and Naval Heroes
 - ix. Around the World with General Grant: A Narrative of the Visit of General U.S. Grant, Ex-president of the United States, to Various Countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa, in 1877, 1878, 1879. To which are Added Certain Conversations with General Grant on Questions Connected with American Politics and History Volume I
 - x. Around the World with General Grant: A Narrative of the Visit of General U.S. Grant, Ex-president of the United States, to Various Countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa, in 1877, 1878, 1879. To which are Added Certain Conversations with General Grant on Questions Connected with American Politics and History Volume II
 - xi. Military History of Ulysses S. Grant Volume I
 - xii. Military History of Ulysses S. Grant Volume II
 - xiii. Military History of Ulysses S. Grant Volume III
 - xiv. Conspiracy: A Cuban Romance (2 copies)
 - xv. Grant in Peace. From Appomattox to Mount McGregor (3 copies)
 - xvi. Aristocracy in England
 - xvii. Life and Art by Edwin Booth
 - xviii. Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant
 - xix. A Volunteer's Adventure: A Union Captain's Record of the Civil War

Related Material:

For additional information and collections relating to Adam Badeau see outside resources:

James. R. Gilmore- John Hopkins Special Collection

Ulysses S. Grant- The Rosenbach Museum and Library

John Milton Hay- Brown University, Hay Memorial Library

Samuel Hooper- Syracuse University Special Collections

Abraham Lincoln- Yale University Library

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Container List:

This container list provides the titles of the folders that are organized in the collection and their locations in the numbered boxes.

I. Biography Files, 1858-2010

Arrangement: Material is arranged by alphabetical and chronological order.

Summary: The material in this series contains information on Adam Badeau's life. The folders contain photographs, letters, certificates, search results, and articles about the life of Adam Badeau. The papers within the folders are generally articles, newspaper clippings, and photos.

Box	Folder
1	1 Biography, 1858-2008
1	2 Biography—Badeau Bibliography, 1920-2010
1	3 Biography—Badeau's Books/Writings, 1870-1889
1	4 Biography—Badeau's Letters, 1862-2006
1	5 Biography—Badeau Photography
1	6 Biography—Certificate for Practicing NY Law, 1856
1	7 Biography—City Directories, 1881-1890
1	8 Biography—Items for sale, 1901-2000
1	9 Biography—Keyword Search Results, 1998

II. Civil War Files, 1862-2011

Arrangement: Material is arranged by alphabetical and chronological order.
Summary: The material in this series contains information on Adam Badeau's career in the Civil War, and on Ulysses S. Grant and his staff in the Civil War. The papers within the folders are generally articles, newspaper clippings, packets, and photos.

Box	Folder
1	10 Civil War, 1863-2011
1	11 Civil War—Badeau Soldier Data, 2008-2009
1	12 Civil War—Ely S. Parker, 1919-1978
1	13 Civil War—Grant's Staff, 1864-1865
1	14 Civil War—James Harrison Wilson, 1936-2006
1	15 Civil War—Newspaper edited by Badeau, 1862
1	16 Civil War—Photography

III. Post-Civil War Files, 1856-2004

Arrangement: Material is arranged by alphabetical and chronological order.
Summary: The material in this series contains information on Adam Badeau's life after the Civil War which contains information on his political career and Badeau's relationship with President Grant after the Civil War. The papers within the folders are generally articles, newspaper clippings, packets, and photos.

Box	Folder
1	17 Post-Civil War—Badeau and Grant, 1865-1988
1	18 Post-Civil War—Badeau Invitations, 1874-1875
1	19 Post-Civil War—Consul to other countries, 1875-2004

IV. Badeau's Personal Life Files, 1874-1994

Arrangement: Material is arranged by alphabetical and chronological order.
Summary: The material in this series contains information on Adam Badeau's personal life which contains information on Badeau's family and on his death and will. The papers within the folders are generally articles, newspaper clippings, packets, and photos.

Box	Folder
1	20 Personal Life—Badeau's Family, 1874-1994
1	21 Personal Life—Badeau's Wife, 1897-1991
1	22 Personal Life—Badeau's Will, 1895
1	23 Personal Life— Death/Funeral, 1895

V. Ridgewood Library Files, 1987-2005

Arrangement: Material is arranged by alphabetical and chronological order.
Summary: The material in this series contains information on the items that were found within the Ridgewood Library that belonged to Adam Badeau. Also within the files are letters between Charles C. Badeau and Robert D. Ross who was the Director of Ridgewood Library at the time. The papers within the folders are generally articles, newspaper clippings, packets, and photos.

Box	Folder
1	24 Ridgewood Library—Items Found in Library, 1987-2005
1	25 Ridgewood Library—Letters between Charles Badeau and Robert Ross, 1991-1993
1	26 Ridgewood Library—Photos of Items Found

VI. Badeau Exhibit Files, June 1999

Arrangement: Material is arranged by alphabetical and chronological order.
Summary: The material in this series contains information on the Badeau Exhibit that was held in June of 1999. The papers within the folders are photos, newspaper clippings, articles, and scraps of information on Badeau.

Box	Folder
1	27 Badeau Exhibit, June 1999

VII. Objects Files

Arrangement: Material is arranged within the archives.

Summary: The object files series consists of a hat, a hatbox, a boot ornament, a strap, a pillow, a chest containing Civil War maps, a portrait of Grant, and 23 books. The series is housed with the archives since the materials are too large to maintain in container boxes.

Box	Folder
2	Adam Badeau Carte de Visite Album
2	Folder containing individual Carte de Visite Cards
2	Boot Ornament
2	Strap
2	Wire from Badeau's hat

VIII. Objects Files within the Library

Arrangement: Material is arranged within the archives.

Summary: The object files series consists of a hat, a hatbox, a boot ornament, a strap, a pillow, a chest containing Civil War maps, a portrait of Grant, and 21 books. The series is housed with the archives since the materials are too large to maintain in container boxes.

<u>Object</u>	<u>Location</u>
Trunk with maps	Art Studio within Library
Portrait of Grant	Map drawer in Archives
Books	On shelf to the right of boxes
Hat	On shelf to the left of boxes
Hatbox	On shelf to the left of boxes
Pillow	On shelf to the left of boxes