

Administrations of the Mayors of New Orleans

Henry C. Deming (1815-1872)

Henry Champion Deming, lawyer, was born at Colchester, Conn., May 23, 1815, a son of General David and Abigail who served in the battle of Bunker Hill, Long Island and Stony Point.

He graduated at Yale College in 1836, after which he studied law at the Harvard Law School, and was graduated there in 1839. He commenced the practice of his profession in New York City, but in 1847 removed to Hartford, Conn., where he remained the rest of his life. He held many prominent state offices, serving in the lower house of the legislature, 1849-1850 and in 1859-1861, and was a member of the state senate in 1851. He was mayor of Hartford in 1854-58 and also in 1860-62.

He was married in Hartford, 1850, to Sarah, daughter of Laurent Clerc, who came to this country from France with Thomas H. Callandet in 1816, and with him inaugurated at Hartford, the education of the deaf mutes in the United States. Three sons and a daughter were born of this union.

During the war between the States he became colonel of the 12th Connecticut volunteers infantry, serving in Louisiana. Colonel Deming was on detached duty, acting as major of New Orleans from October 1862 to January 1863. His term was purely clerical and advisory and was too brief to permit any definite policy. He then resigned from the army, returned to Hartford, Connecticut, and was elected to Congress, as a Republican.

Deming is remembered in New Orleans in connection with Butler's notorious "[Woman Order](#)." He was walking with Farragut in full uniform through the streets of the city when some unknown person, presumably a woman, emptied a can of dirty water over the two officers. It is said it was this offense among others, that led Butler to issue the order.

He was a man of broad culture and refined tastes, and spent a large part of his time in literary and journalistic employments. He edited the "New World," a literary weekly, in New York City, also a eulogy of Abraham Lincoln (1865) and "Life of U. S. Grant" (1868) of whom he was strong friend and admirer.

He was married a second time at Hartford, 1871, to Mrs. Annie Wilson Jullson, who survived him.

He died in Hartford, Conn., October 9, 1872.

Members of the Deming Administration
October 2, 1862-January 30, 1863

Name	Office	District	Notes
Watkins, John A.	Board of Assessors		
Durell, E. H.	Bureau of Finance		
Neville, Julien	Bureau of Streets and Landings		
Howell, Stoddard	Comptroller		
Torsey, Sam H.	Comptroller		Auditor (Public Accounts)
Ingram, G.	Drainage Board	First Dist.	President
Murphy, Edmund	Inspector of Weights and Measures		
Terrebonne, W. T.	Inspector of Weights and Measures		
Kinsman, J. B., Lieut. Col.	Police Department		Aide de Camp
Crane, W. H.	Police Department		Special Police
Morse, A. W.	Secretary		
Pettingill, W. S.	Secretary		
Murphy, Thos. Henry	Secretary		
Bell, W. H.	Street Commissioner		
Thorpe, T. B., Col.	Surveyor		
Walton, John S.	Treasurer		
Flanders, Benj. F.	Treasurer		

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