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### Summary:

Title: Zophar Dean Ramsdell Papers

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### Biographical Notes:

Zophar Deane Ramsdell (1816-1886) was a prominent citizen of Ceredo. Born in Maine and trained as a shoemaker in Massachusetts, Ramsdell and his family moved to Ceredo in 1858 to participate in Eli Thayer's abolitionist and free labor settlement experiment. During the Civil War he served as a quartermaster in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. He would later serve as a postmaster, state senator, delegate for three Republican national conventions, and a state-appointed trustee for the C&O Railroad.

His home, the Ramsdell House, is one of the oldest structures in Ceredo. This home now functions as a historic house museum, and it is likely that the materials in this collection are located there: <https://ramsdellhouse.com/> .

### Scope and Content:

This collection consists of copies of quartermaster reports for the 5th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry, including monthly property accounts, clothing, stationery, hospital supplies, ordnance materials, animal return and acquisitions, food and fuel receipts, issued supply registers, and correspondence. Due to the nature of copied materials, the legibility and completeness of materials can vary, but is overall high.

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