

# A.P. Dennison papers, 1855-1870

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Dennison, A. P., 1824-1896
<b>Title</b>	<a href="#">A.P. Dennison papers</a>
<b>Dates</b>	1855-1870 (inclusive) 1855 1870
<b>Quantity</b>	0.5 linear feet, (2 containers) : 1 clamshell box, Photograph container
<b>Collection Number</b>	A 177
<b>Summary</b>	Originally from Maine, A. P. Dennison (1824-1896) held numerous minor political offices in the Oregon Territory, including Adjutant General. The papers consist of receipts, letters of appointment, reports, and a bound scrapbook.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.</a> UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 <a href="mailto:spcarref@uoregon.edu">spcarref@uoregon.edu</a>
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<b>Additional Reference Guides</b>	<a href="#">See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.</a>
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

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## Historical Note

A native of Bath, Maine, Ammi Prince Dennison (1824-1896) travelled to California in 1849 and moved to Oregon in 1852. He settled a claim on the west bank of Willamette River adjacent to that of John H. Couch & D.H. Lownsdale.

Dennison was receptive to political appointments and election to minor offices. He served as Indian Agent at The Dalles, City Recorder of Portland, and Adjutant General of Oregon.

## Content Description

The papers consist of receipts, deeds, letters of appointment, and a "Biennial Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Oregon" (1872), when Dennison held that office. There is also a scrapbook of clippings and election tickets, and unidentified photographs.

The scrapbook includes a Washington Territory broadside, The Political Views and Opinions of Selucius Garfield, Delegate in Congress from Washington Territory, as Expressed by Himself in Writing, Nov. 28, 1866 (Olympia, W.T., 1869), a letter from Garfield to James W. Nesmith.

Photographs (cartes de visite) in this collection were separated from their original location for preservation purposes. They are filed under call number PH228. Cartes de visite include portraits of women, children, pictures of mechanical devices.

## Administrative Information

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Indian agents--Oregon

Pioneers--Oregon

Pioneers--Oregon Territory--Correspondence

### Personal Names :

Dennison, A. P., 1824-1896

Nesmith, James Willis, 1820-1885--Correspondence

### Corporate Names :

Oregon. Adjutant-General's Office--Records and correspondence

### Geographical Names :

Oregon Territory--Militia

Oregon Territory--Politics and government

Washington Territory--Politics and government

### Form or Genre Terms :

Cartes de visite

Clippings

Correspondence

Deeds

Photographs

Receipts (financial records)

Reports

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