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BALLINGER, WILLIAM PITT

PAPERS, 1832-1947; 3 feet, 9 inches, MS, printed.

William Pitt Ballinger (1825-1888) was born in Kentucky and came to Galveston in 1843 to study law with his uncle James Love. He volunteered for the Mexican War and became adjutant in the regiment of Albert S. Johnston. Admitted to the bar in 1847, Ballinger was appointed United States district attorney for the Texas District, an office he resigned to enter a Galveston law firm in 1854.

During the Civil War, Ballinger was one of a committee sent to Richmond to obtain defensive armament for Galveston, and he served as Confederate States receiver in the city for the duration of the war. He went to New Orleans to negotiate the surrender of Texas and to attempt to prevent occupation of the state by the Union army.

Ballinger twice declined appointment to the Supreme Court of Texas, but was a member of the Judicial Committee in the Constitutional Convention of 1875. He died in Galveston in 1888. Ballinger, Texas, the county seat of Runnels County was named for him.

People associated with the papers are William Pitt Ballinger, Stephen Austin, and Andrew Mills.

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