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Summary

Main entry:	Tilden, Samuel Jones
Title:	Samuel J. Tilden Papers, 1785 - 1929 (bulk 1832 - 1886)
Size:	49.4 linear feet (99 boxes, 13 volumes)
Source:	Received from the Tilden Estate and Trust with additional purchases.
Abstract:	Samuel J. Tilden (1814-1886) served as Governor of New York, 1875-1876, and was the Democratic nominee for the Presidency in 1876. Tilden began his career as a corporate lawyer; he served as Corporate Counsel for the City of New York, as a member of the New York State Assembly, and as Chairman of the Democratic National Convention. Monies from his estate contributed to the founding of The New York Public Library. His papers document his political and legal career and are comprised primarily of correspondence, political and legal files, financial documents, writings, speeches, and personal papers dating from 1785 - 1929 (bulk 1832 - 1886).
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Provenance note

The bulk of the collection was recieved from the Tilden Estate and Trust between 1903 and 1930 at the direction of John Bigelow, Andrew H. Green, and George W. Smith, executors of the Tilden Estate. Tilden's trustees and executors were "empowered to burn and destroy any of [my] letters, papers, or other documents, whether printed or in manuscript, which in their judgment will answer no useful purpose to preserve." New York State historian and Tilden biographer Alexander C. Flick noted in 1939 that the papers had been "carefully sifted four times by the executors to exclude everything derogatory to Tilden." The collection was open for use for many decades before being formally accessioned by the Manuscripts Division in 1986 by Charles Kronick. The papers were fully processed in 2009 by Kit Messick.

Related materials note

Bryant-Godwin papers, 1804-1913, bulk. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

Alexander Clarence Flick papers, ca. 1830-1938. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

George Bancroft Papers, 1823-1890. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

John Bigelow papers, 1839-1912. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

Tilden Trust records, 1878-1938. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

Biographical note

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Born in New Lebanon, New York, in 1814, Tilden was the 5th son of Elam Tilden, a shopkeeper, pharmacist, and postmaster prominent in Democratic politics. Samuel showed a precocious interest in politics, and through his father, made the acquaintance of Martin Van Buren, who would later become a friend and supporter. Van Buren encouraged Tilden's burgeoning political aspirations, and he developed a reputation as a skilled writer and speechmaker by his early twenties.

Tilden first entered public office in 1843, at the age of 27, when he was appointed Corporation Counsel for the City of New York. His candidacy received support from the network of Democratic Party members he had cultivated since his earliest days in politics, and he won the nomination by 20 out of 26 votes. However, his tenure was short-lived; in 1844, Mayor James Harper took office and removed individuals he deemed hostile to his administration. Tilden ran unsuccessfully for the office of Attorney General in 1855.

Throughout the 1850s and 1860s, Tilden largely took leave of politics to focus on his legal career. His practice proved both popular and lucrative, although he took many cases pro bono. A shrewd businessman as well as a skilled lawyer, Tilden excelled particularly in the field of corporate law. Among his well-known cases are the defense of the Pennsylvania Coal Company against the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company; the complaint of the Cumberland Coal & Iron Company against its board of directors; the contested 1856 election for state comptroller between John S. Giles and Azariah C. Flagg; the Cunningham-Burdell murder case in 1857; and a subsequent related suit over Dr. Burdell's estate

In the years leading up to the Civil War, the Wilmot Proviso on the prohibition of slavery in newlyacquired territories proved a hot-button issue for the Democratic Party, ultimately leading to a schism between the conservative "Hunkers" and the radical "Barnburners." Tilden, along with Martin and John Van Buren, supported the Barnburners, and assisted in composing the *Barnburner Address* repudiating the nomination of Lewis Cass as the Democratic candidate for the presidency. The Barnburners allied themselves with Whigs and Abolitionists to form the Free-Soil Party, which ran Martin Van Buren as a third-party candidate and defeated Cass.

Tilden had been elected to the New York State Assembly in 1846, and returned to the legislature in 1872. He used his position to take on corruption in state government, most notably through the impeachment of New York State Supreme Court Justices George G. Barnard, Albert Cardozo, and John H. McCunn. This, coupled with his investigation into corruption within the U.S. Customs House, presaged Tilden's most notable political achievement: the exposure and prosecution of the Tweed Ring.

William M. "Boss" Tweed was a fixture in New York State and Tammany Hall politics from the 1850s until his death in 1878. His first recorded act of misconduct, the bribery of an election supervisor, took place in 1858, and by 1859 he had become Grand Sachem of the most powerful political machine in the nation. In 1870, he was appointed commissioner of public works, and the influence of his "Ring" began to spread. With the assistance of Parks Commissioner Peter B. Sweeney, Controller Richard B. Connelly, and Mayor A. Oakey Hall, Tweed was able to exert enormous control over city politics -- as well as taxpayer funds-- through bribery, embezzlement, and kickbacks. When Tweed introduced a new city charter which would further consolidate the Ring's power, Tilden, as chairman of the Democratic State Committee, denounced him and began a pitched battle to disable the Ring and end Tweed's corrupt practices. Canvassing the banks where Tweed and his cohorts passed checks and

held accounts, Tilden analyzed the finances of the Ring, and obtained legal proof its malfeasance, bringing an end to one of the most corrupt political administrations in the history of the United States.

Tilden's successful prosecution of the Tweed Ring and service in the State Assembly paved the way for his nomination as the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1874 against respected Republican incumbent Gen. John A. Dix. Tilden won the popular vote by a margin of 50,000. His work in exposing fraud in the state canal system furthered his reputation as a reform-minded governor and an outspoken opponent of political corruption, and increased his popularity with the public at large. However, his reform efforts were often hampered by antagonism from the Republican majority in the State Legislature.

Tilden served as a delegate to the 1864 and 1868 Democratic National Conventions, and as New York Democratic State Chair from 1872-1882. Having demonstrated his skills as a reformer, he easily won the Democratic nomination for the presidency in 1876. He won the popular vote and collected 184 electoral votes to 165 for Republican candidate Rutherford B. Hayes. 20 electoral votes remained uncounted and in dispute. After these votes were awarded to Hayes -- thus giving him the election -- Tilden and the Democratic Party went to great lengths to uncover evidence of fraud in the Electoral College. Ultimately, Tilden conceded the election.

Tilden was proposed as a potential Democratic candidate in 1880 and again in 1884, but declined both times, citing poor health. He soon withdrew from public service, though he remained a confidant and advisor to many of his fellows.

He died at Graystone, his country house in Yonkers, on August 4, 1886. In the years following his death, a bitter struggle over his estate ensued between his trustees and his heirs-at-law over the provision of the will that the bulk of the estate be used for the creation of a free library and reading room in New York City. The free library was ultimately established, and later became The New York Public Library.

Scope and content note

The Samuel J. Tilden papers, dating from 1785 - 1929 (bulk 1832 - 1886), emphasizes Tilden's public life and works rather than his private life. Correspondence comprises a significant portion of the collection as a whole, reaching from his student days through his death in 1886, and following the arc of his career from student to veteran politician. Family correspondence focuses on his father, Elam, and on his nephew, Col. William Tilden Pelton. The General correspondence represents a full roster of political, social, and financial luminaries, and covers an extensive range of topics. The legal series contains case files and related material illustrating the highlights of Tilden's legal career, while his stint as Counsel for the Corporation is documented in a limited fashion through official documentation of violations of city ordnances.

Tilden's activities with the Democratic Republican Party and Free-Soil movement are given little coverage. His efforts to curb political corruption are presented in the New York State Assembly files, and the fall of the Tweed Ring is recorded through financial and legal documentation. Gubernatorial files relate to his executive and legislative activities, and contain reports, statistics, petitions, and drafts of assembly bills. The prosecution of the Canal Ring receives particular attention. The contested Presidential Election of 1876 does not receive significant coverage beyond Tilden's correspondence with his confederates, and in the records of voting returns from the Electoral College.

Tilden often maintained multiple iterations of his written works and speeches, although this collection is not a definitive record of his writings. Many manuscript drafts and revisions have been preserved, but some works are represented only by published reprints.

Tilden's personal papers contain little to illuminate his life or interests outside the political sphere. Material consists predominantly of financial and legal documents, and a small quantity of school work and juvenilia. Family papers contain early deeds and printed matter dating prior to Tilden's birth, but are mainly comprised of genealogical research.

Arrangement note

The Samuel J. Tilden Papers are organized in the following series:

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Series X. Writings and Speeches, ca. 1820s - 1886, n.d.
Series XI. Personal papers, 1785 - 1929

Series descriptions and container list

Box Fol Series I. Correspondence, 1810 - 1919, n.d.

35 boxes, 14.5 linear feet

This series, the largest and most comprehensive in the collection, includes Family Correspondence, General Correspondence, and Subject Files generated throughout the course of Tilden's legal and political career. The vast majority of the correspondence relates to his professional life. The General Correspondence is strong in documentation of Tilden's political career, but contains few insights into his personal life. Representation of Tilden's term as Counsel of the Corporation is limited to one folder. Tweed Ring material covers Tilden's investigation into the corrupt political machine through communications with colleagues, bankers, and members of the Ring. New York State Assembly Correspondence is notable for its coverage of the impeachment of New York State Supreme Court judges. Gubernatorial Correspondence includes material relating to the dismantling of the Canal Ring, material relating to state legislation, and a significant quantity of letters from Tilden's constituents. Subject files refer to files of correspondence segregated by Tilden relating to specific topics, such as canals and coastal defense.

I. A. Family, 1810 - 1886, n.d.

Family correspondence dates from 1810, prior to Tilden's birth, and continues through his death in 1886. His close relationships with family members are evident in the Family Correspondence, though this material tends to specifically reflect Tilden's youth and early adulthood. Letters between Samuel and his father, Elam, and between Samuel and his brother Moses are prevalent; also included are letters from other siblings, aunts and cousins. Of particular note is a folder of correspondence belonging to Tilden's nephew, Col. William Tilden Pelton. Appointed by his uncle to the position of military secretary during Tilden's term as governor, and later to the management of his presidential campaign, Pelton fell from grace during the vote-buying scandal of the "cipher dispatch conspiracy." The Pelton folder contains letters exchanged with Tilden, as well as with individuals involved in Tilden's and Pelton's political career in the 1860s and 1870s. Lastly, this series contains some drafts of Tilden's outgoing letters, though the recipients of these letters are not identified, and many exist only in fragmented form.

1	1	Barnes, Henrietta, 1833 - 1834
	2	Barnes, Julia, 1834 - 1839, n.d.
	3	Barnes, Parthenia, 1832 - 1844, n.d.
	4	Doubleday, Cynthia, 1828, 1847
	5	Jones, John Patterson, 1832, 1841 - 1846
	6 - 7	Pelton, Mary B. (Tilden), 1832 - 1850, 1884, n.d.
	8	Pelton, William Tilden, 1861 - 1878, n.d.
	9	Tilden, Caroline M., 1882
	10-14	Tilden, Elam, 1810 - 1834
2	1-9	Tilden, Elam, 1835 - 1840
3	1-5	Tilden, Elam, 1840 - 1842, n.d.
	6	Tilden, George F., 1832 - 1835
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	8	Tilden, Henrietta, 1830, 1835 - 1839, n.d.
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- 9 Tilden, Henry A., 1832 1885, n.d.
- 10 Tilden, J.B., 1838, 1844
- 11 Tilden, Mary, 1883

- 3 12-13 Tilden, Moses Younglove, 1832 1839
- 4 1-3 Tilden, Moses Younglove, 1840 1869, n.d.
 - 4 Tilden, Polly Younglove (Jones), 1833 1852, n.d.
 - 5 Tilden, Samuel D., 1876

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- 6-8 Tilden, Samuel J. unidentified drafts, 1833 1883, nd
- 9 Tilden, Samuel Jones Junior, 1885 1886
- 10 Tylden, Elanore, undated
- 11 Tylden, Harriet, 1878, 1881 1886
- 12 Tylden, Richard, 1884
- 13 Tylden, William, 1884
- 14 Ward, Henry Dana Artemas, 1841 1876
- 15 West, M.P., 1835 1836
- 16 Younglove, Polly Patterson, 1835, 1843, n.d.
- 17 Unidentified aunt, 1832 1846, n.d.

I. B. General, 1830 - 1919, n.d.

General correspondence is arranged alphabetically by last name. The bulk of the correspondence dates from the height of Tilden's public career in the 1860s through the 1880s. Not surprisingly, it emphasizes Tilden's political connections through exchanges with local power brokers, state party members, and national representatives. Tilden's social relations are documented through his correspondence with William Cullen Bryant, Montgomery Blair, Charles A. Dana, Abram S. Hewitt, Francis Kernan, Daniel Manning, Daniel Magone, Manton Marble, Charles O'Conor, Samuel J. Randall, Dean Richmond, Horatio Seymour, and John and Martin Van Buren. Correspondence and letterpress books belonging to George W. Smith, Tilden's confidential secretary from 1866 until his death, are also notable for their scope, and contain many letters and responses written by Smith on Tilden's behalf.

Tilden communicated regularly with New York City mayors Fernando Wood, John T. Hoffman, A.Oakey Hall (later vilified by Tilden as a member of the Tweed Ring), William F. Havemeyer, William Wickham, and others. Exchanges with Democratic National Committee chair August Belmont; with fellow New York State Assembly members Smith M. Weed and William B. Ogden; and with New York State Lieutenant Governors William Dorsheimer and Allen C. Beach are all notable representations of Tilden's affiliation with New York politicians, as are his communications with his predecessors in Albany, Governors Silas Wright, Horatio Seymour, and John A. Dix.

The activities of Tammany Hall, of which Tilden was a longstanding member, are documented both prior to and following the Tweed Ring scandal through mailings and circulars, as well as through correspondence with Grand Sachems Isaac Vanderbuck Fowler, John Morrissey, John "Honest John" Kelly, and Augustus Schell. Also included in the General Correspondence files are letters to and from Tammany members who would later fall into disgrace, including Peter B. Sweeney, Richard Connolly, and William M. "Boss" Tweed himself.

As Tilden's career advanced beyond the New York arena, his political network extended to include figures of national prominence, including Democratic National Committee Chair Robert M. McLane and delegate Benjamin F. Butler; U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Hugh McCullough, U.S. Secretary of War Daniel S. Lamont; U.S. Attorney General Jeremiah Black; Senator William Bigler; and William Maxwell Evarts, who served as counsel to Rutherford B. Hayes during the election of 1876. During the years of Reconstruction, Tilden also corresponded regularly with Union Army Generals-cum-politicians George B. McClellan, Henry Warner Slocum, and Wager Swayne.

Tilden's long-standing association with his fellow lawyers and jurists are reflected in his correspondence with his law partner Nelson J. Waterbury; his predecessor in the New York State Assembly Amasa Parker; American Bar Association president William Allen Butler; Attorney General Edwards Pierrepont; Supreme Court Justice Noah Haynes Swayne; and his compatriot in the prosecution of the Tweed Ring, Wheeler H. Peckham.

Many industrialists known to Tilden through his financial endeavors are present in this series, including S.L.M Barlow, Peter Cooper, Azariah C. Flagg (whom Tilden represented both in corporate and political lawsuits), Jay Gould, Abram S. Hewitt, Howard Potter, merchant seaman Robert B. Minturn, and Henry Fox Taintor, Tilden's "partner in war" on the Tammany Ring.

A respected writer and orator, Tilden cultivated relationships with a number of distinguished authors and journalists, including Poultney Bigelow, Anthony Bleecker, George Ticknor Curtis, Horace Greeley, Louise Livingston Hunt, Joseph Pulitzer, and economist David A. Wells, whose views on taxation informed Tilden's own assessments on the subject. Other prominent figures appearing in Tilden's correspondence include epicurean and lobbyist Samuel Cutler Ward; charity worker Louisa Lee Schuyler, inventor Samuel F. B. Morse, and his socialite daughter Leila Morse Rummel.

Additional letters from many of Tilden's political compatriots may be found elsewhere in the General Correspondence series, particularly within the Tweed Ring, New York State Assembly, and Gubernatorial correspondence. These files were maintained separately from the General correspondence files.

1	Abbett, Leon, 1884
2	Abbott, Frank, 1874
3	Abbot, Fred K., 1885 - 1886
4	Abbot, J. G., 1875 -1878
5	Abbry, R., 1868
6	The Academy of Music, 1879
7	Adams, Charles Francis, 1876 - 1877
8	Adams, Henry, 1883
9	Adams, John Quincy, 1868
10	Agan, A. H., 1855, 1875
11	Agnew, John T., 1839 - ca. 1846
12	Airlie (first name unknown), 1864, 1868
13	Aleshire, Charles C., 1877
14	Alexander, Henry M., 1876
15	Alfred, Frank H., 1880
16	Allen, Ethan A., 1876
17	Allen, Horatio, 1849
18	Allen, Stephen, 1846
19	Allen, William F., 1849, 1864 - 1872
20	Alley, Saul, 1846
21	Alwood, Thomas G., 1855, 1875
22	Ames, Oakes, 1867 - 1872
23	Anderson, Charles E., 1842
24	Andrews, J.D., 1861 (Transcription only)
25	Andrews, W. C., 1875
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	33	Avery, J. T., 1830
	34	Ayer, Harriet Hubbard, 1883
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	36	Bache, Franklin, 1841
	37	Bacon, Daniel P., 1830, 1832
	38	Bacon, Marshal J., 1838 - 1839
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	40	Baiber, J., 1856
	41	Bailey, E. Prentiss, 1874
	42	Baker, George C., 1866
	43	Baldwin, George V. N., 1879
	44	Bancroft, George, 1864 - 1869, 1881 - 1886
	45	Bangs, N.D., 1871 - 1875
	46	Bar Association of Albany, 1868
	47	Bar Association of New York City, 1876
	48	Barbour, John M., 1841, 1861, 1876
	49	Baring, Thomas, 1884
	50	Barlow, Francis C., 1871 - 1876, 1886
	51	Barlow, S. L. M. (Samuel Latham Mitchill), 1860 - 1879
	52	Barnard, Frederick A. P., 1874
	53	Barnes, James, 1875
	54	Barnes, George T., 1880
	55	Barnes, William Henry Linow, 1861
	56	Barney, Hiram, 1861, 1875 - 1876
	57	Barnum, Henry A., 1858, 1865 - 1886, n.d.
	58	Barr, James P., 1879
	59	Barrow, Eustace, 1864
	60	Bartlett, Joseph J., 1874
	61	Bartlett, William O., 1878 - 1881
	62	Bass, George W., 1877
	63	Bates, B., 1846
	64	Bates, J. F., 1878
	65	Bauer, Charles Henry, 1876
	66	Bayard, Thomas F., 1871, 1876
	67	Baylor, R., 1875
6	1	Beach, Allen C., 1868 - 1879
0	2	Beach, William C., 1875
	3	Beardsley, A.M., 1845
	4	Beardsley, C.S., 1882
	5	Bech, Friedrich, undated
	6	Bedford, Gunning J., 1872 - 1884, n.d.
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	8	Bedient, J. J., ca. 1839 Bedle, Joseph Dorsett, 1876 - 1877
	9	Beebe, G. M., 1870, 1872, 1875
	10	Beekman, J. P. (John Pruyn), 1848 - 1857
	11	Beerling, August, 1886
	12	Bell (first name unknown), 1880
	13	Belmont, Alva Vanderbilt, 1883
	14	Belmont, August, 1860 - 1877
	15	Belmont, Perry, 1875

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	24	Bragg, John, 1876	
	25	Bramhall, Charles, 1831 - 1833	
	26	Brawley, William H., 1876	
	27 28	Breckenridge, William C., 1883	
	20	Brennan, Thomas S., 1870 Bright, R. J., 1874	
	30	Bristol, Wheeler H., 1875	
	31	Broadhead, James O., 1884 - 1886	
	32	Bromley, B.O., Ca. 1865	
	33	Brooks, Erastus, 1866 - 1868	
	34	Brooks, James, 1862 - 1872	
	35	Browere, A.D.O., 1880	
	36	Brown, Charles P., 1844 - 1845, undated	
	37	Brown, Julius, 1880 - 1884	
	38	Brown, Thomas, 1879	
	39	Brown, W. L., 1885	
	40	Brown, William J., 1847	
	41	Bruguiere Brothers, 1855	
	42	Bryant, Andrew Jackson, 1875 - 1876, n.d.	
	43	Bryant, Carolan O'Brien, 1875 - 1880	
	44	Bryant, F. F., 1880	
	45	Bryant, Julia, 1860, 1876	
	46	Bryant, William Cullen, 1846 - 1878, 1885, n.d.	
	47	Buchanan, James, 1857	
	48	Buchanan, R. D., 1882	
	49	Buckalow, C.R., 1871	
	50	Bucknor, C. B., 1859	
	51	Burke, John M., 1875	
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	59	Burt, Addison M., 1846	
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 - 36 Zborowski, Marton, 1875
 - 36-37 Unidentified, 1828 1888, undated

27 38 I. C. Counsel of the Corporation , 1839 - 1844, n.d.

One folder of letters sent and received by Tilden in his official capacity as Corporate Counsel for the City of New York. Most letters relate to requests for political appointments, including letters of reference and recommendation for potential appointees. Additional records relating to the Counsel of the Corporation may be found in Series II.

28 1-8 I. D. Tweed Ring, 1870 - 1872 March

Correspondence relating to the Tweed Ring consists mainly of letters and telegrams between Tilden, his compatriots, and bank officers involved in the investigation of the Tweed Ring's accounting practices, as well as communications with some of the individuals charged with malfeasance. Notable correspondents include A. Oakey Hall, Henry A. Richmond, Allen C. Beach, John Van Buren, William F. Havermeyer, and Charles O'Conor. Additional material relating to the Tweed Ring may be found in Series VI.

I. E. New York State Assembly, 1867 - 1872

Correspondence relating to Tilden's activities as a member of the State Legislature, particularly the impeachment of New York State Supreme Court Justices George G. Barnard, Albert Cardozo, and John McCunn; and an investigation into allegations of fraud within the Fire Commission. Additional material relating to the New York State Assembly may be found in Series VII.

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Fire commissioners investigation, 1872 - 1876 Judicial misconduct, 1872

I. F. Gubernatorial, 1874 - 1876

Gubernatorial Correspondence falls into three categories: correspondence relating to the exposure and disbandment of the Canal Ring; Constituent letters; and letters relating to legislation proposed during Tilden's term in office. Canal ring correspondence covers appointments to the Canal Investigating Commission, and letters discussing the discovery and prosecution of fraud within the state canal system. Proposed legislation is arranged by topic, and includes correspondence regarding bills proposed in the areas of prisons and asylums, city assessments, charter reform, education, emigration, public works, and railways and transportation. Also included is a file of letters received by Tilden from prison inmates or their families requesting pardons. Constituent

letters from the public at large comprise the largest portion of the Gubernatorial Correspondence, and range from requests for pictures and autographs to letters of support and encouragement during the 1876 election, with occasional offers of physical violence or civil disobedience on his behalf. Additional material relating to Tilden's time in office may be found in Series VIII.

10 Canal Ring, 1867 - 1878, n.d. 28 29 1-5 Canal Ring, 1867 - 1878, n.d. Constituent letters, 1875 - 1876 Nov 6-13 30 1-11 Constituent letters, 1876 Nov - 1878 Constituent letters, 1879 - 1886 31 1-5 Proposed legislation, 1874 - 1876 6-11 General legislative correspondence, 1874 - 1876 32 1 Adulterated milk bill, 1875 May - Jun 2 Asylums, 1874 Dec - 1876 Apr 3 Binghampton Inebriate Asylum, 1876 Jan - Feb Brooklyn assessment bills, 1875 Apr - Jun 4 5 Buffalo reassessment bill, 1875 Apr - May 6 Charter reform, 1875 Dec - 1876 Feb 7 Clinton County fisheries, 1875 May - Jun 8 Court session efficiency bill, 1875 Apr - May Disbandement of 79th Regiment, 1875 Dec 9 10 Docks, wharves and slips, 1875 Apr - May Education, 1875 Apr - Dec 11 12 Emigration, 1874 Nov -Dec; 1875 May - Nov 13 Greenpoint ferry bill, 1875 May - Jun 14 Greenwich Elevated Railroad, 1874 Oct, 1875 Feb - May 15 Hay bailing bill, 1875 Mar - Apr 16 Insurance, 1875 May - Nov 17 Manhattan Loan & Trust Company, 1875 Jun 18 Monroe County treasurer's bill, 1875 May - Jun New Brighton dock bill, 1875 May - Jun 19 New capitol building, 1875 Jan - May 20 21 New York sheriff's bill, 1875 Jun 22 Old Soldiers claims, 1875 Nov - 1876 Mar 23 Pardons requested, 1875 - 1876 24 Pilotage bill, 1875 May 25 Police and Police justices bill, 1875 May - Jun Prisons and prison reform, 1874 Nov - 1876 Mar 33 1 2 Proposed municipal college in Central Park, 1875 May 3 Public works bill, 1875 Feb 4 Railroads and railway transportation, 1874 - 1876 5 Riverside Avenue bill, 1875 Jan, 1876 May - Jun 6 Rochester charter amendments, 1876 Feb 7 Safe deposit bill, 1875 Apr - Jun 8 Salt springs, 1875 Apr - Dec

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- 9 Seneca Falls charter, 1875 Apr
- 10 Topographical survey, 1875 Dec
- 11 Utica extension, 1875 Feb May
- 12 Washington Ironworks bill, 1875 Feb Mar
- 13 West Point bill, 1875 Mar May

I. G. Subject files, 1841 - 1986 n.d.

Includes correspondence with booksellers; a file of political circulars received; and a file of letters relating to coastal defense, though this topic is also covered at length in General Correspondence with John Newton, William Henry Jacques, and Samuel Randall. Also retained are letters from the general public soliciting Tilden's patronage.

Booksellers and publishers

33	14	Barrie, George, 1880
	15	Beatty & Stevenson, 1884
	16	Bibliopole/Henry K. Van Siclen, 1885 - 1886
	17	Brentano Brothers, 1882 - 1886
	18	Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co., 1882
	19	The Century Company, 1883
	20	D. Lothrop & Co., 1886
	21	Estes & Lauriat, 1881 - 1884
	22	G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1879 - 1885
	23	Grant, F. E., 1880 - 1884
	24	J. & G. H. Langley, 1841
	25-28	J.W. Bouton Booksellers, 1860 - 1881
34	1	Joel Munsell's Sons, 1885 - 1886
	2	Little, Brown & Co.
	3	Littlefield, George E., 1884
	4	R. Worthington Publishers, 1884, 1886
	5	Scribner & Welford/Scribner's Sons, 1877, 1882 - 1886
	6	Smith, Mrs. G. C., 1886
	7	Van Nostrand, D., 1886
	8-10	Miscellaneous booksellers and publishers, 1876 - 1886
	11	Calling cards, undated
	12-14	Canals, 1874 - 1876
	15-17	Circulars received, 1840 - 1885; n.d.
35	1	Coastal defense, 1885 - 1886
	2	Genealogical research, 1852 - 1886
	3	Greystone Jersey cattle, 1879 - 1882
		Railroads
	4	Chicago & Great Northern Railway, 1885
	5	Chicago & Great Western Railway, 1865
	6	Illinois Central Railroad Co., 1874
	7	Metropolitan Railway, 1875
	8	Montclair & Greenwood Lake Railway Co., 1878
	9-11	Solicitation letters, 1854 - 1886, n.d.

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Series II. Counsel of the Corporation, 1839 - 1844, n.d.

3 boxes, 2 volumes; 1.5 linear feet

Tilden was appointed Corporation Counsel for the city of New York in 1843, though he was removed in 1844 when Mayor James Harper took office.

Documentation of the office of Corporation Counsel for the City of New York includes fines for violations of city ordinances; complaints lodged against individuals charged with weighing articles without a weighmaster's appointment; lists of summonses returnable to various judges; subpoenas; and registers of monies received by Tilden on behalf of the Corporation Counsel. Additional records relating to the Counsel of the Corporation may be found in Series I.

- 35 12-13 Legal documents and receipts, 1839 1843
- 36 1-8 Legal documents and receipts, 1843 1844, n.d.
- 9 Log of judgments obtained, 1843 1844

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- Cash book, 1843 1844
- 4 Complaint book, 1843 1844

Series III. Legal Files, 1832 - 1891, n.d.

20 boxes, 3 volumes; 8.6 linear feet

In the 1850s and 1860s, Tilden left politics to focus on his legal career and became a celebrated corporate lawyer, often serving as counsel for major railroads and coal companies.

The Legal series is comprised mainly of case files, transcripts of testimonies, drafts of Tilden's arguments, and other administrative documents relating to his cases. Material covering various corporate cases is also present, demonstrating not only Tilden's expertise in the area of corporate law, but his personal interest in the industries through which he made his personal fortune. Material is arranged chronologically by case.

III. A. Delaware & Hudson Canal Company vs. Pennsylvania Coal Company, 1832 - 1864

In a breach of contract suit brought by the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company against the Pennsylvania Coal Company, Tilden represented the defendant, and secured a victory through analysis of statistics proving that enlarged canals increased, rather than decreased, the time and expenses incurred by the coal company in transporting their goods.

Includes correspondence; case files containing figures, statistics, historical documentation of both companies involved in the suit, and legal documents generated over the course of the case; arguments from defense counsel; notes and drafts relating to Tilden's arguments; and printed reports from the canal and coal companies.

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 Correspondence, 1846 1863, n.d.

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- 3-6 Case files, ca. 1850s 1860s
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 Case files, ca. 1850s 1860s
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 Arguments, 1863, n.d.
- 40 1-8 Arguments, 1863, n.d.
- 41 1-3 Arguments, 1863, n.d. 4-7 Draft material, 1863
- 42 1-3 Printed material, 1832 1864, n.d.

III. B. Cumberland Coal & Iron Company vs. Sherman, Dean & Postle, 1840 - 1863, n.d.

Tilden represented the Cumberland Coal & Iron Company when it brought suit against members of its board. The suit claimed the board had authorized Allen M. Sherman, company president, to sell a large portion of its mining lands at an undervalued price to a holding company in which Sherman, along with board members William B. Dean and S.B. Postley, held a significant financial interest.

Consists of correspondence; drafts of Tilden's points for the plaintiff and related notes, research on legal precedents and related court decisions; case files containing copies of the complaint, summonses, affidavits, plaintiff's evidence, and other material supporting their complaint; copies of testimony; and printed reports from the Cumberland Coal & Iron Company.

- 42 4-10 Correspondence, 1858 1863, ND 11 Case Files, 1846 - 1863, n.d.
- 43 1-6 Case Files, 1846 1863, n.d.
- 44 1-9 Case Files, 1846 1863, n.d.

		Testimony , 1854 - 1859, 1861
45	1	1854 - 1856
	2	1859
	3-5	1861
	6	Undated
	7	Closing arguments, 1858
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461-6Notes and drafts, undated7Printed material, 1852 - 1858

III. C. Giles-Flagg contested election, 1855 - 1856

In 1855, the Know-Nothing party ran an obscure candidate for State Comptroller against Democratic Party stalwart Azariah C. Flagg. Flagg won by a slim majority, but the Know-Nothings contested that a clerical error in the Nineteenth Ward had resulted in 316 voted being credited to Flagg which should have been credited to Giles, and presented a number of witnesses who gave testimony to that fact. Many of the original vote tallies had been conveniently "lost." Tilden analyzed the available figures and reconstructed the missing tallies, disproving the contestant's theory that votes from the Nineteenth Ward had been transposed.

Case files include transcripts of testimony, reconstructed vote tallies, drafts of Tilden's remarks, and other relevant documents.

47 1-5 Case files, 1855 - 1856

		III. D. Cunningham-Burdell murder case, 1857, n.d. In 1857, Emma Augusta Cunningham was tried and acquitted for the murder of her lodger, Dr. Harvey Burdell. Following the murder trial, Tilden successfully represented Burdell's family when Mrs. Cunningham brought suit against Burdell's family, claiming that they had been secretly married, and that she was owed a widow's share of his estate.
		Includes correspondence, transcripts of testimony, memoranda and exhibits relating to the trial, as well as research and evidence compiled by Tilden to demonstrate contradictions in the testimony of Cunningham's daughter, Augusta.
47	6-8	Correspondence, 1857
48	1-9	Testimony, 1857
49	1-7 8	Testimony, 1857 Exhibits and memoranda, 1857
50	1-2 3-4	Contradictions of Augusta Cunningham, 1857 Miscellaneous notes, undated
		III. E. Burdell estate case, 1856 - 1873, n.d. Includes files generated by Tilden and his office in the course of a Surrogate Court case brought by George D. Bulen and his wife, two of several heirs to Dr. Harvey Burdell, against Burdell's estate, seeking recompense for expenses incurred in defense of the estate during the Cunningham-Burdell murder case.
50	6-9 10-11	Correspondence, 1856 - 1864, n.d. Case files, 1857 - 1873, n.d. 1857
51	1-2 3 4-6 7 8	1857 1858 - 1859 1860 1861 - 1873 Undated
52	1-2	Undated
		III. F. Miscellaneous legal files, 1832 - 1891, n.d. These files represent many of Tilden's smaller, less publicized cases. Also included are deeds, affidavits, articles of incorporation, power of attorney, and other documents generated in his legal practice. Not all opinions and arguments in the general files were written by Tilden. Files are arranged chronologically.
52	3 4 5-6 7	John and George Hecker vs. New York Balance Dock Co., 1852 - 1857 New York City Board of Education vs. Azariah C. Flagg, 1856 Richard S. Roberts vs. New York Balance Dock Co., 1857 Robert Bayard vs. Edwin Ludlow, 1857 - 1858
53	1 2 3-6 7-8	Hubbard G. Stone vs. New York City Board of Education, 1858 Raymond vs. Sherman, 1859 Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railroad, 1859 - 1866, 1879 Gulick vs. New York Balance Dock Co., 1860 - 1862
54	1 2-3	 Azariah C. Flagg vs. Terre Haute Rail Road, 1862 See also: Series X: Personal Papers, which includes files relating to Tilden's business and legal relationship to the Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis Rail Road. Atlantic & Great Western Railway, 1866 - 1869

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54	4-5 6 7-8	Hatch vs. Pritchard, 1867 Pacific Mail Steamship Company injunction, 1867 - 1868 Chicago & Great Western Railway, 1868
55	1-2 3 4 5-7	Fisk vs. Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1869 - 1870 New Jersey Midway Railroad Company, 1870 - 1871 Erie Railway Company, 1872 - 1875 Spencer contested election, 1875 - 1876
56	1 2 3-4 5 1	Spencer contested election, 1875 - 1876 Arguments, 1839, 1870, n.d. Opinions, 1860 - 1873, n.d. Railroads, 1851 - 1884, n.d. Receipts, 1847 - 1891, n.d.
57	2 3	Resolutions, 1838 - 1884, n.d. Miscellaneous documents, 1845 - 1871, n.d.
		III. G. Registers and indices, 1841 - 1865, n.d. Bound volumes include a complaint book, a log of judgments obtained, a register of cases, and an index of his cases from 1841 to 1865.
57	4	Complaint book, undated
<u>Vol</u> 5		Index to cases, 1841 - 1865
6		Register of cases, 1841 - 1861

7 Register of cases, 1861 - 1865

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⁵ Series IV. Democratic Republican party and Free-Soil movement, 1832 - 1853, n.d.

1 folder

When the the Democratic Party split over the issue of slavery, Tilden supported the more radical Barnburners. The Barnburners allied themselves with Whigs and Abolitionists to form the Free-Soil Party, which successfully ran his long-time ally Martin Van Buren as a third-party candidate.

Material representing Tilden's activities with the Democratic Republican Party and the Free-Soil Movement includes meeting minutes, by-laws, and drafts of a plan of organization of the Democratic Republican Party for the election of 1844.

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6 Series V. Democratic National Committee, 1868 - 1872 1 folder

Tilden served as a delegate to the 1864 and 1868 Democratic National Conventions, and as New York Democratic State Chair from 1872-1882.

Very little material concerning the Democratic National Committee has been preserved in this collection. Extant material includes circulars and printed material relating to the Democratic party, and to the Democratic National Conventions of 1868 and 1872.

Series VI. Tweed Ring, 1868 - 1875

5 boxes, 2 linear feet

William M. "Boss" Tweed had long asserted himself in New York politics, but remained largely ignored by Tilden until he introduced a new city charter which would give him considerable power and access to taxpayer funds. Tilden, as chairman of the Democratic State Committee, exposed Tweed's corruption and brought an end to one of the most powerful political administrations in the history of the United States.

Tilden's actions against the Tweed Ring are represented through Financial and Legal files. The Financial files represent forensic accounting of Tweed's shell companies performed by banks and by members of Tilden's office. Material includes deposit slips, cancelled checks, ledgers, and "Statements of Plunder." In addition to William M. Tweed, other notable figures subjected to Tilden's audits include James H. Ingersoll, Ingersoll & Co., New York Printing Company, Richard Connolly, A. J. Smith, and Peter B. and James M. Sweeney. Also includes an analysis of city expenditures to 1871, and registers of county liabilities.

Legal files include a bill of complaint against James H. Ingersoll, and a copy of Judge Allen's opinion on the case against Ingersoll & Co., one of the Tweed Ring's largest shell companies. Also contained here are the opinions of Judge Folger regarding the People v. Thomas C. Field et. al; a transcript of Tilden's testimony in the Tweed trial; memoranda regarding Peter B. Sweeney's money transferring activities; subpoenas; and drafts of legislation aimed at "providing more effectual remedies in cases of the fraudulent acquisition, payment, disposition, or conversion of public money or property."

Additional material related to the Tweed Ring may also be found in Series I.

57	7 8 9	Financial files, 1868 - 1875 Adjusted claims Cardozo, Albert City of New York
58	1 2 3 4 5-6 7 8	Connolly, Richard B. Corson, Cornelius County liabilities Garvey, Andrew J. Ingersoll, James Miller, George S. New York Printing Company
59	1-2 3 4 5-6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Smith, Andrew J. Smith, Hugh Smith, James W. Sweeney, James M. Sweeney, Peter B. Tweed, William Marcy Watson, James Wilbour, Charles E. Woodward, E.A. Young, Jason B.
92	1-2	Statements of division of plunder (Oversized.)
60	1-5	Forensic accounting, 1868 - 1875

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60	6	Cancelled checks, 1868 - 1875
61	1-4	Deposit slips, 1868 - 1875
		Legal files, 1869 - 1875, n.d.
62	1	1869 - 1871
	2-3	1872
	4	1873
	5	1875
	6-7	Undated

Series VII. New York State Assembly, 1872 - 1873, n.d.

1 box, .5 linear feet

Tilden was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1846 and again in 1872. He used his position to take on corruption in state government, most notably through the impeachment of Tweed's associates in the New York State Supreme Court: Justices George G. Barnard, Albert Cardozo, and John H. McCunn.

Tilden's 1872 term in the New York State Assembly is represented by files documenting the impeachment of three New York State Supreme Court Justices; by one file of material relating to New York City charter reform; and by material relating to the exposure of corruption within the Customs House. Correspondence relating to the New York State Assembly may be found in Series I.

- BoxFol628-9Impeachment of Judges Barnard, Cardozo, and McCunn, 1872
- 63 1 Impeachment of Judges Barnard, Cardozo, and McCunn, 1872
 - 2 New York City charter revision, ca. 1872
 - 3 Customs House Ring, 1873

Series VIII. Gubernatorial files, 1864 - 1877, n.d.

6 boxes, 2.5 linear feet

In 1874, Tilden won the gubernatorial election against respected a popular incumbent. However, his legislative efforts were hampered by the Republican majority in the State Legislature.

The Gubernatorial Papers consist of files maintained and material collected by Tilden during his term of office. His successful effort to break up the Canal Ring is reflected through financial reports, legal files, and printed matter. Executive files cover a range of topics such as canals, railroads, demographics and statistics, remarks on assembly bills, and vetoes. Legislation drafted or enacted during Tilden's tenure is represented in the legislative files, which include drafts, often in multiple iterations, of bills relating to annexation and incorporation of towns and villages, appropriations, political reform, and public health.

VIII. A. Canal Ring, 1866 - 1875

One of Tilden's most notable accomplishments while in office was the dismantling of the Canal Ring, a cabal of politicians and contractors who had been defrauding the state by submitting inflated invoices for repairs and improvements.

Financial material includes ledgers, accounts, and logs kept by Tilden during his investigation of graft in the New York canal system. Reports define the cost of ordinary and extraordinary repairs to canals; shipping statements document the cost of transporting wood, grains, and other commodities. Legal material includes resolutions by political groups and trade organizations in support of Tilden's exposure of the ring; trial notes; legislative material related to the trial and investigation; and the depositions of William Dorsheimer, Alexander P. Berthand, William H. Talcott, Charles Stebbins, and Lewis R. Davis. Printed material refers to contract blanks, circulars, notices to contractors, and an annotated partial transcript of the Canal Ring trial.

- 63 5-7 Financial material, 1868 1875 8-9 Legal material, 1875
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 Reports and memoranda, 1875

 6
 Printed material, 1866 1875

VIII. B. Executive papers, 1874 - 1877, n.d.

The Executive Papers were compiled during Tilden's tenure as Governor of the State of New York, and cover a number of topics through reports and memoranda including state finances, prisons and asylums, schools, the National Guard, public health, immigration, canals, and railroads.

- 65 1 Relating to capitol building, 1875 1876
 - 2 Relating to constitutional amendments, 1874
 - 3 Demographics and statistics, undated
 - 4-6 Fire Commissioners' investigation, 1874 1876
 - 7 Relating to jails and asylums, 1875 1876
- 92 Petitions, 1874 1880 (Oversize material, rolled.)
- 65 8 Police Commissioners' investigation, 1875
- 66 1 Relating to railroads, 1875 1876
 - 2-3 Relating to state finances, 1875 1876
 - 4 Remarks on assembly bills, 1875 1876

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- 66 5-6 Rosters, 1875 1876
- 67 1 Vetoes, 1875 1876
 - 2-3 General files, 1874 1877, n.d.

VIII. C. Legislative files, 1864 - 1876

Legislative files relate to bills enacted or under consideration during Tilden's tenure as governor. Files contain drafts of assembly bills, as well as final versions submitted to the legislature, petitions, and supporting material. Topics covered include supply and appropriations bills; incorporation and annexation of land; armories and militia; schools, asylums and prisons; political appointments and reform; and legislation relating to the City of New York and to Kings County (Brooklyn). Also includes annotated rosters of counties, assembly districts, towns and election districts.

Box Fol 67 An Act to Incorporate the Sisterhood of Grey Nuns, 1875 4 5 An Act to Prevent the Adulteration of Milk, 1864, 1875 6 Annexation and incorporation, 1875 - 1876 7 Appropriations, 1875 - 1876 8 Armories and militia, 1875 - 1876 9-10 Canals, 1875 - 1876 68 1 Canals, undated 2 City of Elmira, 1875 - 1876 3 City of New York, 1875 - 1876 City of Rochester, 1875 - 1876 4 5 Education, 1874 - 1876 6 Elevated railways, 1874 - 1875 7 Jails, prisons, and asylums, 1872; n.d. 8 Kings County, 1875 9 Political appointments and reform, 1875 - 1876 10 Public safety, 1875 Public works, 1875 - 1876 11 12 Salt springs, 1875 - 1876 13 State Treasury, 1875 - 1876 14 Supply Bills, 1875 - 1876 15 Taxes, 1876 16 The West Point Bill, 1875 Mar - May 69 1 Miscellaneous legislation, 1874 - 1876, n.d.

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Series IX. Presidential election of 1876, 1876 - 1878

3 boxes, 1.25 linear feet

Tilden was the Democratic candidate for President in 1876. He won the popular vote, but the electoral vote went to Rutherford B. Hayes. After an investigation into the activities of the Electoral College, Tilden conceded the election.

This series focuses on the aftermath of the 1876 Presidential election, particularly the recount of the electoral ballots. Some campaign material is extent, but the series is predominantly comprised of official voting returns from the Electoral Colleges of various states. Files for some states, particularly Florida and Louisiana, contain reports, memoranda, and other supporting documentation of the Tilden camp's research into election fraud or elector misconduct in those states. Such material includes drafts of related legislation, research on legal precedents, affidavits, and minutes of the proceedings of the Florida Electoral College.

69	2	Campaign material, 1876-80 State files, 1876 - 1878
	3	Alabama, 1876
	4	Connecticut, 1876
	5	Deleware, 1876
	6-8	Florida, 1876 - 1878
	9	Georgia, 1876
	10	Indiana, 1876
	11	Kentucky, 1876
	12	Louisiana, 1876
	13	Mississippi, 1876
	14	Missouri, 1876
	15	New York, 1876
70	1	North Carolina, 1876
	2	Oregon, 1876
	3	Pennyslvania, 1876
	4	South Carolina, 1876
	5	Tennessee, 1876
	6	Texas, 1876
	7	Virginia, 1876
	8	West Virginia, 1876
	9-10	General files, 1876 - 1877
71	1	Pamphlets relating to the counting of electoral ballots, 1876 - 1887

Series X. Writings and Speeches, ca. 1820s - 1886, n.d.

9 boxes, 3.75 linear feet.

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This series contains both manuscript drafts and published copies of Tilden's writings and speeches. Published copies are often annotated or corrected. One folder of interviews with Tilden is also included, as is an index of his published speeches. Some unidentified material cannot be definitively attributed to Tilden, and due to the prolific nature of his writing, this series is not necessarily a complete representation of his work.

X. A. Writings, ca. 1820s - 1886, n.d.

The writings preserved in the collection date from Tilden's school years up until his death. An 1833 essay on the presidency of Martin Van Buren gained him early prominence in New York's Democratic circles, while an article entitled Coercive Temperance Law and the Democratic Candidate for Attorney General decries the "barbarian" paternalism of the Temperance movement. In the years of political unrest leading up to the Civil War, Tilden wrote vehemently on The Union !! Its Dangers !! And How They Can Be Averted, and outlined his opinion on the war between the States in an 1862 memorandum. Much of the writing contained herein relates to the Tweed Ring, including a letter to the Evening Post, drafts of a manuscript covering the events of the investigation and trial, and even a prose play, The Drama of the Ring. Later writings include a statement to the press regarding the "cipher telegrams," a vote-buying scandal centering on his nephew, Col. William Tilden Pelton, and his letter declining the nomination for the presidency in 1880. Most of the early writings are quite fragmentary, while later writings are generally represented by more complete drafts.

		Juvenilia and early writings , ca. 1820s - 1830s
71	2-4	Juvenalia and early writings , ca. 1820s - 1830s
72	1	Juvenalia and early writings, undated
		General writings, 1832 - 1886
	2	The Coalition, 1832
	3	The Indian Question, 1832
	4	On Martin Van Buren, 1833
	5	Defeat of the Democracy, or The Political Reaction, 1840
	6	Is The U.S. Bank Charter Appealable?, 1841
	7	Plan for county and town organization, 1841
	8	Mr. Greeley, The Legislation, and The Slavery Question, 1849
	9	On expansion of currency, ca. 1840s
	10	Anticipation of canal revenues and the Constitution, 1851
		Includes reprint of pamphlet <i>Pay As You Go! or The Unconstitutionality of the Nine Million Dollar Debt Bill Demonstrated</i> published by William Cullen Bryant {1851}
	11	Prospectus of the Fourney-Caterer, 1853
	12	The Coercive Temperance Law and the Democratic Candidate for
		Attorney General of the State, 1855 (Reprints in English and German)
	13	Letters to the Editors, 1860 - 1873, n.d.
	14	The Union! Its Dangers!! And How They Can Be Averted, 1860 (Reprint)
	15	Memorandum on the Civil War, 1862
	16	Political circulars, 1868 - 1879
		Tweed Ring, 1868 - 1874, n.d.
	17	Letter to The Evening Post, 1868
	18	Drafts of letters to Charles O'Conor

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73	1-7 8	The Tweed Ring, 1871 -1873 The Drama of the Ring, ca. 1871 - 1873
74	1-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Relating to Tweed defendants appealing the overruling of a demurrer, 1872 untitled, 1872 Relating to Ingersoll case, 1874 Miscellaneous drafts and unidentified material, undated Editorial for <i>The World</i> , 1869 <i>Impeachment, its Nature and Object</i> , 1872 Reply to <i>New York Times</i> article, 1873 Memorandum to William H. Wickham, 1875 (On removals from office.) <i>Messages of the Governor of the State of New York</i> , 1875 (Reprint)
75	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Special message to the Commissioners of Immigration, 1876 Drafts of resolutions to Congress relating to the election of 1876, 1876 Article on Rutherford B. Hayes' confession to his cabinet, ca. 1876 - 1878 Statement to press relating to the cypher telegrams, 1878 Letter of declension for the Presidential nomination, 1880 <i>The Monroe Doctrine and its Origins</i> , 1885 <i>The Accountability of Corporations</i> , 1886 Preface to speech by Edward Livingston, 1886
74	9	Account of the fire of 1835, n.d.
75	10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19-22	Edward Curtis and the Electoral Frauds, n.d. Essay on canals, n.d. Give Anderson a Fresh Trial, n.d. How the Political Result of 1840 was Effected, n.d. On laws governing Mississippi and Alabama, n.d. Mr. Douglas' Bill, n.d. Relating to the nomination of Martin Van Buren, n.d. Resolution Against the Establishment of a National Bank, n.d. Rights of Electors, n.d. Unidentified fragments, ca. 1830s-1840s, n.d.

X.B. Speeches, 1831 - 1880, n.d.

Tilden had been a well-known orator since his youth, and his speeches illustrate the development of his ideology across the span of his career. A speech made at an 1831 Democratic Republican Party meeting suggests that even at the age of 17, Tilden had already developed a significant degree of political acumen. He continued to speak at meetings of the Democratic Republicans, Whigs, and Free-Soilers through the 1840s, and became a regular speaker for the Democratic Party on both local and national platforms in the 1860s and 1870s. Common themes included banking and currency; the Civil War; taxation; and political reform. Multiple drafts of his 1875 inaugural speech and his annual messages to the legislation in Albany can be found here, as can his concession speech after the contested presidential election of 1876. One file of interviews with Tilden given between 1872 and 1880, and an index to his published speeches are filed at the beginning of this series. Speeches are arranged chronologically.

76	1	Interviews,	1872 -	1880, n.d.	

- 2 Index of published speeches, 1868 1876
 - 3 Sketch for speech at political meeting, 1831
- 4 Address at the Hudson Convention, 1833
 - 5 Speech to the Democratic Republican Young Men of the County of Columbia, 1834

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76	6 7 8 9-10 11 12 13 14	 Whig meeting at New Lebanon, 1834 The Divorce of Bank and State, 1838 Address to Anti-Masonic electors of Columbia County, ca. 1830s Speech at New Lebanon on currency, taxes and wages, 1840 (Includes reprint.) Address for Nominating Committee of 1844, 1844 Speech at the Convention of 1846, 1846 Remarks on the Single District System, 1848 Convention address regarding Civil War, 1861
	15 16 17	Speech to merchants and bankers meeting, 1864 To a Delegate to the Democratic Presidential Convention at Chicago, 1864 Remarks on the death of Dean Richmond, 1866
77	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21-22	Restoring Representation in Congress to the Southern States, 1866 Speech at the Constitutional Convention, 1867 (Reprint) Union Square speech, 1866 (Includes reprint) Unidentified drafts, 1867 Speech at the Democratic State Convention, 1868 (Reprint) <i>With Whom Shall We Self-Govern?</i> , 1868 Untitled speech, 1868 <i>Taxation in the United States</i> , 1868 (Reprint) Speech at Milwaukee, 1868 Albany speech opposing charter revision, 1870 Address to judicial convention, 1870 Speech at the Democratic State Convention, 1871 (Reprint) Cooper Union address, 1871 Assembly speech on judicial reform, 1872 Remarks before Ohio Bar Association, 1872 Assembly speech on new charter, 1872 Convention speech, 1874 Speech at the Manhattan Club, 1874 (Includes reprint) Reception of the Young Men's Democratic Club, 1874 (Reprint) Inauguration speech, 1875 (Reprint) <i>First Annual Address to the Legislature</i> , 1875 Jan
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79	1 2 3	Acceptance speech, n.d. <i>Sketch of a speech on the Tariff at the Tabernacle</i> , n.d. Speech relating to Canal Commission, n.d.

3 Speech relating to Canal Commission, n.d.

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79	4-5	Unidentified fragments, 1834 - 1876, n.d.

Series XI. Personal papers, 1785 - 1929

21 boxes, 6 volumes; 9.4 linear feet

This series contains material relating to Tilden's personal financial and legal activities; his investments in real estate and railroad companies; family papers and genealogical research; and a collection of personal miscellany such as school work, ephemera, and photographs.

XI. A. Financial and legal, 1785 - 1919

This series contains material related to Tilden's personal finances. Items include documents relating to his estate; powers of attorney and other legal instruments; promissory notes; and case files relating to an income tax suit. Most of Tilden's personal fortune was made through investments in mines, railroads, and real estate. His considerable holdings in Brooklyn, Long Island, Albany, New Lebanon and elsewhere are documented by deeds, indentures, and maps. His activities as a stockholder in numerous railroad companies, including the New York Elevated, Terre Haute, Altamont & St. Louis, and the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Detroit railways are contained in multiple files.

80	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	General files Bank protests, 1851 - 1881 Cancelled checks, 1844 - 1857 Estate, 1879 - 1919, n.d. Powers of Attorney, 1857, 1877, 1881 Promisory notes, 1844 - 1885 Receipts, 1807, 1834 - 1886 Stock certificates, 1855 - 1868 Miscellaneous legal documents, 1844 - 1882, n.d.
80	1-2 3-5 6 7 8 9	Income tax suit Correspondence, 1863 - 1882, n.d. Case files, 1879 - 1882, n.d. Coal and Railroad investments Callaway Mining Company, 1861 - 1878 Data on coal mines, 1848 - 1850 Bennington and Rutland RR, 1869 - 1870 Chicago & Alton RR, 1862 - 1864
81	1 2 3 4 5-6 7-8	Chicago & Northwestern RR, 1864 - 1865 McGregor Western RR, 1863 - 1864 Metropolitan Railway, 1875 Mexican National Railway, 1863 - 1864 New York Elevated Railway, 1879 - 1880 Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago RR, 1862 - 1883
82	1-3 4 5-6	Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis RR, 1862 Union Pacific RR, 1853, 1882 Other railroads, 1859 - 1885
93		Railroad maps and surveys, 1859 - 1879, n.d. (Oversized.)
82	7 8 9	Real estate Fifth Avenue, New York City, 1850 - 1873 Albany, New York, 1874 Brooklyn, New York, 1849 - 1898
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84	2	Malone, New York, 1872
4	1	Michigan, 1866 - 1886, n.d.
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XI. B. Personal miscellany, 1830 - 1886

The personal miscellany series contains an inventory of personal items including awards; catalogs and indices to his extensive personal library; material relating to the management of his Greystone estate in Yonkers; and photographs. Certificates held in the collection include his admission to the New York State Bar Association and his passport. A house book and wine inventory are among the items pertaining to his home at Greystone. Photographs include family members (Laura Pelton and Caroline Tilden in particular), but mainly represent Tilden's friends in his social and political spheres, such as William H. Wickham, Charles A. Dana, and Leila Morse Rummel, daughter of Samuel Morse. Many are of Tilden himself at various stages of his adult life. School notes dating from his early years are few, but some notes dating from his college and law school years have been preserved. One file of minutes from the New Lebanon Debate Society demonstrates Tilden's precocious political acuity.

84	9-10 11	Address and appointment books, 1843 - 1844, n.d. Awards and certificates, 1844 - 1883
91		Awards and Certificates, 1845 - 1875 (Oversized material, rolled.)
92	6	Awards and certificates, 1876, nd (Oversized material.)
<u>Map</u> <u>Case</u> 84	12	Awards and certificates, 1876, nd (Oversized material.) Business cards and trade cards, n.d.
\/_l		Catalogs
<u>Vol</u> 8		Manuscript Catalog of His Library, ca. 1883
9		Library catalog, n.d
10		Catalogue of Law Books in His Office,
11		Shelf inventory of books, pamphlets, periodicals and prints, 1887
_		Greystone
<u>Box</u> 84	<u>Fol</u> 13	Wine inventory and temperature records, 1879
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		Pets and livestock
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86	1 2 3-5 6	Tilden memorial monument, n.d. Miscellaneous, n.d. School notes and notebooks, n.d. Scrapbook, 1877
87	1 2	Tickets and ephemera, 1831 - 1844, 1874, n.d. Miscellaneous notes, 1860 - 1878, n.d.
99		Vest and wallet belonging to Tilden, n.d. (Oversized.)
		XI. C. Family papers, 1834 - 1929 Although a few legal documents and items predating Tilden's birth are present, the vast majority of the series is made up of genealogical research assembled by Tilden, with further material added by Mrs. Emma Smith, the wife of his private secretary George W. Smith and final trustee of the Tilden estate. Also included is a folder of school work by his cousin, Julia Barnes, dating from 1834.
87	3-4 5-9	Genealogical research, 1898 - 1929, n.d. (Largely collected by Mrs. George W. Smith) 1898 - 1929 Undated
88	1-5	Undated
89	1-5	Undated
90	1-2	Undated
91	7-8	Undated (Oversized.)
90	3-7 8	Legal documents School papers of Julia P. Barnes, ca. 1834