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A Guide to the Resources in the Michigan State University Archives & Historical Collections

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Introduction

In 2011, the nation began commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Although no actual battles were fought in Michigan, men—and women—from the state served throughout the war in more than 50 Michigan regiments of infantry, cavalry, artillery, and engineers, as well as in regiments of other states. These Michigan citizens were vital to the Union cause, and President Abraham Lincoln is reported as exclaiming, “Thank God for Michigan!” when the state’s first troops arrived at the capital to serve.

As part of this sesquicentennial commemoration, University Archives & Historical Collections staff began transcribing and digitizing its collections relating to the Civil War. These materials—including hundreds of pages of correspondence, diaries, musters, reminiscences, and photographs—are being made available online for public use.

This resource guide is a companion to our website (<http://civilwar.archives.msu.edu>) with the purpose to familiarize visitors of the MSU Archives with some of our Civil War resources. The body of this guide lists over 120 collections containing Civil War papers and records varying in size from a few pages to several boxes. These papers and records include correspondence, diaries and other documentation of Civil War experiences. The majority of the collections relate to soldiers from Michigan.

This guide lists the collections by their title in the categories: Individuals and Families; Groups and Organizations; and Miscellaneous. Each entry includes the collection title, date range, collection number, size, and a brief description. Those collections that are available on our website are indicated as *[online]*.

An appendix at the end of this document lists the collections by their associated military unit. There are also other reference materials listed.

Note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of all the available sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which visitors can begin their research according to their specific needs.

Individuals and Families

1. Samuel H. Abbott Papers, 1853-1903.

- Collection: [c00308](#)
- Description: 2 folders, 1 volume
Summary: This collection contains correspondence to Abbott, of Cedar Dale, Sanilac County, Michigan, from members of his family. These letters discuss: a remedy for smallpox; ways to dodge the draft during the Civil War; concern over sales prices of farm products, especially wheat; and the damage done by the great fires of 1871 to Sanilac County and Ontario, Canada.

2. Arnold Family Papers, 1861-1870. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00227](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists primarily of Civil War letters from William, Henry, and Uriah Arnold, describing their army experiences. In one letter, Henry complains about the hard life of a soldier and condemns Abraham Lincoln and the Republicans. Note: William Arnold enlisted in the 1st Michigan Cavalry, which served in the eastern campaigns. After the war, his regiment was sent west to protect settlers from the Indians. Henry Arnold served in the 26th Michigan Infantry. Uriah Arnold enlisted in the 23rd Michigan Infantry and fought in the western theater, including the siege of Atlanta.

3. Israel G. Atkins Papers, 1862-1865. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00228](#)
- Description: 2 folders
Summary: This collection consists of Civil War letters from Israel G. Atkins to his parents in Perry, Michigan. The letters chronicle his experiences in army hospitals, in camp, and battles, including the siege of Atlanta. Note: Israel Atkins enlisted in the 23rd Michigan Infantry in 1862 at age 16. He spent much of 1862 and 1863 ill in army hospitals, trying to get a discharge. His health later improved, and he was able to join his regiment in the western campaigns.

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4. **Austin Family and Foote Family Papers, 1842-1907. [[online](#)]**
 - Collection: [c00495](#)
 - Description: 17 folders
Summary: This collection contains an account book and household accounts of the Foote family, as well as political tickets for Oakland County, Michigan (1864), materials on reunions of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps., and articles on the Battle of Chickamauga.

5. **Gardner Avery Diary, 1900.**
 - Collection: [c00534](#)
 - Description: 2 folders
Summary: This collection includes handwritten and typed transcripts of Gardner Avery's daily journal for the year 1900. The journal describes the purchase and sale of livestock, daily farm routines, the weather, and activities of family and friends. Also included are biographical data written by Avery's granddaughter, Virginia (Avery) Meeth, on the 157th New York Infantry's actions in the Civil War; and a photocopy of an editorial written by Avery to the "Journal of Agriculture," a Detroit, Michigan, publication, which is dated March 31, 1900 and discusses silage and pasture. Note: Gardner Avery (1844-1904) was the owner of Summit Dairy Farm in Forest Grove, Michigan. During the Civil War, Avery served with the 157th New York Volunteers, an infantry unit.

6. **Bagley Family Papers, 1830-1932. [[online](#)]**
 - Collection: [00018](#)
 - Description: 0.5 cubic feet
Summary: This collection includes personal papers of David M. and Bennette Bagley, their son William Bagley, and his son Laurence Bagley. Included are Civil War, political, and personal correspondence.

7. **Roger D. Baker Collection, 1860-1912. [[online](#)]**
 - Collection: [c00604](#)
 - Description: 46 photographs
Summary: The Roger D. Baker collection contains carte de visite photographs of prominent individuals from the Civil War such as Abraham Lincoln, William Tecumseh Sherman, Philip Sheridan, David Farragut, Jefferson Davis, and John Wilkes Booth.

8. **Bamber Family Papers, 1861-1883. [[online](#)]**
 - Collection: [c00046](#)
 - Description: 4 folders
Summary: This collection consists primarily of letters written or received by

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members of the Joseph S. Bamber family of Oakland County, Michigan. It includes letters from members of the Hayes family, who are related to the Bambers by marriage. These letters (1862-1865) contain information on food prices, the draft, and "Copperhead" activity in 1864. Also included are letters to and from Bamber's sons, Albert and Herbert, students at Michigan Agricultural College, and a history of the M.A.C. Class of 1883. The collection also contains Civil War letters (1861-1864) from members of the Piedmore and Dickerman families, whose connection with the Bamber family is unclear. A letter from Miles Piedmore to his brother (1864) describes army life at Fort Creighton, Tennessee. Letters received by Edward Dickerman from his brothers Samuel (6th New Hampshire Volunteers) and James (8th Michigan Infantry) discuss the battle of First Bull Run and the problems of army recruitment.

9. Albert W. Barber Letters, 1862-1863 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00282](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection contains Civil War letters of Barber, written to his family while serving in Kentucky and Tennessee. He gives his views on camp life, town life (with emphasis on Lexington, Louisville, and Nashville), the price of goods, and the idea of Blacks serving in the Union Army. Note: Barber served with Company F of the 18th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War.

10. Orlando Barnes Papers, 1846-1899.

- Collection: [00010](#)
- Description: 1 cubic foot, 4 volumes
Summary: The material in this collection encompasses the period 1846 to 1899. Barnes graduated from the University of Michigan in 1850 and settled in Lansing to practice law. After establishing a reputation he became attorney for the Jackson, Lansing, and Saginaw Railroad. He also assumed a promotional position with the Railroad, and eventually became its secretary and general manager. Barnes was philosophically minded and frequently wrote his ideas out on various social matters. The bulk of this collection consists of these undated narratives, particularly on slavery and utopianism. The remainder of the collection is composed of newspaper clippings pertinent to the subject of his writings, several orations by Barnes, and a few letters addressed to him. These letters are largely personal in nature.

11. John Bell Papers, 1815-1861.

- Collection: LG 38
- Description: 1 reel
Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection, John Bell Papers Library of

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Congress Manuscript Division 2nd St. and Independence Ave., S.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20540 USA . Reproduction and publication restricted
Library of Congress, Manuscript Division.

- Summary: This collection consists of correspondence, speeches, and congressional reports. Subjects include national and Tennessee politics, and Bell's candidacy for president in 1860 on the Constitutional Union Party ticket.

12. **Bostock Family Papers, 1861-1865.** [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00562](#)
- Description: 4 folders
Summary: Letters by Henry and William Bostock of their Civil War experiences. The letters describe camp life, regiment movements, and pay. Henry's letters date from April 1861-August 1863. William's letters date from January 1864-June 1865. Also included is Henry's journal, September 1861 - May 1863, which contains lists for his regiment, the 6th Michigan Infantry, and description of camps, camp locations, news and a photograph of Henry (CDV). The collection also contains a certificate promoting Henry to Corporal in August 1861. Note: Henry and William Bostock were brothers from Michigan who served in the Civil War. Henry served in Company E of the 6th Regiment of the Michigan Infantry. Henry died of a bullet wound on June 30th, 1863. William served in Company K of the 10th Regiment of the Michigan Infantry.

13. **Frederick Bourns Papers, 1856-1863.**

- Collection: [c00166](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection contains certificates recording the election of trustees for the First Presbyterian Society of Vassar, Michigan, of which Frederick Bourns was an elder. It also contains eligibility lists for Civil War military service submitted to Bourns by various townships in Tuscola County, Michigan.

14. **Jerry L. Bower Student Paper, 1966.**

- Collection: [c00409](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of a student seminar paper: "The Civil War Career of John Gibson Parkhurst".

15. **Stephen Boyle Certificate, 1865.**

- Collection: [c00100](#)
- Description: 1 item
Summary: This collection consists of Stephen Boyle's discharge certificate

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from the 4th Michigan Cavalry. Boyle enlisted in December 1863, and received a medical discharge in January 1865.

16. **James Bradish Papers, 1862-1864.** [[online](#)]
 - Collection: [c00147](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection contains James Bradish's Civil War letters to family and friends in Michigan, describing his experiences and the areas where he was stationed. Note: James Bradish served in the 18th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. He saw action in Kentucky and Tennessee.

17. **Thomas C. Bradley Papers, 1853-1880.** [[online](#)]
 - Collection: [c00236](#)
 - Description: 2 folders
Summary: This collection contains materials relating to Thomas Bradley's service as Superintendent of the River Police for the Provost Marshall's Office in Memphis, Tennessee, during the Civil War. Included are military orders, payrolls, affidavits, receipts, and correspondence. Note: Before heading the River Police, Bradley was a member of the 12th Michigan Infantry. He returned to Berrien County, Michigan, in 1866 and served as the Justice of the Peace.

18. **Benjamin B. Brock Letters, 1861-1865.** [[online](#)]
 - Collection: [c00239](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of Civil War letters from Benjamin B. Brock of the 26th Michigan Infantry to his family in Ingham County, Michigan. Brock originally enlisted with the 14th at Camp Mizner in Ypsilanti. For unexplained reasons, he did not go out with the 14th but moved into the 26th. He fought in the eastern theater and was wounded at Spotsylvania, but later returned to his regiment. His letters describe his experiences but are generally concerned with home matters. He frequently expresses his dissatisfaction with the Army, and especially with a war to free the slaves.

19. **Simon Cameron Papers, 1738-1889, 1860-1880.**
 - Collection: LG 27
 - Description: 22 reels
Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection, John Bell Papers Library of Congress Manuscript Division 2nd St. and Independence Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540 USA . Reproduction and publication restricted Library of Congress, Manuscript Division.
 - This collection consists of correspondence, reports, speeches, maps, financial records, newspapers and news clippings, the bulk of which fall in the period

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1860-1880. Topics include Cameron's financial affairs, his term as Secretary of War, the Civil War, his ministership to Russia, his Senate career and retirement after 1877. Correspondents include Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Charles A. Dana, and James D. Cameron.

20. **Campbell Family Papers, 1860-1866.** [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00182](#)
- Description: 4 folders

Summary: This collection consists primarily of letters received by John Campbell of Groveland, Michigan. Several letters from business associates in New York assess the coming of the Civil War and its impact on the economy (1861-1862). The bulk of the letters are from John's sons describing their experiences in the army in the Civil War. Note: Alexander and Allen Campbell served with the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, primarily in Tennessee, where they helped build and repair bridges and railroads. Their regiment joined Sherman's siege of Atlanta and the March to the Sea. Their brother George Campbell enlisted in the 30th Michigan in early 1865 and was mustered out when the war ended. Another brother, James, also served in the army and was sent to Texas on garrison duty, much to his dismay, when the war ended.



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- 21. R.E. Carpenter Letter, 1861. [\[online\]](#)**
- Collection: [c00121](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of a letter from R.E. Carpenter of Oskaloosa, Iowa (May 26, 1861), in which Carpenter expresses his anger with the secessionists and his eagerness to join the Union forces.
- 22. Charles William Cathcart Papers, 1821-1889. [\[online\]](#)**
- Collection: [00006](#)
 - Description: 0.6 cubic feet, microfilm.
Summary: This collection contains correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings, and legal documents pertaining to the political history of the United States and of two generations of Cathcart men, primarily between 1821 and 1889. Most of the material relates to Charles Cathcart. Included are a naval autobiography of James Leander Cathcart Sr., a retyped copy of Cathcart Sr.'s book "The Captives: Eleven Years as a Prisoner in Algiers" and letters from Charles' son, James, and his nephew, Will Peabody, which describe life as a Union soldier during the Civil War. Included are letters and opinions of significant historical figures including: Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, Stephen Douglas, and James Buchanan. Also included is a list of men in Civil War regiments, and a statement of the numbers of slaves and freemen in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, and the District of Columbia. Note: James Cathcart, Sr., Charles' father, held a grudge against the "new" government for excluding him from employment after long years of service. A bill was finally passed granting him "full satisfaction of his claims against the United States." Charles was a U.S. Representative and a Senator between 1846 and 1853. Charles' son, James, and his nephew, Will Peabody, were Union soldiers in the Civil War. The Cathcarts were a staunch Whig/Republican family. The collection also contains a found Confederate letter written by John M. Lively of the 17th Mississippi Infantry.
- 23. Chamberlain Family Papers, 1795-1931.**
- Collection: [00002](#)
 - Description: 2.3 cubic feet, 8 volumes
Summary: This collection contains family correspondence, legal documents and business records, particularly relating to Henry Chamberlain. Letters in the decade prior to the Civil War describe and express personal feelings at the great unfolding political events. There are a large number of letters relating to the Civil War. One of January 2, 1862 describes recruiting activities in the West and Michigan war attitudes. There is a descriptive letter of August 7, 1864 from a Confederate soldier in Rock Island Prison to his Michigan relatives. There are a number of letters from soldiers in the

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Michigan 12th Regiment. One date November 19, 1864 relays the election results within this regiment, the Wisconsin 29th, the Iowa 21st, and the Indiana 47th.

Note: The Chamberlain family migrated from New Hampshire west to Scipio, Ohio, in the early 19th century. From there, they moved to Three Oaks, Michigan (Berrien County) in 1843. Henry Chamberlain served as a state representative in Lansing, Michigan, between 1848 and 1855. He served on the Michigan State Board of Agriculture, which governed Michigan Agricultural College, from 1888 to 1897. His son, Paul, attended Ashbunham School in Massachusetts, then Olivet College in Michigan. Mellon (Moses) Chamberlain was sent back East to be educated at Dartmouth College and Harvard University (1840-1849). He set up a legal practice in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1849.

24. Owen Churchill Papers, 1841-1875.

- Collection: [c00263](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of a circular from the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Ann Arbor, Michigan regarding annual reports (1841); a teacher's certificate issued in Berrien County, Michigan to Churchill (1860); a Civil War pass issued to Churchill as hospital steward for the 24th Michigan Infantry (1865); and miscellaneous receipts of Churchill.

25. Clark Family Papers, 1842-1894.

- Collection: [c00162](#)
- Description: 2 folders
Summary: This collection contains various materials relating to the Clark family, especially to Josephus Clark of Branch County, Michigan. Included are tax receipts, land titles, marriage certificates, Josephus Clark's Civil War discharge (13th Michigan Infantry), and documents related to his war pension.

26. Oscar Clute Records, 1889-1893.

- Collection: [UA 2.1.5](#)
- Description: 0.66 cubic feet
Summary: The Oscar Clute papers consist primarily of correspondence (1889-1891) during Clute's presidency at Michigan Agricultural College. Also several articles on education and MAC, and information about the 1893 Columbian Exposition. The period of Clute's presidency was characterized by student unrest, political crises, and faculty turnover. Note: Oscar Clute (1837-1902) was born near Albany, New York. He taught high school for four years before entering Michigan Agricultural College. Upon his graduation in 1862, he was

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employed as a mathematics professor, also briefly serving in the military regiment Howlett's Engineers during the Civil War. He earned an M.S. degree from MAC in 1864, then attended Meadville Theological Seminary and became a Unitarian minister. Clute was MAC's fifth president (1889-1893), then president of Florida Agricultural College until 1897. Clute retired to Pomona, California, briefly returning to the ministry, then entered a Soldiers' Home because of ill health. He married Mary Merrylees in 1864, and they had six children: William M., Oscar C., Lucy M., Katharine S., Edward H., and Marie M.

27. Rufus B. Cole Letter, 1863. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00264](#)
- Description: 1 folder

Summary: This collection consists of a letter from Cole expressing the desire to be home with his wife and the importance of religion in his life. Note: Cole was stationed in Kentucky while serving with Co. K, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

28. John Covode Papers, 1854-1870.

- Collection: LG 26
- Description: 1 reel

Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection, John Bell Papers Library of Congress Manuscript Division 2nd St. and Independence Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540 USA . Reproduction and publication restricted Library of Congress, Manuscript Division. John Covode was a U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania. Summary: This collection consists of John Covode's correspondence and a draft report he prepared on conditions in the Mississippi Valley after the Civil War. Correspondents include A.G. Curtin, Edwin M. Stanton, Gideon Wells, and Henry White.

29. Gerald Cronin Papers, 1960.

- Collection: [c00036](#)
- Description: 1 folder

Summary: This collection consists of a manuscript by Gerald Cronin entitled "Naval Operations in the Pacific Ocean during the Civil War," autographed by Cronin and dated 1960.

30. Crosby Family Papers, 1838-1900. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00268](#)
- Description: 1 folders, 17 volumes

Two volumes record J. Birney Crosby's enlistment into the 12th Michigan Volunteers and service in the Civil War.

31. Elisha Cross Papers, 1832-1892.

- Collection: [c00537](#)
- Description: 2 folders

Summary: This collection includes an illustrated physics manual given to Elisha Cross in 1832 by John B. Calhoun, President of the Moulders of the Howell Works Company. The manual was used by Cross and his daughter, Susan, as a personal journal, scrapbook, and botanical notebook. It contains plant specimens, drawings, poems, and signatures. The collection also includes a real estate title (1860) and a warranty deed for property in Detroit, Michigan, a city tax list (1892), also for Detroit, and a photographic copy of a drawing of the Mark Hance farm in Farmington, Michigan. Note: Elisha Cross (1802-1893) was the owner of Cross Tavern on Grand River Road in Wayne County, Michigan. He married Sarah Slokum in 1835. Of their three children, only one, Susan, survived. She married Mark Hance of Farmington, Michigan, in 1856. The Hance farm was the northern end of the Underground railroad before the Civil War, according to the donor. In later years, Elisha Cross moved to Detroit, where he owned some real estate.

32. Sheldon R. Curtiss Papers, 1862-1864. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00215](#)
- Description: 1 folder

Summary: This collection consists of two edited and printed copies of a Civil War diary kept by Sheldon R. Curtiss, describing army life as well as his experiences in Andersonville and Libby Prison. The original diary was edited by Curtiss' daughter Ebelyn Curtiss Lowrey and published in the *Ionia County News*. Note: Sheldon R. Curtiss of Saranac, Michigan, joined the 6th Michigan Cavalry in the Civil War. He served in Virginia until he was captured by the Confederates in 1864. Curtiss was imprisoned in Libby Prison and later sent to Andersonville.

33. Davis Family Papers, 1861-1865, undated.

- Collection: [c00050](#)
- Description: 11 folders

Summary: This collection consists primarily of Civil War letters written by Thomas Davis to his wife, Lucinda Spaulding Davis. Davis served in the 18th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers and the Pioneer Corps, 3rd Division, Army of the Tennessee, in both the eastern and western theaters. His letters describe these experiences. Also included are Lucinda Davis' reminiscences and an obituary prepared when she died (undated).

34. Davis Family Papers, 1835-1913.

- Collection: LG 39
- Description: 2 reels
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- Jefferson Davis graduated from West Point in 1828 and served in the Army for seven years. In 1847 he was elected to the U.S. Senate, and he remained in public office until 1861 and the secession of the southern states. He was formally elected to the presidency of the Confederate States in October, 1861. Summary: This collection consists of the correspondence of Jefferson and Varina Howell Davis. Topics include Mississippi and national politics; the admission of California as a state; a proposed southern-route transcontinental railroad; and Davis' capture at the end of the Civil War. It also contains speeches, news clippings about the Davis family and their home, and accounts of the Battle of Monterey (1846), requested by Davis.

35. Hamilton Davis Collection, ca. 1861-1864. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00633](#)
- Description: 2 photographs
Collection consists of tintype images; one of Hamilton Davis and the other of his two cousins James and William Davis. Note: Hamilton Davis, son of Arthur and Emily (Green) Davis, was born in Oakland County on 20 July 1837. He enlisted in March 1864 and served in Company F, Michigan 15th Infantry Regiment. He was killed at the battle of Atlanta on 20 July 1864 (his 27th birthday). His cousins James (son of Allan Davis) and William Davis (Son of James Davis) are also included in this collection. James Davis was born 27 October 1842 at Burns, Michigan. William Davis was born 29 October 1845 and died 20 July 1914.

36. George K. Dike Papers, 1865-1907.

- Collection: [00159](#)
- Description: 0.66 cubic feet
Summary: Primarily land records (c.1873-c.1907) of the George K. Dike family in Minnesota and North Dakota, including farm contracts, chattel mortgages, warranty deeds, foreclosure notices, and property tax receipts. Also miscellaneous bank account records; household accounts and receipts; correspondence describing life in a surveyors' camp and late 19th century views on love, marriage, and family; and crop and house insurance policies (1885-1891). Miscellaneous items include a scrapbook of marine botanical samples, survey maps, an 1883 issue of the LANSING SENTINAL, and teaching contracts and certificates (1866-1975). Note: George K. Dike (1848-1938) was

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born in Sebago, Maine. He taught school, served in Co. I, 30th Maine Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, and worked as a surveyor in North Dakota before settling to farming in the late 1880's in that territory. Dike had 3 children by his first wife, Harriet Sheldon, who died in 1881. About 5 years later, he married Nancy P. Douglas. Dike owned two lots in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where the family had lived before the death of his first wife, and he appeared to have engaged in land speculation.

37. **Dillingham Family Letters, 1862-1864, 1870-1871.**

- Collection: [c00271](#)
- Description: 2 folders
Summary: This collection consists of letters from Loomis Dillingham to his family during his service in the Civil War. His letters describe camp life, guard duty, politics, and the war. One letter by Willis E. Brown tells of his death. Included in this collection is one letter from George Calker, also of the 26th Michigan Infantry, describing social life during the war. Also included are two letters (1870, 1871) of Loomis' brother, William, that touch on student matters at the University of Michigan. Note: Loomis Dillingham served with the 26th Regiment, Michigan Infantry, during the Civil War. He died at a camp near Brandy Station, Virginia, on 13 June 1864.

38. **James Rood Doolittle Papers, 1858-1927.**

- Collection: LG 18
- Description: 1 reel
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- James R. Doolittle (1815-1897) served in the U.S. Senate from Wisconsin from 1857-1869. Summary: This collection consists of correspondence, speeches, and news clippings relating to James Rood Doolittle's years in the Senate (1858-1869), and his later career as a lawyer in private practice. Subjects include slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, the Radical Republicans, Indian affairs, the tariff, and bimetallism. Correspondents include Frank P. Blair, Cassius M. Clay, S.P. Lee, Henry B. Payne, Amos Reed, and William H. Seward.

39. **Dowd Family Papers, 1828-1944. [\[online\]](#)**

- Collection: [00055](#)
- Description: 11 folders
Summary: Correspondence of three generations of the Dowd family of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan, (Horace and Mary Barrows Dowd, their son Jefferson Dowd, his sons and daughters, esp. Willard and Mary)

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with relatives and friends living on the East Coast and in Western lands. They discuss primarily family affairs, local events, and farming activities. Also letters written by Jefferson Dowd during the Civil War, while he served in Company D of the 66th Illinois Infantry, which participated in Sherman's March to the Sea, and a program and letter pertaining to a reunion of the company, and which lists surviving members. Note: Horace Dowd, born in New England, moved with his father, Israel Dowd, to Wayne County, New York, in the early 19th century. He married Mary Barrows, of Mansfield, Connecticut, in 1832. The couple moved to Hartford Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, in 1844. Dowd speculated in land, reselling it to later settlers Joseph Barrows, Mary's brother, was among the first pioneers to settle in Vermillion, Dakota Territory. He taught school briefly before turning to agriculture. Horace and Mary's son, Jefferson Dowd, served during the Civil War in Company D of the 66th Illinois Infantry.

- 40. William H. Doxtader Collection, 1850-1958. [[online](#)]**
- Collection: [00132](#)
 - Description: 0.33 cubic feet
Summary: Primarily Civil War records of the Doxtader family, a photocopied history of the 36th Indiana Infantry, and 6 diaries (1882-1940) of Guy O. Doxtader. Also some personal and legal correspondence, family histories and a birth certificate of the Doxtader family, a Civil War map; and newspaper clippings, documents, and contracts of, and a tribute to, Guy O. Doxtader.
- 41. O.G. Dunckel Papers, 1853-1865, 1863-1865. [[online](#)]**
- Collection: [c00024](#)
 - Description: 4 folders
Summary: Oshea G. Dunckel enlisted as a private at age 43 in the 14th Michigan Infantry on February 18, 1864 and served with his son-in-law, Lewis Price. Their regiment was stationed in Tennessee and Georgia, later joining Sherman's "March To The Sea" through Georgia and the Carolinas. The letters describe army life, but Dunckel was much more concerned with family matters and the state of the farm in his absence. Also included are three letters from members of the Price family serving with Dunckel.

- 42. Joseph Druse Papers, 1800, 1860, 1865, 1917-1964.**
- Collection: [UA.17.230](#)
 - Description: 1 cubic foot
Summary: The collection includes an 1860 voter guide.
- 43. Dunks Family Papers, 1836-1877, 1860-1870.**
- Collection: [c00123](#)
 - Description: 10 folders
Summary: This collection consists primarily of letters received by Oliver Dunks of Detroit and Coldwater, Michigan, most of which are dated in the 1860s. The letters discuss business, agriculture, and social activities, as well as conditions during the Civil War, including politics, the draft, and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. A series of letters from E.O. Burton, a student at Olivet College, describes college life and activities (1864-1865).
- 44. Eaegle Family Papers, 1861-1876, 1861-1866. [\[online\]](#)**
- Collection: [c00170](#)
 - Description: 5 folders
Summary: This collection consists primarily of Civil War letters to Emmiline (Emma) Daggett of Clinton County, Michigan. Emma received letters from her brother Will in the 10th Michigan Cavalry, her cousin George Daggett in the 33rd New York Infantry, and other friends in both regiments. The letters describe the soldiers' experiences, but are primarily concerned with home matters. The bulk of the letters are from William Eaegle of the 10th Michigan Cavalry, who married Emma Daggett in 1864. His letters describe his experiences in the western theater and on garrison duty in Texas after the war. He also discusses political and military events, as well as family matters. Post-war correspondence includes postcards to the Eaegles from friends and family members. There are also Carte de Visite photographs.
- 45. John Edison Papers, 1839-1915.**
- Collection: [c00130](#)
 - Description: 3 folders
Summary: John Edison (1806-1889) was one of the earliest settlers of Walker Township, Kent County, Michigan. He and his wife Susanna came to Michigan from Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1840. Edison's papers (1839-1915) contain various documents and newspaper clippings. The first two folders contain documents such as land deeds, tax receipts, insurance papers, wills, and church memberships. The third folder contains newspaper clippings, political tickets, and a "Forecast for the Year 1916", published in the Grand Rapids Herald. A clipping from the Grand Rapids Herald (April 16, 1899) recalls President Abraham Lincoln's assassination and its impact on Grand

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Rapids. The other clippings are family obituaries and articles on John Edison's nephew, Thomas Alva Edison.

46. **George Farr Autobiography, undated.** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00057](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection contains a facsimile of George Farr's autobiography "My Own Life." It tells of his childhood on a small farm in Erie County, New York, and his family's migration to Michigan in the 1850s, including a description of farm life and work. The autobiography is primarily an account of the Civil War and Farr's war experiences. He served briefly with the 1st Michigan Infantry, and later with the 4th United States Artillery. The autobiography gives a clear picture of camp life, and describes Farr's part in the battles of First Bull Run, Shiloh, and Murfreesboro. It also includes Farr's personal analysis of military leaders and political events. Note: He received a B.S. from the Agricultural College in 1890.
47. **William Pitt Fessenden Papers, 1832-1878.**
- Collection: LG 22
 - Description: 5 reels
Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection
William Pitt Fessenden Papers Library of Congress Manuscript Division 2nd St. and Independence Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540 USA
Reproduction and publication restricted Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.
 - William Pitt Fessenden (1806-1869) was a lawyer, member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1811-1843), U.S. Senator (1854-1864) and Secretary of the Treasury (1864-1865). Summary: This collection consists of correspondence, telegrams, newspaper clippings and printed material relating to national and Maine state politics. Topics include abolition; the operations of the Treasury Department (1864-1865); financing the Civil War; Reconstruction; and Andrew Johnson's impeachment. Correspondents include Gamaliel Bradford, Nathaniel Dale, Hamilton Fish, Alexander T. Galt, Robert A. Maxwell, and Joseph A. Ware.
48. **Emma Fields Collection, 1865, 1897.** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00361](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection contains items collected by Emma Fields of Greenville, Michigan. Included is a songbook with Civil War scenes and an April 15, 1865 issue of THE NEW YORK HERALD describing Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

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49. French Family Correspondence, 1856-1931.

- Collection: [00030](#)
- Description: 0.66 cubic feet
Summary: Primarily personal correspondence of the French and Cady families. Discusses various topics pertaining to the Civil War; land, crops, climate, economic conditions, attitudes and frontier life in Kansas (of note: buffalo hunts, attitudes toward Indians, and locust raids); activities in and around Kalkaska, Michigan, including the formation of a Woman's Christian Temperance Union and activities of the Masonic Order in Michigan; Guadalajara, Mexico; and cities, crops, and prices that Russell French observed in his travels through Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Nassau, and Washington, D.C. Also a Civil War diary of E.A. French. Note: The Cady and French families were related through the marriage of S.J.Cady to N.A.French. The couple moved to Kalkaska, Michigan. Both families were originally from New York.

50. Henry A. Goodale Recollection , undated. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00565](#)
- Description: 1 folder.
Summary: "From Murfreesboro to Chickamauga and Libby Prison" is a photocopy of a document which was made from an original dictation for Dr. Henry A. (Harry) Goodale's experience as a surgeon in the Civil War. Goodale served in the 21st Michigan Infantry. The events he described occurred between June 24, 1863 and November 24, 1863. The account tells of his experience in the battles of Murfreesboro and Chickamauga; how he helped wounded soldiers on and off the battle field; and his time as a prisoner in and release from Libby Prison.

51. Othniel Gooding Letters, 1862-1865. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00275](#)
- Description: 3 folders
Summary: This collection contains letters written to Miss Lucy Dexter, of Milan, Michigan, by Gooding during the Civil War. He comments on life in the camp and scouting expeditions, as well as the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and the siege of Atlanta. He also discusses Generals Rosecrans, Bragg, Hooker, Thomas, and Hood. Also included is a booklet titled "Col. R.H.G. Minty and the Michigan Cavalry", which describes the regiment's war service (1892). Note: Gooding served with the 4th Michigan cavalry during the Civil War.

52. Isaac Tichenor Goodnow Papers, 1850-1863.

- Collection: LG 11
- Description: 1 reel
Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collections
Isaac Tichenor Goodnow Letters Kansas State Historical Society 120 West Tenth St., Topeka, KS 66612 USA.
- Isaac Tichenor Goodnow was an educator, Kansas pioneer, abolitionist, legislator and state superintendent of public instruction. Summary: This collection consists of the correspondence of Isaac Tichenor Goodnow. The letters relate to the New England Emigrant Aid Company's project to send free-soil colonists to Kansas; the founding of Manhattan, Kansas; the Leavenworth Constitution; the founding of the Kansas State Agricultural College; and Kansas and national politics.

53. Charles H. Gorsuch Papers, 1861-1923.

- Collection: [00114](#)
- Description: 0.33 cubic feet
Summary: Primarily supply inventories, dispositions, and invoices (1863-1866) for Company K, 38th Ohio Infantry, commanded by Captain Charles H. Gorsuch, and some Civil War-era military forms, including discharge papers dated 1861. Note: Captain Charles H. Gorsuch was the commander of Company K, 38th Ohio Infantry, during the Civil War. After the war, he was a farmer in Ohio. He later moved to Waldron, Hillsdale County, Michigan, where he ran a general store with his brothers, then with his sons. He also served as Justice of the Peace in Waldron.

54. Mary Taylor Hale Correspondence, 1835-1880.

- Collection: [c00330](#)
- Description: 8 folders
Summary: This collection contains correspondence written by friends and relatives in Michigan and California in the period 1864-1880 to Mary Taylor Hale. In addition to education and the problems of teaching, such topics as the Civil War, election politics, and farming activities are discussed. Also included are the courtship letters (1842) of John Taylor of Milford and Jane Wark of New York City. Note: Mary Taylor (later Mary Taylor Hale) was a schoolteacher and resided in Milford, Michigan.

55. Hall Family and Wilcox Families Papers, 1795-1911.

- Collection: [00001](#)
- Description: 0.66 cubic feet, 9 volumes
Summary: This collection contains letters, legal documents, account books, bank books, school exercises and journals of the Hall and Wilcox families. There are several letters concerning Civil War conditions on the front and in

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hospitals, one which comments on land speculation in Michigan, and one with a personal view of the Colorado Gold Rush. Note: The Hall and Wilcox families were connected by marriage: Mrs. E.E. Hall was the daughter of Earl and Mary E. Ferdon Wilcox.

56. James Henry Hammond Papers, 1774-1875, 1823-1864.

- Collection: LG 30
- Description: 20 reels
Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection
James Henry Hammond Papers Library of Congress Manuscript Division 2nd St. and Independence Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540
Reproduction and publication restricted Library of Congress, Manuscript Division.
- James Henry Hammond (1807-1864) was a South Carolina planter who served in the U.S. House from South Carolina (1834), as governor of South Carolina (1842-1844), and as U.S. Senator from South Carolina (1857-1860). Summary: The James Henry Hammond Papers consists of correspondence, diaries, plantation account books and manuals, scrapbooks and manuscript and printed copies of Hammond's speeches, reflecting South Carolina and national politics in the decades before the Civil War. Topics include state's rights; slavery; state banks; the Southern Convention at Nashville, Tennessee (1850); secession; nullification; and the tariff. The plantation books give detailed lists of holdings in land and slaves from 1832 to 1858. Correspondents include A.P. Aldrich, Braxton Bragg, Pierce M. Butler, John C. Calhoun, Lewis Cass, James Gadsen, James Hamilton, Andrew Jackson, Francis W. Pickens, William C. Preston, R. Barnwell Rhett, William Gilmore Simms, Alexander H. Stephens, Martin Van Buren, and James M. Walker. Also included is a letter book (1774-1776, 1780) of Andrew McLean, a merchant from Savannah and Augusta, Georgia, to Clark and Milligan, London merchants.

57. John A. Hannah Papers, 1857-1969.

- Collection: [UA 2.1.12](#)
- Description: 140 cubic feet
Summary: The Hannah papers include general files; speeches; materials relating to Hannah's work with the Commission on Civil Rights, the Permanent Joint Board on Defense, and the Michigan Constitutional Convention; publications and appointment books; ephemera, and audio-visual materials. Information specific to the civil war includes the Civil War Centennial events (box 81, folder 28) and the Emancipation Proclamation Centennial (box 593, folder 5).

58. James S. Hannum Manuscript, undated. [[online](#)]

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- Collection: [c00561](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: Manuscript entitled "Michigan Bridget: Discovering the Truth Behind the Legend" by James S. Hannum. The manuscript is about Bridget Deavers, a camp follower with the 1st Michigan Cavalry who acted as a field nurse for the troops. The manuscript investigates her origins, the role she played in the war, and what she did after the war. The manuscript primarily focuses on the years 1862-1867. Also included in the manuscript is a bibliography.

59. Hardenbergh Family Papers, 1858-1866. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00527](#)
- Description: 9 folders
Summary: This collection includes letters written by various members of the Hardenbergh, Baker and Stanton families to Catherine Hardenbergh Baker of Barry County, Michigan. They describe various aspects of military life during the Civil War and also reflect life "on the home front" in that same period. Also included is a brief history of the Hardenbergh and Baker families. There are also Carte de Visite and other photographs in the collection. Note: Thomas Baker and his wife, Catherine Hardenbergh Baker, emigrated from Cayuga County, New York, to Barry County, Michigan, in 1852. There they established a farm on 80 acres of bounty land. While some of Catherine's family later came to Michigan and set up their own farms close to the Bakers', the majority of her family remained in New York State. Two of the Bakers' sons-in-law, Charles Stanton and Edward Davis, enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War.

60. Benjamin M. Harman Papers, 1861-1863, 1881-1888.

- Collection: [c00496](#)
- Description: 1 folder, 2 volumes
Summary: This collection contains 2 diaries and other correspondence of Benjamin Harman. The diaries span the dates December 21, 1861 to May 27, 1863, when Harman was killed in battle. He records the day-to-day activities of a soldier. The other papers are records of muster rolls for Harman, and correspondence by his mother and relatives trying to secure his pension for his mother. Note: Harman, a resident of Porter, Van Buren County, Michigan, enlisted at the age of 23 in Company D of the 6th Michigan Infantry on August 20, 1861. During the Civil War, he was stationed at Camp Baltimore, Maryland, and at Camp Parapet, Louisiana. Harman was killed in battle May 27, 1863, in Port Hudson, Louisiana.

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- 61. Carrie Usewick Harvey Reminiscences, undated.**
- Collection: [c00174](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection contains the reminiscences of Carrie Usewick Harvey of Wexford County, Michigan. The reminiscences give an account of her family's move to Wexford County and her childhood there. She also describes early lumbering operations and homemade remedies for illnesses. Note: Carrie Harvey's father Dennis Usewick was born in New York, but later migrated to Michigan with his wife Harriett. After serving in the Civil War, he returned to Michigan and moved his family north, to what would become the town of Sherman in Wexford County, in what was then a wilderness. Carrie was born soon after the move and shared the hardships of settling a new area. At age 21 she married William Harvey, an English immigrant.
- 62. Ezra C. Hatton Collection, 1862-1869. [[online](#)]**
- Collection: [000235](#)
 - Description: 0.25 cubic feet
- Summary: The collection includes correspondence, invoices, orders and receipts primarily from the period 1862-1869. There is also a copy of the published book by the State of Michigan recording the members and events of the 22nd Michigan Infantry Regiment.
- Oversized material in the collection includes Regimental Record posters and the officer's commissions received by Hatton.
- 63. Edwin R. Havens Papers, 1838-1867. [[online](#)]**
- Collection: [00016](#)
 - Description: 0.66 cubic feet, 8 volumes
- Summary: This collection contains correspondence (1862-1865) dealing with Edwin Havens' service in the 7th Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. It details training at Camp Kellogg (Grand Rapids, Michigan); the day-to-day life of a Civil War soldier; battles such as Gettysburg, Richmond, Petersburg, and the Shenandoah Valley; and describes such notables as Ulysses S. Grant, George Meade, George Armstrong Custer, John Mosby, and Jubal Early. Included are six diaries (1862-1865), which also deal with Havens' service, some regimental records and accounts, several newspaper clippings (1892, 1926, n.d.) and a copy of the song "Peter Butternut." Note: Edwin R. Havens (1842-1931) was born in Stafford, New York. His family moved to Niles Township, Michigan, in 1851. As a young man, Havens taught in the district schools of Berrien County, Michigan. He enlisted in the 7th Michigan Cavalry as a Sergeant in September, 1862. After a 6-month training period, the regiment was sent to Washington, D.C., and was later involved in the Gettysburg, Richmond, Petersburg, and Shenandoah Valley campaigns,

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among others. After the war, Havens was transferred to Virginia Dale, in the Colorado Territory. The regiment was mustered out on December 15, 1865, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Havens returned to Michigan. He became an employee of the State Lands Division and retired in 1929 as Chief of the department. He died in Lansing, Michigan, in 1931, following a lingering illness.

- 64. Clyde and Mary Henson Collection, 1860-1870. [[online](#)]**
- Collection: [c00606](#)
 - Description: 86 carte de visite photographs
Summary: Notable carte de visite photographs include Ulysses S. Grant and George B. McClellan. Also, the collection contains a carte de visite photograph of the Third Michigan Calvary.
- 65. Hicks Family Papers, 1841-1878.**
- Collection: [c00004](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
Summary: The collection consists of letters and other papers. The letters (1841-1846) are from Daniel Younglove to William and Nabby Hicks in Calhoun County, Michigan, concerning family affairs, crop conditions in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and the state of the Democrat and Whig parties in New York. Also included are a Civil War pass (1861) issued to George Hicks at St. Louis, Missouri; a contract (1871) for building a home; and a widow's government pension (1878) granted to Nabby Hicks.
- 66. J. P. Hoffman Collection, 1861-1918. [[online](#)]**
- Collection: [c00613](#)
 - Description: 11 photographs
Summary: Collection includes 11 photographs of scenes from the American Civil War.
- 67. Augustus Holmes Papers, 1862-1865. [[online](#)]**
- Collection: [c00108](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of Civil War letters written by Augustus Holmes of the 6th Michigan Cavalry. Holmes describes his experiences on guard duty, on scouts and raids into Virginia, and in army hospitals. There are frequent references to his brother Edwin (c00109) and stepbrothers Frank and Alvah (c00110) Marsh, also in the army. Augustus Holmes enlisted in the 6th Michigan Cavalry in 1862. He spent several months on guard duty in Washington, D.C., before his regiment saw active service. Holmes was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness in May, 1864, and the wound kept him in army hospitals for the remainder of the war.

68. **Edwin Holmes Papers, 1862-1864.** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00109](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection contains Edwin Holmes' Civil War letters to family and friends. They are primarily concerned with his health and with family matters. There are frequent references to his brother Augustus and stepbrother Alvah Marsh. Also included are several letters from his stepbrother Frank Marsh, describing his work in an army hospital in Detroit. Note: C00108, Augustus Holmes Papers c00110, Alvah Marsh Papers
- Edwin Holmes served with the 10th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. He was stationed primarily in Tennessee.
69. **Simeon A. Howe Letters, 1863-1890.** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00427](#)
 - Description: 14 folders
- Summary: This collection contains photocopies of handwritten transcriptions by the donor of 89 Civil War letters from Simeon A. Howe to his wife. The letters relate the activities of Howe's regiment and give a descriptive view of Army life in general. Also included are a photocopy of an army pension document issued to Howe in 1890, and a copy of notes made by the donor dealing with the 1st Michigan Regiment of Mechanics and Engineers. Note: Howe was born in 1830 and operated a farm near St. John's, Clinton County, Michigan. He enlisted in the Union Army in October 1863 as a private in Company M, First Michigan Regiment of Mechanics and Engineers. He apparently was a cook for the officers. He saw service for two years, mainly in Tennessee and Alabama, and later in New York and North Carolina.
70. **Charles Adolphus Jewell Papers, 1860-1979.**
- Collection: [UA 10.3.5](#)
 - Description: 3 folders
- Summary: The Charles A. Jewell, II, papers consist of original correspondence from Jewell's days as a student at Michigan Agricultural College (1860-1862) and from Jewell while he served in the 18th Michigan Volunteers during the Civil War (1862-1865). A photocopy of a manuscript edited by Jewell's granddaughter, Ruth Jewell Nelson, contains transcribed family letters, family anecdotes, and genealogical information on the Jewell family. Note: Charles Adolphus Jewell II (1839-1909) was born in New Hampshire, but his family moved to Lime Creek, Michigan, shortly thereafter. Jewell graduated from Michigan Agricultural College in 1862, then joined the Union Army as a sergeant, where he served for three years. After an honorable discharge in 1865 as a first lieutenant, he married Regina Kenyon in 1867; they moved to homestead in Colo, Iowa, in 1869. Three children survived infancy. In the

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early 1880's, the Jewells moved to Missouri, where Regina died in 1882. Jewell remarried Selena Harris Brown, a widow with three sons, and had four more children. The Jewells moved to Hudson, Michigan, in 1889, and bought a farm. Jewell experimented with different agricultural techniques with the assistance of Michigan Agricultural College. He was instrumental in developing the first rural delivery service in Michigan. Jewell is buried in Hudson.

71. Horace B. Jewell Papers, 1853-1864. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00146](#)

- Description: 1 folder

Summary: This collection consists primarily of Horace B. Jewell's Civil War letters to his family in Michigan. Pre-war correspondence includes a letter from Jewell describing agricultural conditions in Indiana (1853).

Note: Horace B. Jewell served in the 52nd Ohio Infantry during the Civil War. He saw action in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia. He was captured by the Confederates in 1863 and imprisoned in Virginia, but escaped to Union lines. He died on July 19, 1864 at Peach Tree Creek, Georgia.

72. Samuel Johnson Papers, 1824-1944.

- Collection: [UA 17.120](#)

- Description: 1 cubic feet

Summary: Personal papers of Samuel Johnson and the papers of other family members and their homestead, Wilderness Farm. Includes correspondence discussing the Civil War with Dexter E. Clapp (148th New York) and Lewis Foote and Wendell Cole (44th New York). Footes letter discusses McClellan's removal and Cole discusses contraband (Negros).

73. Georges J. Joyaux Collection, 1959-1961.

- Collection: [UA 17.232](#)

- Description: 1 folder

Summary: The booklet "Auguste Laugel Visits the Army of the Potomac" is edited by Georges Joyaux. It appeared in "The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography" volume 69, No. 4, October 1961. The article contains an overview of Auguste Laugel's book *Les Etats-Unis pendant le guerre (1861-1865)* and an extract from the book about Laugel's visit to America in 1865 during the Civil War. He visited General Grant's army along the Potomac River and commented on what he saw in the camps. The book *Prince Napoleon in America, 1861: Letters from his Aide-De-Camp* is by Lieutenant-Colonel Camille Ferri Pisani and is translated with a preface by Joyaux. It consists of letters from Prince Napoleon's second aide-de-camp to his superior officer, Colonel de Franconiere about the Prince's travels in the

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United States.

74. **Kedzie Family Papers, 1850-1976.**

- Collection: [00244](#)
- Description: 1.5 cubic feet
Summary: Consists of genealogies, correspondence, and books published by members of the family. Included in the collection are letters to and from Robert Clark Kedzie, dating from 1860 to 1898. Note: Robert Clark Kedzie (1823-1902) graduated from Oberlin College (1846) and the University of Michigan (M.D. 1851). He practiced medicine in Kalamazoo and Vermontville and with the U.S. Army during the Civil War. He took a position as Professor of Chemistry at M.A.C. in 1863 and taught for 39 years.

75. **Robert Clark Kedzie Papers, 1851-1961.**

- Collection: [UA 17.109](#)
- Description: 0.3 cubic feet
Summary: Collection includes handwritten manuscripts and publications written by Kedzie on a variety of topics; 3 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings on the Samuel Johnson case (1889), the removal of MAC president Lewis G. Gorton (1895), and scientific research (n.d.); notes on Kedzie's funeral; miscellaneous letters and research notes by Kedzie; recollections about Kedzie by a former student. Note: Robert Clark Kedzie (1823-1902) graduated from Oberlin College (1846) and the University of Michigan (M.D. 1851). He practiced medicine in Kalamazoo and Vermontville and with the U.S. Army during the Civil War. He took a position as Professor of Chemistry at M.A.C. in 1863 and taught for 39 years.

76. **Kendall Family Papers, 1857-1868, 1962.**

- Collection: [c00341](#)
- Description: 4 folders
Summary: This collection contains Civil War letters of three Kendall brothers to their parents in Franconia, New Hampshire, and letters from family friends. Among them is a letter describing the situation of Fredericksburg. Also, a typescript (1962) giving a brief history of the Houston family. Note: The Kendall brothers served in the 18th New Hampshire Infantry during the Civil War. A family friend, William Houston, served with the 24th Michigan Infantry.

77. **Kennedy Family Papers, 1817-1862. [\[online\]](#)**

- Collection: [c00068](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of seven letters. The earliest (1817) describes a midwinter journey through western New York by wagon sleigh.

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Five letters in the collection were written by Frederick A. Kennedy to his wife, Caroline, while he served in the Michigan State Legislature in Detroit in 1846. Kennedy discusses the legislature's actions, including the passage of a bill to pay legislators, and the initial defeat and final passage of a controversial bill for the sale of the (Michigan) Central Railroad. The final letter in the collection was written by Kennedy's son, J. Benton Kennedy, a captain in the 1st Michigan Infantry, from Sharpsburg, Maryland, in October of 1862.

78. Newton Thorne Kirk Papers, 1864-1909, 1907-1909. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00028](#)
- Description: 4 folders

Summary: This collection contains Newton Thorne Kirk's Civil War reminiscences. They recount his service with the 26th Michigan Infantry, including the battle of Spotsylvania, where he was taken prisoner by the Confederates. Kirk adds comments on Abraham Lincoln and Austin Blair. Also included in the collection is Kirk's commission as Captain of the 127th Colored Infantry; his certificate of membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; a memorial pamphlet issued by the Loyal Legion after Kirk's death; and two letters describing trips to India and Egypt. Note: Newton Thorne Kirk enlisted in Company E, 26th Michigan Infantry, in 1862. He served with the Army of the Potomac until the Battle of Spotsylvania, where he was wounded and taken prisoner. He was then sent to Andersonville Prison. He was later paroled and exchanged, and he received a commission as Captain in the 127th Colored Infantry. After the war Kirk moved to California where he became a respected businessman.

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- 79. Madison Kuhn Collection, 1827-1966.**
- Collection: [UA 17.107](#)
 - Description: 12.4 cubic feet, 57 volumes on shelf
 - Summary: The Madison Kuhn Collection consists of materials accumulated by Kuhn during his tenure as University Historian. The collection deals largely, but not exclusively, with the history of Michigan State University. Most of the records document the period 1855 to 1955. Items specifically related to the Civil War include George A. Farr's address to the MAC Memorial Day in 1896, William B. McCreedy's paper "My Experience as a Prisoner of War and Escape from Libby Prison" (1888) and a folder for the 1911 Dedication of a Tablet Honoring MAC Students in the Civil War. George A. Farr served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry and the 4th U.S. Artillery. See also George Farr Autobiography (c000057). William B. McCreedy served in the 21st Michigan Infantry.
- 80. George L. LaForest Collection, 1863-1896. [\[online\]](#)**
- Collection: [c00661](#)
 - Description: 16 folders
 - Summary: This civil war collection of George L. LaForest includes letters, a copy of an article about shooting of President Lincoln, a copy of Lincoln's declaration of war, an image of the locomotive L.H. Tupper, and the poem "Break the News Gently." The materials mostly refer to the New York region.
- 81. Leach Family Papers, 1810-1863.**
- Collection: [c00440](#)
 - Description: 8 folders
 - Summary: This collection contains photocopies of letters and a scrapbook/ledger belonging to Morgan Leach. The early letters (1810-1827) discuss pioneer life and the loneliness of separation from families. Also included is Morgan's ledger used to record credit amounts when he worked as a peddler. The ledger was later used as a scrapbook for newspaper clippings of letters he wrote to the CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN while serving during the Civil War in the 1st Michigan Cavalry. He describes camp life, political views, his part in the Battle of Winchester, and ideas of recruiting blacks and all able-bodied white males.
- 82. Frank D. Lewis Collection, undated.**
- Collection: [c00199](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
 - Summary: This collection contains two Civil War poems "The Dying Soldier at Manassas," and "The Veteran's Growl." "The Veteran's Growl" was written by a soldier sent to Texas on garrison duty after the war ended; it describes the

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miserable conditions in Texas, and satirizes War Department policies and Union leaders. Also included is a brief genealogy of Frank Lewis' family.

83. Lickly Family Papers, 1862-1871.

- Collection: [c00434](#)
- Description: 5 folders
Summary: The Lickly family papers contain Civil War letters (1862-1864) of William Lickly, James Lickly, and Albert Barber, to and from friends and relatives. They were members of the 18th Michigan Infantry Regiment. The letters contain articulate descriptions of military life and occasional commentary on the condition of "Negroes in the South." The post-war letters are concerned with Michigan farm life and religious activities. Note: A spelling change sometime between 1864 and 1866 added an "e" to Lickly, so that it is presently spelled Lickley.

84. Ralph M. Lickley Papers, undated. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00388](#)
- Description: 15 folders
Summary: Collection includes images from the civil war in Georgia and Tennessee and of the 9th Michigan Infantry Regiment..

85. James Lucas Manuscript, undated. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00086](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of a manuscript typed by Paul S. Lucas from James Lucas' narration. James Lucas describes the American political scene in the 1850s and the coming of the Civil War. He discusses the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in detail, as well as the capture, death, and burial of John Wilkes Booth. Lucas also discusses the trial and execution of the other Lincoln conspirators. Note: James Lucas, an English immigrant, enlisted in the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry in July 1862. Soon after that he was seriously wounded in battle, and when he recovered he was transferred to the 12th Veterans Reserve Corps in Washington, D.C. This corps guarded the Old Capitol Prison, where the Lincoln conspirators were held following the assassination. Lucas guarded the body of John Wilkes Booth and was present when it was secretly buried in the prison. In addition, Lucas served as a court messenger during the trial of the other conspirators.

86. Lyman Family Papers, 1812-1910.

- Collection: [00128](#)
- Description: 1 cubic feet
Summary: The Lyman Family Papers include correspondence, diaries, property deeds, a farm inventory, and account books. The family settled in

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Shiawassee County, Michigan, in 1837. Family members describe their pioneer experiences, as well as the California Gold Rush and the Civil War in their letters home to their mother, Lucinda Sikes Lyman. Diaries give details of family farm life and the Civil War. Legal documents include the family's original Federal land grant (1837), and a will (1850). Correspondence with the Michigan Historical Commission is also included (1910).

87. Charles L. Mack Papers, 1862-1973.

- Collection: [UA 10.3.75](#)
- Description: .1 cubic feet
Summary: This collection includes the transcribed letters of Civil War infantryman, Benjamin Franklin Marsh, compiled by Michigan State student Charles L. Mack. The original letters can be found in the Marsh family papers (c.00047). Also included is a paper written by Charles L. Mack on Benjamin F. Marsh and the Eighth Michigan Infantry.

88. Mallison Family Collection, 1861-1873, 1928, 1958, undated. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00675](#)
- Description: 4 folders
Summary: The collection consists of materials from the Mallison family including the Civil War letters of Simeon Mallison and George Hewes. Mallison enlisted August 11, 1862 in Company H, Michigan 18th Infantry Regiment in Reading, Michigan. He was captured (date not known) and released in April 1865. He died on April 27, 1865 in the explosion of the steamboat Sultana along with 128 fellow 18th Michigan soldiers. George Hewes (spelled Hughes later) enlisted in Company C, in the 14th Ohio Regiment. He mustered out later in August and later enlisted in the same company as Simeon Mallison. He mustered out on February 13, 1863 in Lexington, Kentucky.

89. Bertha Malone Collection, 1865-1887, 1956. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00245](#)
- Description: 2 folders
Summary: This collection contains correspondence (1865-1887) between members of the Noddins family of Ionia, Michigan, primarily Civil War letters from Sarah and Robert Noddins to their son, Thomas, in the Union Army. The letters often mention a son William but he is actually the son-in-law, William Hicking. Also included is a lecture on the capture of John Wilkes Booth, given on speaking tours by Luther B. Baker, who helped capture Booth. Luther Byron Baker was an officer of the U.S. Secret Service during the Civil War, and later a resident of Lansing, Michigan. The lecture describes the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth following the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. The cover letter is typed on Michigan Millers Mutual Fire

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Insurance Co. letterhead, dated October 4, 1948 and was given by Baker's son, Arthur D. Baker, to Bertha Malone and gives information about the speech.

90. Alvah Marsh Papers, 1862-1864. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00110](#)

- Description: 1 folder

Summary: This collection consists of Civil War letters from Alvah Marsh describing his experiences, especially in army hospitals. He refers frequently to his brother, Frank, and stepbrothers, Augustus (c00108) and Edwin Holmes (c00109), who were also serving in the army. Alvah Marsh served with the 7th Michigan Infantry, primarily in Virginia. He was wounded in November, 1863, and spent the following months in various army hospitals, first as a patient and later as a nurse. He apparently received a medical discharge in 1864.

91. Marsh Family Papers, 1862-1887, 1862-1865 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00047](#)

- Description: 7 folders

Summary: This collection contains the Civil War letters of Benjamin F. Marsh to his family in Fentonville, Michigan, while serving in the 8th Michigan Infantry. The letters describe Marsh's army experiences on the march, in camp, in battle, on provost duty, and in army hospitals as both nurse and patient. Also included are letters (1872-1887) between Marsh and his wife, largely concerned with family matters, written while he was engaged in various railroad building and repair projects in the Flint-Detroit area of Michigan. Note: A soldier in the 8th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War, Benjamin Marsh served in the eastern and western theaters. He fought in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Vicksburg, as well as in skirmishes in Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

92. James Murray Mason Papers, 1838-1870.

- Collection: LG 31

- Description: 3 reels

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James Murray Mason served in both the U.S. House and the Senate from Virginia. During the Civil War he was sent as a diplomatic commissioner to Europe, especially Great Britain. Summary: This collection consists primarily of correspondence, dispatches, supply lists and other materials relating to

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James Mason's years as a diplomatic commissioner for the Confederacy in Europe during the Civil War. Topics include cotton and the Confederate economy; naval matters, including the Union blockade of the Confederacy; and the activities English groups opposed to the war, such as the Society for Promoting the Cessation of Hostilities in America, and the Southern Independence Association. Correspondents include Judah P. Benjamin, Henry Hotze, R.M.T. Hunter, John Russell, John Slidell, and General James William.

93. Elizabeth Cooper Matheson Diaries, 1861-1873.

- Collection: [c00314](#)
 - Description: 5 volumes
- Summary: This collection contains the diaries of Elizabeth Cooper Matheson. The early diary entries include many observations on events of the Civil War. She gives details of Quaker meetings and also those of the Temperance Society, which she joined in 1862. Detailed descriptions are given of the journey she made from Salem, Ohio, to Michigan, including the crossings of Lakes Erie and Michigan. A majority of the entries are about her daily activities. Note: Elizabeth Matheson moved with her family from Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, to Salem, Ohio, in 1862; and from there to Riverside, Michigan, in 1867.

94. Mattoon Family Papers, 1727-1977, 1836-1920. [\[online\]](#)

- Collection: [00019](#)
 - Description: 1 cubic feet, 17 volumes
- Summary: This collection includes letters, diaries and manuscript accounts by Mattoon family members describing agricultural and social conditions in 19th century New York and Michigan. George P. and Gershom W. Mattoon's Civil War letters and Gershom's recollections (apparently written in the early 1900s) contribute to the bulk of the collection. Gershom remained in contact with his military friends, compiling information in a register and collecting newspaper clippings on his old company, the 6th Michigan Cavalry. Note: Gershom Woodruff Mattoon (1842-1911), George Pearson Mattoon (1832-1909), and Nancy Agnes Amy Lindley (b. 1834), who married Gershom Mattoon (September 22, 1868) are the principal family members in the collection.

95. Mayo Family Papers, 1861-1966. [\[online\]](#)

- Collection: [00040](#)
 - Description: 0.33 cubic feet
- Summary: This collection consists primarily of Civil War letters from Perry Mayo to his family in Calhoun County, Michigan, which vividly describe battles, marches, military personnel, and camp life, and give observations about the war. It also includes incomplete genealogies of the Angell, Bryant,

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Buell, Carpenter, Coryell, Freytag, Mayo, and Price families; a publication about the Price family; and a manuscript about the Carpenter and Coryell families. Note: The Mayo family played an important part in the early days of Michigan Agricultural College, as well as its later history. Mary Angell Bryant married Perry Mayo in 1865. She was active in the women's agricultural movement. The donor, Robert Mayo, is the son of Nelson S. Mayo and the grandson of Perry and Mary Mayo.

96. Manuel McCormick Diary, 1862.

- Collection: [c00689](#)
- Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection contains one diary of Manuel McCormick, of Lenawee County, Michigan. The diary includes references to his experiences in the Civil War (47th Ohio), payments for farm labor, and notes of value received.

97. Francis McCullagh Diary, 1836-1886.

- Collection: [c00489](#)
- Description: 1 folder
- Summary: The collection consists of the diary of Francis McCullagh of the 1st Michigan Infantry Regiment. Francis McCullagh enlisted in Company F of the Michigan 1st Infantry Regiment at age 23 on July 16, 1861 in East Saginaw, Michigan. He was promoted through the ranks to Full 2nd Lieutenant on July 7, 1865. He mustered out on July 9, 1865 at Jeffersonville, Indiana.
- His last name was sometimes spelled McCullough.

98. Irenus McGowan Papers, 1862. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00160](#)
- Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection contains Civil War letters from Irenus McGowan in the 29th Indiana Infantry. A former schoolteacher, McGowan served in the western theater. His letters describe military life and the battles of Shiloh and Corinth. He also comments on the Confederacy's weaknesses and the passage of the Homestead Act.

- 99. John C. McLain Diary, 1883** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00111](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection contains a typewritten copy of John McLain's Civil War diary (1862-1865) describing daily army life, as well as the capture of Jefferson Davis (May 10, 1865) and demobilization of the armies. Note: John C. McLain, a member of Company C, 4th Michigan Cavalry, was stationed in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia during the Civil War.
- 100. Karl Merrill Speech, 1897**
- Collection: [c00120](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection consists of a speech entitled "A Story of the War," given by Karl Merrill's father during Decoration Day services held near Grant, Newago County, Michigan, in 1897. The speech, a highly patriotic tribute to the valor of Union fighting men, compares military strategy and technology before and after the Civil War and comments on the importance of patriotism in America.
- 101. Arnold W. Miller Papers, 1847-1928**
- Collection: [00008](#)
 - Description: 0.33 cubic feet
- Summary: This collection contains correspondence and diaries of Arnold Miller, a Saginaw County, Michigan, farmer. Letters describe the family's strong interest in spiritualism and the Spirit World, and some are supposedly written by Jasper Miller (deceased) through a niece, Carrie Rooney. Diaries document Arnold Miller's service in Company G of the 3rd Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. Note: Arnold W. Miller (1823-1911) was a Saginaw County (Michigan) farmer who served in the Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. He was apparently involved in the Michigan branch of the Grange, a national farmers' political organization. Before migrating to Michigan, he lived in Chicopee, Massachusetts.
- 102. Emma Miller Papers, 1862-1864** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00005](#)
 - Description: 6 folders
- Summary: This collection consists of Civil War letters received by Emma Miller of Chickaming, Michigan, primarily from her fiancé Captain Mark D. Flower. Flower served at the headquarters of the District of Memphis, Army of the Tennessee. In his letters, he describes headquarters routine, camp life, and the battle of luka, Mississippi.

103. Justin Smith Morrill Papers, 1825-1923

- Collection: LG 1

- Description: 52 reels

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Reproduction and publication restricted Library of Congress Manuscript Division. Justin Smith Morrill (1810-1898), merchant, U.S. Representative and Senator from Vermont, authored the Morrill Tariff Act (1861) and the Land Grant College Act (1862). He chaired the Senate Finance Committee for many years (1877-79, 1881-93, 1895-98). Summary: This collection consists of correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and U. S. Congressional reports and documents covering Justin Morrill's legislative career (1854-1898). The papers relate to his efforts in behalf of the Morrill Tariff Act of 1861, the sponsorship of the original and later land grant college acts, and other controversial post-Civil War political issues.

Correspondents include James G. Blaine, Salmon P. Chase, L.E. Chittenden, Schuyler Colfax, Charles Dewey, Hamilton Fish, and Horace Greeley.

104. Robert Mueller Collection, 1862 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00690](#)

- Description: 3 letters

Summary: This collection contains three letters dated August 18, 1862, October 20, 1862 and ?, 25th 1862. One of the letters is from the 6th Regiment, Michigan Infantry.

105. Wilbur Nelson Papers, 1864-1865 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00159](#)

- Description: 3 folders

Summary: This collection contains a narrative describing Wilbur Nelson's war experiences, written by his grandson, Gaylord Nelson, and based on his correspondence and diaries. Also included are several of Wilbur Nelson's war diaries (which he kept in shorthand): His diary for 1864; two transcriptions of the 1864 diary; and a transcription of his 1865 diary (original not included).

The collection also contains a muster roll for Company J of the 102nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops, dated February, 1864. Note: Wilbur Nelson of Arcadia Township, Clinton County, Michigan, served in the 8th Michigan Infantry from 1861 to 1863, attaining the rank of Second Lieutenant in Company C. He was wounded in 1863 and resigned from the service. In March 1864, he received a commission as Captain in the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry (in the Civil War, black troops served in segregated units under white officers). When the war ended, Nelson returned to Michigan and opened a store.

- 106. Roger Noble Papers, 1861** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00122](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection consists of three Civil War letters from Roger Noble of the 7th Michigan Infantry, describing his daily experiences in the army and the looting of Robert E. Lee's plantation. Also included is a newspaper photograph of Noble published in 1861.
- 107. Virginia Norfleet Reminiscences, n.d** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00149](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection consists of a 14 page reminiscence of Virginia Sarah Camp Norfleet, giving a highly moralistic account of life in Tidewater Virginia from 1812 to 1894. There is a special emphasis on the Civil War and its impact. Mrs. Norfleet also discusses slavery, the schools she attended, and the town of Franklin, Virginia.
- 108. Edwin R. Osband Diaries, 1861-1866.** [[online](#)]
- Collection: [c00136](#)
 - Description: 2 folders
- Summary: This collection contains three diaries kept by Edwin R. Osband during the Civil War, describing his experiences and conditions of army life. The last volume records the names and addresses of men discharged with Osband in 1864. It was later used to record mileage charts, home remedies, and financial records. Note: Edwin R. Osband, a farmer in Wayne County, Michigan, attended the Michigan State Agricultural College 1857 – 1858, served in the Civil War with the 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics (Company H) and was elected 2nd sergeant in November, 1861. He saw duty in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Georgia before his discharge in October, 1864.
- 109. William H. Osborne Diary, 1864**
- Collection: [c00488](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
- Summary: The diary includes the records of expenses and earnings for Osborne's farm in Tecumseh, Michigan in 1864, as well as personal entries. Also included are cash accounts involving work in the State Legislature and a record of bounty funds paid to Osborne for recruitment of Civil War soldiers. Note: Osborne was a prosperous Tecumseh, Michigan, farmer and local politician. He served as Justice of the Peace, school inspector, township supervisor and highway commissioner. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1864 and 1866.

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110. Harrison Outwater Papers, 1863-1865 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00141](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of two Civil War letters from Harrison Outwater of the 1st New York Artillery. The first letter describes Confederate deserters (1863); the second, conditions in Savannah, Georgia, under Union occupation (1865).



111. John Gibson Parkhurst Papers, 1831-1906 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [00025](#)
- Description: 1 cubic feet
Summary: Primarily diaries of John Parkhurst relating details of court cases he tried, battle accounts of the Civil War, his experiences as a prisoner-of-war, and later his business affairs and political problems. Those of 1888-1889 deal with his tenure as Minister to Belgium. Also Civil War correspondence with his sisters and with various government officials. There are speeches he gave at regimental reunions and during election campaigns, both for himself and for Horace Greeley. Included are Parkhurst's official military record and souvenirs from regimental reunions. Newspaper clippings discuss Parkhurst's life and his regimental reunions. Folders and two scrapbooks contain photographs of people from the Civil War period and from Tennessee. Note:

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John Gibson Parkhurst (1824-1906) was born in Oneida Castle, New York. He passed his bar and rode the circuit court in New York. He moved to Coldwater, Michigan, in 1848, where he continued his legal practice. His wife, Amelia, died in 1861, leaving him two daughters, Margaret and Kate Amelia. Parkhurst began his political career at the 1860 Democratic convention in Charleston, South Carolina. During the Civil War, he enlisted as Lieutenant Colonel in the 9th Michigan Infantry, which saw much action. He spent a period of time as a prisoner of war, being exchanged in December, 1862. By May, 1865, he had been promoted to Brevet Brigadier General. He remarried in Tennessee and attempted to settle there after the war. He returned to Coldwater, where he was defeated for both a Congressional seat and the office of State Treasurer. He was appointed Chief Deputy Marshal of Eastern Michigan, but was involved in a scandal five months later. He was appointed United States Minister to Belgium for 1888-1889. He was appointed Postmaster General for Coldwater in 1894, at which time he was serving on the Board of Directors of the Mansfield, Coldwater, and Lake Michigan Railroad and was President of the Coldwater Gas Light Company. He was actively involved in organizing several reunions of his Civil War regiment.

112. **Parsons Family Papers, 1824-1910** [[online](#)]

- Collection: [00020](#)
- Description: 3 cubic feet
Summary: The collection consists mainly of correspondence, diaries and account books of the Edward Parsons Family. Edward Parsons' letters to and from New York relatives make up the bulk of the personal correspondence. Topics include Edward's experiences at Hamilton College (Clinton, N.Y.) and his son Jacob's experiences at Michigan Agricultural College; "Michigan Fever" in 1835; and the Civil War. An almost complete set of diaries kept by Parsons from 1827 until his death in 1889 contains notes on weather conditions, social and family events and farm business.

113. **Abel G. Peck Papers, 1859-1863** [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00107](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection contains Civil War letters from Abel G. Peck to his family, describing his army experiences and his part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Sharpsburg, after the battle of Antietam. Note: Abel G. Peck enlisted in the 24th Michigan Infantry in 1862 and served in Maryland and Virginia. The regiment's color-bearer, he was killed on July 1, 1863, in the first day's fighting at Gettysburg.

114. Nell Pemberton-Rosenzweig Papers, 1978

- Collection: [c00540](#)
- Description: 1 item

Summary: This collection contains a photocopy of an unpublished manuscript by Nell Pemberton-Rosenzweig, "Journey Into the Wilderness." It describes the history of the Pemberton family from 1863 to 1907, including the hardships they encountered in their move from Pennsylvania to Mecosta County, Michigan. The author's grandparents (her grandfather was a Methodist minister) illustrate the difficulty of life as 19th century pioneers as they overcome harsh weather, poor travelling conditions, and separation from loved ones. Chene Orson Pemberton, the author's grandfather, was born in 1831 in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. He attended the Union Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee, and in 1850 he married Louisa Boyd of Allegheny County, New York. During the Civil War, Pemberton served with the 45th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was wounded at Charleston, South Carolina, in 1863 and was discharged. Pemberton returned to Pennsylvania, sold his property, and moved his family west to Mecosta County, Michigan. In addition to farming, Pemberton traveled as a Methodist minister to preach in surrounding counties. He and his wife had twelve children, two of whom died at a young age.

115. Pendleton Family Papers, 1774-1887 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00295](#)
- Description: 10 folders

This collection contains correspondence, a majority from relatives and school friends of Lottie Pendleton (later Mrs. George W. Bailey) whose home was in Cleveland, Ohio, and who attended college at Adrian, Michigan. The letters (1854-1862) are largely from students at Albion and Oberlin Colleges and the University of Michigan, discussing future visits and the infrequency or shortness of letters written or received. Also included is a letter from her brother, Harry, describing events of the Civil War.

116. Francis Wilkinson Pickens Papers, 1837-1920 1860-1865

- Collection: LG 23
- Description: 2 reels

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Francis W. Pickens served in the U.S. House of Representatives (1834-1843) and as governor of South Carolina (1860-1862). Milledge L. Bonham (1813-1890) served in the South Carolina House of Representatives (1840-1844), in

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the U.S. House of Representatives (1857-1860), and as governor of South Carolina (1860-1862).

Summary: This collection consists of correspondence, reports, resolutions, military papers, applications, administrative papers, petitions, memoranda, newspaper clippings relating to two governors of South Carolina, Francis Wilkinson Pickens and Milledge L. Bonham. The bulk of the material dates from the Civil War period. Picken's correspondents include R.C. Barclay, John Forsyth, Robert N. Gourdin, and L.P. Walker. Bonham's correspondents include P.G.T. Beauregard, Howell Cobb, and W.S. Walker.

117. Pinckney Family Papers, 1848-1959 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00490](#)
- Description: 8 folders

Summary: The Pinckney Family papers consist of correspondence, invitations, programs, certificates, and newspapers clippings relating to the Civil War and to early history of Lansing, Michigan. Note: The Pinckney family has been prominent in the Lansing area from the 19th century. William H. Pinckney, a lawyer, was appointed Attorney Solicitor and Counselor in the courts of Michigan and was elected Judge of Probate in Ingham County, Michigan, from 1856 to 1864.

118. Porter Family Papers, 1836-1957 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00179](#)
- Description: 10 folders

Summary: This collection contains correspondence and printed materials relating to the Porter, Prindle and Pierce families, primarily to Grace Porter Pierce of Grand Ledge, Michigan. The correspondence includes letters from Horace Greeley, connected by marriage with the Porters. It also includes marriage and school certificates; Civil War pension applications; horoscopes prepared for Grace Pierce; family genealogies; materials dealing with the history of Grand Ledge (1935-1936); and a letter from Richard Nixon to Grace Pierce (1957). Collection includes Carte de Visite photographs.

119. Benjamin D. Pritchard Papers, 1862-1911 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00324](#)
- Description: 5 folders, 7 volumes

Summary: This collection consists of letters, account books, and letter books of Benjamin Pritchard. The military materials include: two ledger books, five folders and invoices of receipts, and an inventory of weapons, ammunition, clothing, horses, and tack. There are also several roll call issues of supplies. One ledger gives the daily cash account of the State Treasury Office for 1879-1880, when Pritchard was State Treasurer. Note: Captain Benjamin Pritchard was the commanding officer of Company L, 4th Michigan Cavalry. Pritchard,

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who later rose to the rank of Brigadier General, commanded the regiment when it captured Jefferson Davis near Macon, Georgia, on May 10, 1865. He was State Treasurer and Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of Michigan for the years 1879-1880, and later became president of the First National Bank of Allegan, Michigan.

120. Peter Randall Letters, 1864

- Collection: [c00528](#)
 - Description: 3 folders
- Summary: This collection includes correspondence (some photocopied and/or transcribed) from Peter Randall, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, to his wife Mary, from his enlistment in the Union Army on February 24, 1864, to his subsequent death on October 27, 1864. Randall never saw combat, so his letters describe daily life in Army camps. Also included is a letter of condolence written to Mary by Randall's Sergeant. Note: Peter Randall was born in Vermont around 1837. His family moved to Washtenaw County, Michigan, at an unknown date. He left home when he was 13 years old with his brother, Leonard, who was 15. In 1860, he married Mary Catherine Haynes and settled in Ypsilanti, Michigan. After one year, their only child, Clara, was born. On February 26, 1864, Randall enlisted in Company F, 6th Michigan Heavy Artillery of the Union Army.

121. Daniel Read Papers, 1866-1876

- Collection: LG 7
 - Description: 1 reel
- Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection
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- Summary: This collection consists of reports on the University of Missouri, prepared by Daniel Read, President of the University, to the Board of Curators. The reports are especially concerned with the growth and organization of the university in the post-Civil War period.

122. Katherine M. Rickey Papers, 1861-1892

- Collection: [c00553](#)
 - Description: 9 folders
- Summary: The family papers of Katherine M. Rickey contain Civil War and post-war letters of John (Jan) Nies, of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry. Most of these letters are written in Dutch. A "Record of Ancestry" of the Nies family also included.

123. Charles Robinson Papers, 1850-1918

- Collection: LG 10
- Description: 1 reel

Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection

Charles Robinson Papers University of Kansas Libraries, Kenneth Spencer Research Library, Department of Special Collections Lawrence, KS 66045 USA Charles Robinson (1818-1894) had a long and varied career. This collection relates to his interest in Kansas, and his eventual move there in 1854 as an agent of the Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Company. He became a leader in the movement to have Kansas admitted as a free state, and under the Topeka Constitution of 1855, Robinson was elected governor. This effort failed, and in 1861 when Kansas was finally admitted to the Union under the Wyandotte Constitution, Robinson was again elected governor and assumed office. From 1864-1874 he was a regent of the University of Kansas. He re-entered the political arena in 1882 and served in the State House of Representatives as well as the Senate. In 1893, he was again appointed a regent of the University of Kansas, which office he held until his death in 1894. Sara Tappan Doolittle Robinson (1827-1911) shared with her husband the fight for a free Kansas. She became a noted historian of that period of Kansas history.

124. Karl Rommel Collection, 1861-1865

- Collection: [c00532](#)
- Description: 6 folders

Summary: This collection contains photocopies of Civil War letters written by Harrison Traphagan, David R. Frego, Robert A. Moon, "Augustus," L.A. Hall, and "Robert," all of the Union Army between 1861 and 1865. The letters discuss Army life, camp conditions, troop relations and combat activity. Frego's papers include a poem, "How Lee was Whipped at Gettysburg." Note: Original papers remain in the possession of Karl L. Rommel. Harrison Traphagan enlisted in Company I, 3rd Michigan Cavalry. David Frego served in Company H, 6th Michigan Cavalry. Augustus served in the 3rd Michigan Cavalry, and Robert enlisted in Company A, 8th Michigan Cavalry.

125. Alanson Royce Papers, 1855-1862. [\[online\]](#)

- Collection: [c00104](#)
- Description: 1 folder

Summary: This collection consists primarily of letters from Alanson Royce to his family, describing his farm in New Buffalo, Michigan, and his move to Mornington, Missouri. Royce discusses Missouri's agriculture and economy as well as education and social conditions. The letters also describe Civil War conditions in Missouri in 1861 and 1862. Two of the letters during the Civil War years, are from Orin Baker. Baker enlisted in the 24th Missouri Infantry

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Regiment as a sergeant. He died from illness in 1862.

Note: Alanson Royce, a farmer in Mornington, Missouri, angered local Confederate sympathizers in 1861 and 1862 with his pro-Union views. Royce was later forced to flee to Illinois.

126. George P. Sanford Papers, 1856-1867

- Collection: [c00482](#)
- Description: 11 folders
Summary: This collection contains several essays and speeches written by Professor George Sanford during the 1850s and 1860s.

127. Scofield Family Papers, 1853-1920 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00134](#)
- Description: 5 folders
Summary: This collection consists primarily of correspondence relating to Grace Scofield Bridger and her husband Lewis Bridger, dealing with family matters. It includes letters from other members of the Scofield family, many of whom lived in Ingham County, Michigan. These include the Civil War letters of Guy Scofield, Grace's brother, who served with Company H of the 23rd Michigan Infantry. His letters describe army life, his experiences on duty in Kentucky, and his concern with his health (he apparently received a medical discharge in 1863). There is also a tintype photograph.

128. John Shaw Papers, 1838-1875 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00286](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection contains miscellaneous deeds and tax receipts of Shaw a resident of Lenawee County, Michigan. Included is a Civil War letter describing the siege of Richmond.

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129. Daniel E. Sickles Correspondence, 1859-1893, 1859-1874

- Collection: LG 40
- Description: 2 reels

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Daniel Sickles (1825-1914) was a lawyer and Congressman from New York. He served in the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War, rising to the rank of major general. During Reconstruction he was appointed military governor of the Carolinas, and he was later sent as ambassador to Spain.

Summary: This collection consists of the correspondence of Daniel E. Sickles, in part from his Civil War service, but primarily from his years as American ambassador to Spain.

130. Slafter Family Papers, 1855-1891

- Collection: [00037](#)
- Description: 14 folders

Summary: Primarily personal correspondence among members of the Slafter family and their family and friends. Discusses financial, agricultural, economic, and moral topics. Letters and an essay (by Anna Slafter) discuss the Civil War in a negative view. A recruiting letter promises recruits they will not be sent out of Michigan. A Greenback newspaper containing a speech by Senator Allen G. Thurman is included. One letter discusses Fenians in Connecticut.

131. Smith and Carpenter Families Papers, 1864-1913. [\[online\]](#)

- Collection: [c00301](#)
- Description: 5 folders

Summary: This collection contains four Civil War letters and a small diary of Josiah B. Smith written during his term as bugler in the 8th Michigan Cavalry in Tennessee and Kentucky. In this diary, Josiah writes about daily life in the camp and his health. The formal statement of his enlistment and discharge issued in 1890 is also contained in the collection.

132. Rev. Leonard Smith Diaries Collection, 1833-1874

- Collection: [00121](#)
- Description: 1 volume

Summary: Collection consists of a typescript volume of the diaries of Rev. Leonard Smith (1833-1874) dating from 1859-1874 (diaries are missing for 1861, 1864, 1866, 1868, 1870-1872). This transcription includes photographs, legal documents, correspondence, maps, biographical information, genealogical charts and an index to names. Original diaries are in the Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, Illinois.

133. Rawson Smith Family Papers, 1850-1892

- Collection: [c00072](#)
- Description: 4 folders

Summary: The Rawson Smith Family Papers contain correspondence between family members in New York and Michigan, discussing agricultural conditions, market prices, and politics. In addition, the collection contains Civil War letters from Alfred J. Smith to his parents. Smith enlisted in the 78th New York Infantry, but spent much of the war in army hospitals with various illnesses. After the war, he moved to Michigan. Letters to his parents describe the new capitol building in Lansing and a visit to the state legislature (1872-1879).

134. Charles H. Spaulding Papers, 1862-1863

- Collection: [c00570](#)
- Description: 18 folders.

Summary: The collection consists of letters written by Charles H. Spaulding while in the Civil War. The majority of the letters are from Charles to his wife Ella. A few of the letters are from Charles to his parents and a few are ones he received from his parents. In the letters, Spaulding describes his journey to Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island, Mississippi. The majority of the journey was by ship. He describes life on Ship Island, camp activity, and local battle news. His other letters describe his transfers to Vicksburg; Camp Williams; Pensacola, Florida; and Fort Pickens on Santa Rosa Island, Florida. His letters give few details about fight and mostly focus on his health, food, and his desire to return home and then settle in the West. Note: Charles H. Spaulding was from Shrewsbury, Vermont and a member of Company G of the 7th Regiment of the Vermont Volunteers. He enlisted on February 11, 1862. He was mustered in at Rutland, Vermont on February 12, 1862. He was mustered out on August 30, 1864. His wife was Ella E. Spaulding. His parents were Charles and Emily Spaulding.

135. Alexander H. Stephens Papers, 1784-1886 1850-1883

- Collection: LG 41
- Description: 57 reels

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(1873-1882), and as governor of Georgia (1882-1883).

Summary: The Alexander H. Stephens Papers consist primarily of correspondence. The letters concern Stephens' Georgia plantation and include some letters from his slaves. The correspondence is especially concerned with politics, in Georgia, on the national level, and in the Confederacy during the Civil War. Topics include secession, the formation of the Confederacy, the progress of the war, the eventual defeat of the Confederate armies, and Reconstruction.

136. Stoddard Family letters, 1852-1864. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00011](#)

- Description: 1 folder

Summary: Two letters, the first (1852) written by Caroline Stoddard to her sister concerning the family's trip via Lake Erie from the East to settle in Tuscola County, Michigan. The second (1864), written by Caroline's daughter-in-law, Jannette Stoddard, to her sister, comments on the effect of conscription during the Civil War.

137. G. B. Surdam Papers, 1861-1862 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00097](#)

- Description: 1 folder

Summary: This collection consists of Civil War letters from George B. Surdam to his brother and sister. Surdam, a sergeant in the 6th Michigan Infantry, describes his service in Maryland and Virginia, and the military takeover of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

138. Jesse Taft Papers, 1863-1865 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00092](#)

- Description: 1 folder

Summary: This collection consists of Civil War letters from Jesse Taft to his family during his service in the 9th Michigan Cavalry. Taft served in Kentucky and Tennessee, and with Sherman's command in Georgia and the Carolinas.

139. Webster Teachout Papers, 1864-1865 [[online](#)]

- Collection: [c00150](#)

- Description: 2 folders

Summary: This collection contains Civil War letters from Webster Teachout of the 11th Michigan Cavalry to his family in Michigan, describing daily camp life and troop movements.

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- 140. Thomas - Prescott Papers, 1824-1960. [\[online\]](#)**
- Collection: [00170](#)
 - Description: 2.0 cubic feet
- The collection includes letters related to the illness and subsequent death of Amos W. Thomas, a soldier in the Civil War. During his illness he was cared for in the Small Pox Hospital, close to Camp Suffolk in Virginia. Friends, the nurse, and chaplain wrote letters home for him. Included are a map of his burial site in Virginia and a letter discussing the possible removal of the remains from Virginia to Michigan..
- 141. Henrietta Marsh Thompson Sheet Music Collection, 1850-1895. [\[online\]](#)**
- Collection: [00192](#)
 - Description: 1 volume
- Summary: The Henrietta Marsh Thompson sheet music collection contains one volume of sheet music collected and bound by Thompson. The songs were given to her by her husband while they were courting. The majority of the 44 songs were composed between 1860 and 1868. Several songs refer to the Civil War. Note: Henrietta Marsh Thompson was born on December 26, 1844 and lived in Delaware County, Ohio. She married Milo Henry Lewis on November 17, 1870. She died on April 6, 1929 and is buried with her husband at the Cheshire Cemetery in Delaware County.
- 142. Mrs. Earl Tooker Collection, 1862, 1863. [\[online\]](#)**
- Collection: [c00332](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
- Summary: This collection contains one letter written by a Confederate soldier. The letter, dated July 14, 1863, was written by John Flood, a Confederate soldier, to his mother and described the fall of Vicksburg and Grant's siege of Jackson, Mississippi. Photocopies of letters are included. Note: John Flood, a Confederate soldier, served with Company H, 47th Regiment of the Georgia Volunteers.
- 143. Lyman Trumbull Papers 1843-1894 1855-1867**
- Collection: LG 19
 - Description: 22 reels
 - Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection
- Lyman Trumbull Papers Library of Congress Manuscript Division 2nd St. and Independence Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540 USA
Reproduction and publication restricted Manuscript Division, Library of Congress. Lyman Trumbull (1813-1896), U.S. Senator from Illinois (1855-1873), aligned with Radical Republicans in Congress. He sponsored the 13th Amendment and the Civil Rights bill (1865-1867). Summary: The Lyman Trumbull Papers consist primarily of correspondence relating to politics on

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the national and Illinois state level. Other subjects include the Kansas-Nebraska bill; secession, the Civil War and Reconstruction; the Civil Rights bill; and the Liberal Republican movement of 1872. Correspondents include Montgomery Blair, Orville H. Browning, Zachariah Chandler, Salmon P. Chase. David Davis, Hannibal Hamlin. William H. Herndon, Stephen A. Hurlbut, Norman B. Judd, John A. McClernand, and Richard Yates.

144. Benjamin Franklin Wade Papers, 1832-1881, 1852-1869

- Collection: LG 21
- Description: 11 reels
Summary: The Benjamin F. Wade Papers consist primarily of political correspondence, but include some family letters. Topics include Ohio and national politics; the elections of 1860, 1864, 1868; secession; the Civil War; the Congressional Committee on the Conduct of the War; emancipation; Reconstruction; black suffrage; and the impeachment of Andrew Johnson. Miscellaneous materials include printed speeches, maps and business papers. The bulk of collection comes from Wade's years in the U.S. Senate (1852-69). Correspondents include Salmon P. Chase, H. Winter Davis, James A. Garfield, Abraham Lincoln, William S. Rosecrans, William H. Seward, Edwin M. Stanton, and Charles Sumner.

145. Waldron Family Papers, 1846-1904 [\[online\]](#)

- Collection: [c00413](#)
- Description: 3 folders, 1 volume
Summary: Collection consists of family correspondence, including Civil War letters to Waldron's wife, Sarah, from her brothers John and Abram. Note: The Waldrons were prominent farmers in Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan. Sarah Waldron's brothers, John and Abram, served with the 126th and 148th New York Regiments, respectively, during the Civil War.

146. Warden Family Papers, 1832-1882

- Collection: [c00118](#)
- Description: 5 folders, 1 volume
Summary: The Warden Family Papers consist of letters, diaries, poetry, certificates, and a family tree. Correspondence includes family letters as well as Civil War letters from Major Henry Dean, a family friend serving with the 22nd Michigan Infantry. Note: Robert Warden emigrated from Scotland around 1830 and settled in Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan. He bought land in Green Oak with his cousin Kinsley Bingham and farmed. Bingham later became governor of Michigan and a U.S. Senator.

147. Warren Family Papers, 1830-1966, 1879-1899. [[online](#)]

- Collection: [00007](#)
- Description: 2.5 cubic feet

Summary: This collection consists of correspondence, diaries, religious material, and legal documents of the Warren Family, Three Oaks, Berrien County, Michigan. Family members traveled widely and their letters include accounts of the Western gold fields, the Civil War, New England boarding schools, evangelical religion, their featherbone corset business, and the Warren Brothers Calculating Engine. Note: The Reverend Waters Warren and his wife, Caroline C. Warren, moved from Massachusetts to Michigan in the late 1850s, settling in Berrien County, Michigan. Their son, Albert L. Warren, was a gold miner and itinerant watch repairman in Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon and California. Another son, Edward Kird Warren, founded the Warren Featherbone Whip Company, among other businesses. A multi-millionaire philanthropist and civic leader, he was closely associated with the World's Sunday School Association and foreign missions. He took an active interest in the Holy Lands and especially in the survival of the Samaritan Sect.

148. Israel Washburn Papers, 1838-1909

- Collection: LG 32
- Description: 1 reel

Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection

Israel Washburn Papers Library of Congress Manuscript Division 2nd St. and Independence Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540 USA

Reproduction and publication restricted Library of Congress, Manuscript Division. Summary: This collection consists primarily of Israel Washburn's correspondence concerning politics in Maine during the early years of the Civil War, and such national events as the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the presidential elections of 1856 and 1860, the formation of the Republican Party, and the Civil War.

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149. Waters Family Correspondence, 1860 - 1865

- Collection: [c00325](#)
- Description: 1 Item
Summary: This collection contains five letters relating family matters, one where Achsa Waters mentions a trip through Memphis to Vicksburg, Mississippi (1864) to teach the "colored people" and to deliver clothing from Oberlin and Union.

150. Joseph H. Weaver Certificate, 1865 [\[online\]](#)

- Collection: [c00016](#)
- Description: 1 Item
Summary: This collection consists of a discharge certificate for Joseph Weaver, a corporal in the 11th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry.

151. John Wheeler Letters, 1861-1864 [\[online\]](#)

- Collection: [c00006](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of Civil War letters from John L. Wheeler to his family in Cattaraugus County, New York. Wheeler describes his experiences in the 44th New York Infantry and in convalescent camp.

152. Chester P. Whitman Papers, 1861, circa 1861 [\[online\]](#)

- Collection: [c00437](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of two letters written by Chester P. Whitman while he served in the Union Army during the Civil War. These are typed transcriptions; the originals are not held by the MSU Archives. Chester P. Whitman served in the Illinois 10th Infantry (Company F) briefly and then for the remainder of the war, was a member of the Illinois 1st Regiment of Light Artillery (Company C). He was from Ottawa, Illinois.

153. Henry Wilson Papers, 1851-1875

- Collection: LG 33
- Description: 1 reel
Note: Part of the Land-grant Research Collection
Henry Wilson Papers Library of Congress Manuscript Division 2nd St. and Independence Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540 USA
Reproduction and publication restricted Library of Congress, Manuscript Division. Henry Wilson served as U.S. Senator from Massachusetts (1855-1872), and as vice president (1872-1875) under Ulysses S. Grant. He was active in the anti-slavery movement and in the Free Soil Party. Wilson, an active Lincoln supporter, was chair of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs during the war. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the

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Freedman's Bureau. Summary: The Henry Wilson Papers consist of correspondence and other papers relating to Massachusetts and national politics, education, abolition, the Civil War, Reconstruction and the Grant Administration. Correspondents include Schuyler Colfax, William Lloyd Garrison, U.S. Grant, Arthur Livermore, George G. Meade, Theodore Parker, Parker Pillsbury, William H. Seward, Gerrit Smith, Edwin M. Stanton, Alexander H. Stephens, Thurlow Weed, and Richard Yates.

154. Wilson Family Papers, 1863-1926

- Collection: [00051](#)
- Description: 1 cubic feet
Summary: Primarily diaries of George W. Wilson and his son, Arthur G. Wilson, both farmers in Ingham County, Michigan, which discuss daily life, social events, and farming. Also includes farm accounts. One volume of farm accounts of G.W. Wilson's farm in Delhi Township, Michigan, and one including accounts of several public offices kept while Wilson was apparently Aurelius Township Treasurer (1871-1874), as well as his farm accounts. Includes a poem written by William Wilson about prison life while he was in Andersonville Prison, Georgia, during the Civil War; a Wilson family genealogy; and a letter from the donor. Note: George W. Wilson was a farmer in Delhi and Aurelius Townships in Ingham County, Michigan. He was apparently Aurelius Township Treasurer between 1871 and 1874. His son, Arthur G. Wilson, was also a farmer in Aurelius Township. William W. Wilson was a private in the 11th Michigan Infantry regiment during the Civil War. He died in Andersonville Prison, Georgia, on June 17, 1864.

Groups and Organizations

1. **Alumni Association Records, 1869-2011.** [[online](#)]
 - Collection: [UA 10.2](#)
 - Description: 4 cubic feet
Summary: The MSU Alumni Association (1982) has previously been known as The Society of Alumni of Michigan Agricultural College, (1868-1913); M.A.C. (M.S.C.) Association, (1913-1936); Department of Alumni Relations, (1936-1967); and the Michigan State University Alumni Association, (1967-1982). It began as an independent institution, but in 1936, the Michigan Attorney General ruled that M.S.C. could not subsidize an independent association. It became a University department, cooperating with other departments to plan and finance alumni activities. In 1979, the Association incorporated as a non-profit organization. Summary: Alumni Association records consist of minutes, (1860-1920); alumni biographies, (1861-1961); reunion programs, (1876-1966); subject files, (1916-1962); scrapbook, (1933); lists and directories, (1936-1967); and constitution and bylaws, (1965-1979). Subject files include information on the construction of the Union Memorial Building. Biographical records include clippings, obituaries, and letters concerning the service records and survivors of alumni who died while on active military duty since the Civil War.

2. **Michigan Government Television (MGTV), 1996-2013**
 - Collection: [00252](#)
Description: 100 cu. ft.
Summary: This collection consists of videos and supporting documentation created by Michigan Government Television. One of the products was a video titled "OH, COULD THEY BUT SPEAK! The MGTV Civil War Battle Flags Project". Summary: Includes a special educational program about Michigan's Civil War Battle Flags (broadcast on April 17, 2000).

3. **Michigan Infantry, 5th Regiment, Company G Records, undated**
 - Collection: [c00411](#)
 - Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of a photocopy of a Civil War muster roll of Company G, 5th Regiment, Michigan Volunteers.

4. **Michigan Infantry, 6th Regiment, Company K Muster Roll, 1863.** [[online](#)]
 - Collection: [c00007](#)
 - Description: 1 folder.
Summary: This collection contains a muster roll for Company K, 6th

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Regiment, Michigan Infantry, dated October 27, 1863. It lists names, rank, and service records of its members including when and where they were wounded, were discharged, or died. Note: Michigan's 6th Infantry Regiment was stationed in southern Mississippi and Louisiana during most of the Civil War, taking part in battles at New Orleans and Baton Rouge in 1862, and in the siege of Port Hudson in 1863. Company K was led by Captain David Bacon, of Niles, Michigan.

5. **Michigan Infantry, 7th Regiment, Company F Records, 1861-1864.** [[online](#)]
 - Collection: [c00309](#)
 - Description: 1 vol.
Summary: This collection contains a muster roll of Company F, Seventh Regiment, Michigan Infantry, including a list of commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, enlisted men, discharges, deserters, transfers, and deaths.

6. **Ohio Infantry, 14th Regiment, Company A Records, 1861-1865.** [[online](#)]
 - Collection: [c00255](#)
 - Description: 1 volume
Summary: This collection consists of records from the Civil War for Company A of the 14th Ohio Infantry. The regiment served in the Western theater and fought at Lexington, Chickamauga, and the battles around Atlanta. The records describe enlisted men, and also those discharged, captured, wounded, or killed in battle.

7. **Republican Party Campaign Materials, 1864-1964** [[online](#)]
 - Collection: [00033](#)
 - Description: 17 folders
Summary: Material from Michigan and national Republican campaigns from 1864 to the present, with the bulk of the materials from 1952-1964.

Miscellaneous Collections

1. Civil War Period Newspapers, 1863-1865

- Collection: [c00512](#)
- Description: 9 items
Summary: This collection contains single issues of American newspapers from the Civil War period which do not directly relate to other historical collections. Topics included are President Lincoln's assassination, and Robert E. Lee's surrender. Included are newspapers from the following cities: Cincinnati (Ohio), Danville (Va.), New York (N.Y.), Richmond (Va.), Raleigh (N.C.), Springfield (Ill.), and Vicksburg (Miss.).

2. General Land Office Records, 1864-1883

- Collection: [c00420](#)
- Description: 1 reel of microfilm
Summary: The film contains the Register's Monthly Abstract of Agricultural College Scrip Entries in Michigan at: Traverse City, 1864 & 1867; Ionia, 1864-1870; Detroit, 1864-1872; Marquette, 1864-1883, East Saginaw, 1864-1881. The entries are for colleges in: Connecticut, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Maine, Maryland, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island.

3. Life of Lincoln Publication 1896

- Collection: [c00062](#)
- Description: 1 item
Summary: This collection consists of an illustrated life of Abraham Lincoln by Clifton M. Nichols. It contains a biography, Lincoln anecdotes, and eulogies of Lincoln by various people.

4. Military Relief Fund Records, 1864-1867

- Collection: [c00148](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection contains the records of a volunteer Relief Fund for various counties in Michigan (1864-1867), which helped support the families of men serving in the army during the Civil War and after. The records include a roll showing payments made to families and several letters applying for such aid.

5. Anonymous Scrapbook, 1869

- Collection: [c00075](#)
- Description: 1 folder
Summary: This collection consists of a scrapbook of newspaper articles

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dating from March to September 1869, collected by an unknown person. Most of the articles are political in nature and include President Andrew Johnson's farewell address, U.S. Grant's inaugural address, and editorials on subjects ranging from legislative apportionment's to the future of the Democratic and radical parties. The scrapbook was originally an account book.

Other Archives Resources

1. **Photographs- CDVs > People** (Brown, Goodman, Grant, Grosvenor, Richardson, Dickey). [[online](#)]
2. **Photographs- Subjects > WAR. United States Civil War.** [[online](#)]
 - a. GAR Diamonddale 1889
 - b. Alfred Brundage, 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics
 - c. GAR at Capitol in Lansing
 - d. Antietam Bridge (copy)
 - e. Civil War Recruiting (copy)
3. **Postcards- War. United States Civil War**
4. **Michigan Info File. Civil War Battle Flags**
5. **Student Newspapers** (The Holcad 1909 - 1925, State News 1925 - present)
6. **Alumni Newsletters** (MAC/MSC Record 1896 – present, Alumni Magazine 1983 – present)
7. **Wolverine, 1901** (Biography of Charles F. Wheeler)

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12. *A Preliminary Bibliography of Printed Materials on Michigan and the Civil War* by the Michigan Historical Commission, Detroit, October 1959.
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15. *Michigan Men in the Civil War* by Aid C. Brown. [Ann Arbor] : University of Michigan, 1977.

Appendix – Collections by Military Unit

Michigan Units

Unit	Collection Title	Collection #
1 st Michigan Infantry	George Farr Autobiography	c.57
	Kennedy Family Papers	c.68
	Pendleton Family Papers (may be 4 th)	c.295
	Madison Kuhn Collection	UA 17.107
	Francis McCullagh	c.689
2 nd Michigan Infantry	Mayo Family Papers	40
	Israel B. Richardson	CDV.People.
3 rd Michigan Infantry	Bagley Family Papers	18
	Bamber Family Papers	c.46
	Edward C. Brown	CDV.People.
4 th Michigan Infantry	Eagle Family Papers	c.170
5 th Michigan Infantry	Regimental records	c.411
6 th Michigan Infantry	Bostock Family Papers	c.562
	Benjamin Harman Papers	c.496
	Regimental records	c.7
	G.B. Surdam Papers	c.97
	Robert Mueller Collection	c.690
7 th Michigan Infantry	Alvah Marsh Papers	c.110
	Regimental records	c.309
	Roger Noble Papers	c.122
	Ira J. Grosvenor	CDV.People.
8 th Michigan Infantry	Marsh Family Papers	c.47
	Wilbur Nelson papers	c.159
	Bamber Family Papers	c.46
	Charles L. Mack Papers	UA 10.3.75
9 th Michigan Infantry	John Parkhurst Papers	25
10 th Michigan Infantry	Bostock Family Papers	c.562
	Edwin Holmes Papers	c.109
11 th Michigan Infantry	Wilson Family Papers	51
12 th Michigan Infantry	Chamberlain Family Papers	2
	Crosby Family Papers	c.268
	Robert C. Kedzie Papers	UA 17.109
	Thomas Bradley Papers	c.236
	Porter Family Papers	c.179
13 th Michigan Infantry	Clark Family Papers	c.162

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Unit	Collection Title	Collection #
14 th Michigan Infantry	O.G. Dunkel Papers	c.24
	Rufus B. Cole Papers	c.264
15 th Michigan Infantry	Hamilton Davis Collection	c.633
17 th Michigan Infantry	Hardenbergh Family Papers	c.527
18 th Michigan Infantry	Albert Barber Papers	c.282
	James Bradish Papers	c.147
	Charles A. Jewell Papers	UA 10.3.5
	Lickley Family Papers	c.434
	Mallison Family Collection	c.675
21 st Michigan Infantry	Harry Goodale Recollection	c.565
	Madison Kuhn Collection	UA 17.107
22 nd Michigan Infantry	Warden Family Papers	c.118
23 rd Michigan Infantry	Arnold Family Papers	c.227
	Israel G. Atkins Papers	c.228
	Scofield Family Papers	c.134
	Eagle Family Papers	c.170
24 th Michigan Infantry	Owen Churchill Papers	c.264
	Kendall Family Papers	c.341
	Abel Peck Papers	c.107
26 th Michigan Infantry	Benjamin Brock Papers	c.239
	Dillingham Family Paper	c.271
	Newton Thorne Kirk papers	c.28
	Arnold Family Papers	c.227
27 th Michigan Infantry	Mattoon Family Papers	19
30 th Michigan Infantry	Campbell Family Papers	c.182
1 st Michigan Cavalry	Leach Family Papers	c.440
	Arnold Family Papers	c.227
	James S. Hannum manuscript	c.561
2 nd Michigan Cavalry	Katherine M. Rickey Papers	c.553
3 rd Michigan Cavalry	Lyman Family Papers.	128
	Miller Family Papers	8
	Karl Rommel Collection	c.532
	Eagle Family Papers	c.170
4 th Michigan Cavalry	Stephen Boyle Certificate	c.100
	Othniel Gooding Papers	c.275
	John C. McLain Diary	c.111
	Benjamin Pritchard Papers	c.324
5 th Michigan Cavalry	Arnold Goodman	CDV.People.

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Unit	Collection Title	Collection #
6 th Michigan Cavalry	Sheldon Curtiss Papers	c.215
	Hardenbergh Family Papers	c.527
	Augustus Holmes-Papers	c.108
	Mattoon Family Papers	19
	Karl Rommel Collection	c.532
7 th Michigan Cavalry	Edwin R. Havens Papers	16
8 th Michigan Cavalry	Smith & Carpenter Families Papers	c.301 c.532
	Karl Rommel Collection	c.301
	Josiah B. Smith Papers	
	Jesse Taft Papers	c.92
9 th Michigan Cavalry	Jesse Taft Papers	c.92
10 th Michigan Cavalry	Eagle Family Papers	c.170
11 th Michigan Cavalry	Webster Teachout Papers	c.150
6 th Michigan Heavy Artillery	Peter Randall Papers	c.528
1 st Michigan Mechanics and Engineers	Hardenbergh Family	c.527
	Simeon Howe Papers	c.427
	Edwin Osband Papers	c.136
	Campbell Family Papers	c.182
1 st Michigan Lancers	Mattoon Papers	19

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Units from Other States - Union

Unit	Collection Title	Collection #
66 th Illinois Infantry	Dowd Family Papers	55
10 st Illinois Infantry	Chester P. Whitman Papers	c.437
36 th Indiana Infantry	William H. Doxtader Collection	162
11 th Kansas Cavalry	Joseph Weaver Certificate	c.16
29 th Indiana Infantry	Irenus McGowan Papers	c.160
99 th Indiana Infantry	Charles Cathcart Papers	6
30 th Maine Infantry	George K. Dike Papers	00159
24 th Missouri Infantry	Alanson Royce Papers	c.104
6 th New Hampshire Infantry	Bamber Family Papers	c.46
18 th New Hampshire Infantry	Kendall Family Papers	c.341
7 th New York Cavalry	Charles Wheeler	1901 Wolverine
33 rd New York Infantry	Eagele Family Papers	c.170
44 th New York Infantry	John Wheeler Papers	c.6
78 th New York Infantry	Rawson Smith Family Papers	c.72
126 th New York Infantry	Waldron Family Papers	c.413
133 rd New York Infantry	Hardenbergh Family Papers	c.527
147 th New York Infantry	Charles Wheeler	1901 Wolverine
148 th New York Infantry	Samuel Johnson Papers	UA 17.120
	Waldron Family Papers	c.413
157 th New York Infantry	Gardner Avery Diary	c.534
162 nd New York Infantry	Hardenbergh Family Papers	c.527
1 st New York Artillery	Harrison Outwater Papers	c.141
16 th New York Battery	French Family Papers	30
? New York Engineers	Hardenbergh Family Papers	c.527
14 th Ohio Infantry	Regimental Records	c.255
	Mallison Family Collection	c.675
38 th Ohio Infantry	Charles H. Gorsuch Papers	114
47 th Ohio Infantry	Manuel McCormick Diary	c.489
52 nd Ohio Infantry	Horace Jewell Papers	c.146
11 th Pennsylvania Infantry	James Lucas Manuscript	c.86
138 th Pennsylvania Infantry	French Family Papers	30
1 st Pennsylvania Artillery	French Family Papers	30
7 th Vermont Infantry	Charles H. Spaulding Papers	c.570
18 th Wisconsin Infantry	Thomas Davis Papers	c.50

African-American Units

Unit	Collection Title	Collection #
102 nd U.S. Colored Troops	Wilbur Nelson Papers	c.159
127 th Colored Infantry	Newton Thorne Kirk Papers	c.28

Regular Army Units

Unit	Collection Title	Collection #
3 rd Regular Cavalry	Charles Cathcart Papers	6
4 th U.S. Artillery	Benjamin Marsh Papers George Farr Autobiography Madison Kuhn Collection	c.47 c.57 UA 17.107
Headquarters, District of Memphis Army of the Tennessee	Emma Mills Papers	c.5
Pioneer Corps., 3 rd Division, Army of Tennessee	Davis Family Papers	c.50
Provost Marshal, Memphis, Tennessee	Thomas Bradley Papers	c.236
12 th Veteran Reserve Corps.	James Lucas Manuscript	c.86

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Unit	Collection Title	Collection #
?	Frank D. Lewis Papers	c.199
?	John Shaw Papers	c.286

Confederate Units

Unit	Collection Title	Collection #
47 th Georgia Infantry	Mrs. Earl Tooker Collection	c.332
17 th Mississippi Infantry	Charles Cathcart Papers	6