

# NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## LIBRARY

### Manuscripts

No. 77

Date processed: May, 1978

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- I. Title Civil War Collection, 1850-1987
- II. The papers of Eli Walter Osborn and John Harpin Riggs were donated by family members, as indicated in the collection; other material has been accumulating, through donations, at NHCHS since the end of the Civil War.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3 feet  
Approximate number of items: 2,000 and 13 volumes
- IV. Restrictions: None
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.  
  
Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: See Page 2
- VIII. Analysis: The collection is housed in seven boxes and one oversize item. Material is arranged as follows:  
  
Series 1: Personal Papers - Box 1 - Box 4, Folder C  
" 2: Regimental Records - Box 4, Folder D - Box 5, Folder E  
" 3: Other Organizations - Box 5, Folder F - K  
" 4: Lists - Box 5, Folder L - O  
" 5: Civil War Centennial - Box 6, A - D  
" 6: Scrapbooks and Other Records - Box 6,E - Box 7, F  
" 7: Civil War Miscellany - Box 7, G - L

Although inclusive dates are 1850-1987, the bulk of the material falls between 1861 and 1865.

The abbreviation Regt. C.V. is used throughout for Regiment Connecticut Volunteers.

The Civil War books on the shelves of the Whitney Library are supplemented by material in this manuscript collection which is written or printed during and after the Civil War, and relates to both New Haven, Connecticut, and the Civil War. Many are personal letters written home, some are administrative records, including discharge papers, pension papers, service records, etc. Much consists of material pertaining to Connecticut volunteer regiments formed in New Haven, both during the War and Veterans' Reunions and records following the war. This material brings home a reality to the Civil War often not derived from conventional textbooks.

The forms and records maintained in the field, of which this collection contains but a token sample, are as detailed and exacting as they are in the army today. The army was as "paperbound" in 1861-1865 as it is today. In these files there is a record that a junior officer's pay was stopped because he failed to submit a monthly form on time.

The letters home deal generally with camp conditions and transport, and some have vivid accounts of actual combat. There are two larger collections of letters within the main collection.

The first of these consists of over 200 letters of Eli Walter Osborn (1835-1865) to his family. He was born in New Haven, the son of Walter Osborn, (1805-1880), and Mary Jane Remer, (1810-1892). His father was Collector of Taxes for the City of New Haven between 1860 and 1875. Eli Walter Osborn enlisted in the New Haven Grays in 1855, becoming a Sergeant in 1857; First Lieutenant in 1858; and Captain in 1859, when he was only 24 years of age. The 90-day active duty stint of the New Haven Grays included the Battle of Bull Run and gave Captain Osborn his first taste of combat leadership. In the summer of 1862 He resigned from the Grays to accept the post of Major of the newly-formed 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment Connecticut Volunteers.

Major Osborn wrote often to his family from 1861 to 1865. His last letter to his father was written March 3, 1865. He was wounded and captured March 8, 1865, at Kinston, North Carolina; he died April 6, 1865, in Danville Prison, Virginia. He was 31 years old.

The other large collection of letters, (which was received in 1987,) is that of John Harpin Riggs (1841-1926). It consists of approximately 265 letters to his family, with complete typewritten transcriptions. He was born in Seymour, Connecticut, returned there after the war and is buried in Seymour Union Cemetery. He was married to Adella Kennedy (1847-1911). These letters were presented to NHCHS by John Riggs' grandson, James Jeffries of Milford, Connecticut, who remembers his grandfather very well. These letters lack the educated, polished

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style of Major Osborn's, but they are the most colorful descriptions of everyday events in the campgrounds and battlefields that are in the collection. For other manuscript collections in the Whitney Library which contain Civil War material see:

MSS #98, Foote Collection

MSS #114, Townshend Family Collection - for letters written by Captain Edwin S. Hitchcock, (1834-1862), of the New Haven Grays, to their patron James Mulford Townsend (1825-1901).

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Campbell, Hollis Andrew, **Seymour, Past and Present**, W.C. Sharpe, Seymour, Conn. 1902. (Contains a history of the Riggs Family)

Connecticut. Adjutant-general's office. **Record of service of Connecticut Men in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion**. Lockwood & Brainard Co., Hartford, 1889. (This volume contains brief histories of all Connecticut Regiments.)

Kellogg, Robert H., **Life and Death in Rebel Prisons**, L. Stebbins, Hartford, Conn., 1865

Lucke, Jerome Bonaparte, **History of the New Haven Grays**, Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, New Haven, Conn., 1876

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SEE ALSO

WILLIAM EDWARDS AUGUR  
LETTERS JCVTABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>BOX 1</u>	<u>Personal Papers [A - Z]</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>
Folder A:	<u>Bishop, Isaac W.</u> (1843-1911)  Promotion to Corporal, 1863; Discharge Certificate, 1866; copies of documents signed by him, 1865-66.	(6)
B:	<u>Bishop, Isaac W</u> (1843-1911) continued  Letters from his sister, Ella E. Twitchell, (d.1909) and female friends, 1865-1866; poems.	(18)
C:	<u>Bishop, Isaac W.</u> (1843-1911) continued  Photographs - several young women, unidentified; Ella E. Twitchell, his sister; and himself.	(10)
D:	<u>Bishop, Isaac W.</u> (1843-1911) continued His copy of <b>Port Hudson, Rebel Opinion of the Attack on the 27th of May, 1863</b> . As a member of the 13th Regiment C.V., he had participated in the siege and final assault on Port Hudson, Louisiana; letter from a veterans' group of the assault on Port Hudson called the Port Hudson Forlorn Hope, 1889.	(4)
E:	<u>Bishop, William Eldridge</u> (Sgt) (1843-1863 )  Letters to Cousin Nellie, 1860-1863. He died in the battle at Fortress Monro on November 28, 1863 and is buried in Westville Cemetery in New Haven.	(17)
E <sub>1</sub>	<u>Blake, William</u> Passes, express money receipts, 1863-1865 <u>Blakeslee, Erastus</u> (1838-1908) Colonel  Paper written by Mary North Blakeslee, 1911, compiled from his letters to family, 1862-1864; an account of the part taken by the 1st Conn. Cavalry in the Battle of Hanover Court House and Ashland, May 31 and June 1, 1864, written by Colonel Blakeslee; Biographical sketch	(58) →
G:	<u>Bradley, George H.</u> (n.d.)  Copies of letters to friends and family from the front lines. Extract from a paper by Charles Hartley, Hamden High School history teacher, written in 1956, based on originals in the Sterling Library; <u>Petition for Debt owed by Thomas H. Horvey, North Carolina to George and Charles Bradley</u> 1862 → MOVED TO OVERSIZE ITEM # 2	(12)

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- Folder H: Bradley, Lyman E. (1833-1901) (2 v.)  
Diaries, 1864-65
- I: Brown, William C. (d. 1864) (3)  
Envelope with notes written by his  
sister Miss M. H. Brown, Poem "When this cruel  
War Is Over"
- J: Burns, Patrick (b. 1835) (7)  
Correspondence regarding pension addressed  
to him in Hartford, 1866; Discharge certificate,  
1864
- K: Butler, Samuel C. (b.1835) (2)  
Medical report, 1862 (top part missing);  
Discharge certificate, 1863
- L: Camp, William E. (1840-1923) (5)  
Mementos
- M: Charnley, William S. (1815-1888) (2)  
Passes, 1862
- N: Collins, William (d.1864) Sgt. (5)  
Pages from his diary, "Prisoner of War at  
Andersonville, July 18, 1864"; Collins was the  
leader of the infamous "raiders" in  
Andersonville Prison - he and some of his men were  
hung by the other prisoners.  
He modelled himself after the famous rebel raider  
Colonel John Singleton Mosby (1833-1916) and his Rangers.  
Material includes two photographs of Colonel  
Mosby and a letter from him to John C. Collins, New Haven,  
1914, who donated material to NHCHS.
- O: Farnham, Joel G. (1828-1898) (5)  
Letters to Friends, 1861-62.

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Letters 1862-1865

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- Folder P: Fowler, Charles C. (d. 1882) (33)  
 Letters to Charles Sanford, New Haven, 1861-63.
- Q: Fowler, Charles C. (d. 1882) (33)  
 Continuation of Folder P, 1864-66
- R: Fowler, George, (n.d.) (8)  
 Excerpts from diary written 1850-1862 (copies) on **Slavery and the Civil War** with mention made of the Underground Railroad in New Haven area. Abstracted from a paper by Charles Hartley, Hamden High School history teacher, 1956.
- S: Galpin, J. (n.d) (1)  
 Pass, 1861, Alexandria.
- T: Gifford, H.J. (1)  
 Letter to Friend Jennie (Jennie C, Gray of New Haven) 1862 - describes the Battle of Antietam.
- U: Gill, William H. (n.d.) (2)  
 Promotion to Corporal, 1865; letter from Spencer Repeating Rifle Co., Boston giving prices on guns, 1865.
- V: Gorham, George, (n.d.) Reverend, Chester, Conn. (2)  
 Letter from J.E.P., New Haven, describing the celebration at end of the war in New Haven.
- W: Greeley, Edwin Seneca (1832-1920) General (12)  
 Biographical sketch; pension documents and correspondence, 1904-1920; photographs (2) undated.
- X: Harding, Charles, (b.1839) (7)  
 Discharge certificate, 1863; Pension papers, 1891-1917
- Y: Hawley, Henry, (1824-1889) (5)  
 Discharge certificate, 1865; pension papers, 1887-1889

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- Folder Z: Hitchcock, Edwin S. (1834-1862) Captain (4)  
 Copy of battle report by Joseph R. Hawley, Lieutenant Colonel, describing the death of Captain Hitchcock. For letters from Captain Hitchcock to James Mulford Townsend (1825-1901) see MSS #114, Townshend Family Collection
- AA: Lawrence, George P. (n.d.) (49)  
 Letters to brother Frank of New Haven, 1864-65
- BB: Leach, Lyman M. (b.1840) (6)  
 Certificate to collect pay, 1862; pension papers, 1909
- CC: Lindheim, Frederick G. (1840-1907) (1)  
 Service Record
- DD: Niems, George F. (n.d.) (3)  
 Photograph; letter to the Comrades of Company G, 1893
- EE: Bevin, William H. Lieut.(n.d.) (5)  
 Letter to Edward S. Ransom 21st Reg. C.V. 1864, Black Officer
- FF: Bilson, John N. (n.d.)  
 Appointment as Corporal 1863  
 Incidents of 14th Regiment Conn. Volunteers 1862-1865 as recorded by John Bilson

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- Folder A: Osborn, Eli Walter, (1835-1865) Major (1 v.)  
 Letters to family, 1861-1865 - typewritten transcript in bound volume
- B: Letters to family, 1861-1862 - originals. (10)  
 Letters in this and the next three folders do not duplicate those in the bound volume in Folder A.
- C: Letters to family, 1863 - originals (38)
- D: " " " 1864 " (25)
- E: " " " August, 1864-February, 1865 (39)
- F: Miscellaneous Osborn letters and documents (11)  
 Report of Major Osborn, Suffolk, Virginia, May 12, no year (with transcription)  
 Letter to Minott A. Osborn (1811-1877) publisher of the Register concerning Asa W. Taylor, a soldier sick in Philadelphia, 1862  
 ALS from Wm. A. Buckingham (1804-1875) Governor of Connecticut to Walter Osborn, Sr., (1805-1880), Collector of Taxes, New Haven, concerning promotion of Major Osborn, 1863.  
 Letter from O.C. Snowden and wife to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborn, Sr., 1864.  
 ALS from M. Seeley, Secretary to Eli Whitney [Jr.] to Walter Osborn, Sr., 1865
- G: Engraving of E. Walter Osborn, (printed copy) (1)  
 undated
- H: Pardee, Benjamin S. (1830-1900) Lieutenant Colonel (52)  
 Letters to George W. Mead and Enos Taft, both graduates of Yale in 1851, 1861-62
- I: Peck, Leonard E. (1836-1903) (2)  
 Certificate from Townsend Rifles that he is A Corporal therein and entitled to pay and bounty, 1861





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<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u># of Items</u>
3/T	<u>Sheridan, Terrence</u> , Captain, 9 <sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Diary, 1862, Louisiana and Mississippi  (Purchased in 1995 with funds donated by: The Whitney Library Associates The Newman Fellows, NHCHS The Connecticut Irish-American Historical Society Patricia A. Heslin, in memory of Daniel Kirby, 15 <sup>th</sup> C.V.)	1 vol.
3/U	Photocopies of material concerning T. Sheridan  - <u>The Shanachie</u> of the Connecticut Irish-American Historical Society, vol. 7, no. 4 (July-August 1995), article by Neil Hogan.  - Material received from the National Archives	3 pages  23 pages

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Folder G:	<u>Skinner, William J.</u> , (1842-1919)	(17)
	Appointment as Drum Major, 1st Regt., 1861; " " Principal Musician, 15th Regt., 1862; " " Drum Major, 2nd Regt., 1868; Account of Pay and Clothing, 1863; Discharge Certificate, 1863; Letter of commendation from Commanding Officer, 1864.	
H:	<u>Sturges, Charles Edward</u> (1843-1911) Sergeant	(4)
	Discharge, 1861; Promotion to Sergeant in National Guard, 1869	
I:	<u>Sweet, John H.</u> (b.1841)	(11)
	Diary pages, September, 1861-April, 1862	
J:	<u>Silas, P. Thomas</u> (1842-1882)	(1)
	Description on Muster Roll	
K:	<u>Wedmore, Chancellor K.</u> (1833-1928)	(15)
	(Served as substitute for Nelson W. Mitchell (b.1825) of Southbury, Conn.) Pension papers; Veteran Land Claim Association documents.	
L:	Discharges, A - C	Indexed (24)
M:	" D - G	" (10)
N:	" H - L	" (10)
O:	" M - O	" (13)
P:	" P - S	" (22)
Q:	" T - Z	" (18)

**Note:** See pages 10-A to 10-F for index listing of  
names on Discharge Certificates in each folder.

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Folder R	<u>Wood, John</u> (n.d.) Personal letters to Lola Clark Hooker 1863	(24)
Folder S	<u>Blake, Edward Foster</u> (1837-1862) Major, 5th Regt., Letter to his nephew George E. Bushnell, Waterbury, CT.	(6)

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Folder SS Beecher, William T. 1854, 1893

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Anderson, Joseph  
Arendholtz, Valentine  
Atwell, Marcus A.  
Bennis, John  
Berg, John O.  
Billings, Peter H.  
Bradley, De Witt V.  
Brooks, Wm. H.  
Brown, George  
Brown, Wm. H.  
Burrill, David  
Burtricks, Edw.  
Callahan, John  
Cavanaugh, Richard  
Caril, Martin or Cavil?  
Chase, Wm.  
Chatterton, Henry M.  
Clark, Albert M.  
Clay, Henry  
Clye, Martin  
Collins, Abraham  
Cosgrove, Francis  
Cronin, Patrick  
Cunningford, Oliver

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Davis, Charles H.

Davis, Josiah F.

Day, Samuel

Donnelly, Patrick

Doran, Robert M.

Dougherty, Michael

Downs, Willie P.

Forte, Leslie

Frazer, John

Frazier, Richard

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Hawley, Henry

Heagean, Alfred L.

Jacobs, Collis M.

Hitchcock, Charles E.

Jefferson, Wm.

Johnson, Lewis

Johnson, M. S. (or W. D. or M. D.)

Jones, Stewart

Judd, Harrison S.

Keller, George

Laswell, Wm. H.

Lewis, Henry

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Maddern, James (2)

Mackette, Louis

Maher, Dennis

Miller, John

Miller, John A?

Mix, M. F.

Moody, Blank

Murray, John

Norton, Calvin H.

O'Connel, Daniel

O'Connell, John

Oliver, Daniel W.

O'Neil, John E.



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Parker, Henry  
Pellet, Archibald  
Phillips, Charles  
Pin, Charles  
Pinner, Charles R.  
Quick, James  
Quinn, Frank  
Rigby, Mathew  
Riley, John  
Rumpf, John  
Russell, Edward  
Sawyer, John J.  
Scully, Jeremiah  
Sheridan, John J.  
Smith, T. Augustus  
Smith, Henry M.  
Smith, John Z.  
Smith, Mathew  
Smith, Robert P.  
Sprague, Adfur J. (also Adfer)  
Staple, Roswell C.  
Stevens, Wm. A.

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Talbot, Edmund H.  
Taswell, Wm. H.  
Thompson, Wm. L.  
Tierney, John  
Van Orsdall, Wm.  
Wales, Benjamin  
Walsh, Charles  
Waterbury, Francis  
Watts, Richard  
White, Jacob  
White, James  
Wilson, Edwin C.  
Woodruff, Charles H.  
Worden, Peter  
Wright, Wm. H.

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Box 4 Personal Papers (Continued)

- Folder A: Records of Service Certificates (7)
- B: Pension and Bounty Papers (13)
- C: Veterans of Ship **Wabash** - Pension papers (2)

**Note:** For other personal papers see Oversize Item #1

REGIMENTAL RECORDS - (Numerically listed)

- D: 1st Regt. C.V. - Telegraph order from Colonel Henry Abbott, 1864 (2)
- D<sub>1</sub>: See below
- E: 2nd Regt. C.V. - Passes (each for several men) signed by Henry Fitch, 1st Lieutenant, 1863 (2)
- F: 7th Regt. C.V. - Battle Report by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph R. Hawley, June 6, 1862 - includes description of death of Captain Edwin Hitchcock (see Box 1, Folder Z) (5)
- G: 7th Regt. C.V. - Telegraph from General Terry to General Gillmore, 1863 (1)  
*- letter from Col. Joseph Hawley, 15 Regt. C.V. & Doughty's Men, Conn. Gen Assembly 21 June 1864*
- H: 7th Regt. C.V., Co. C - documents pertaining to ordnance and clothing stores, all signed by Captain Henry B. Gill (26)
- I: 7th Regt. C.V., Co. G (Townsend Rifles) Rosters, reunion minutes, accounts, and programs (Not complete); correspondence; drawing of flag, 1870-1969 (40)
- J: 7th Regt. C.V. Veterans' Association - Roll Book (1 v.)
- K: " " " " " Record Book, 1869-1927. (1 v.)
- L: Loose papers removed from volume in Folder K. (39)
- Note:** 7th Regt. C.V. - See also Oversize Item #1
- M: 10th Regt. C.V., Co. K - Roll Book (1 v.)
- N: 11th Regt. C.V. - Clothing and equipment estimate reports (6)
- O: 13th Regt. C.V. - Photographs of individuals, all identified. (Found with the papers of Isaac W. Bishop, see Box 1, Folder A), men of Co. A and Co. B (7)

**INSERT:** D<sub>1</sub>: 1st Regiment C.V. Heavy Artillery - (2)  
Poem dedicated to this regiment by "Tom 'Pion" n.d. (obviously a pseudonym). Cleaned and encapsulated, 2/1989.  
Food Ration Receipt, 1864, 1st Ct Artillery.

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BOX 4 Regimental Records, (Continued)

- Folder P: 13th Regt. C.V., Co. A - Roll Book; (3)  
Price list of clothing and equipage
- Q: 15th Regt. C.V. - lists of subscribers to (22)  
raise funds to form the 15th Regt. by  
members of the National Union Committee of  
New Haven; Reunion notes and programs; List of papers  
which belonged to Oscar P. Ives of Co. I which were  
presented to Connecticut State Library in 1937
- Note:** 15th Regt. C.V. - see Oversize Item #1
- R: 27th Regt. C.V.- Brief history written in verse (27)  
by Norman A. Tanner, Co. H

BOX 5 Regimental Records (Continued)

- Folder A: 27th Regt. C.V., Co. A. - Record book of annual (1 v.)  
meetings, 1870-1935, containing accounts of their  
part in the Civil War. Descriptions of Battle of  
Fredericksburg begin on P. 34 and of Chancellor-  
ville on p.78. →
- Poem "The Grays of '62" (1)  
*A, HENRY SHELTON, 27th Reg. Co. A, C.V.*
- B: 27th C.V. - Lists of men in some of the (26)  
companies of this regiment.
- C: 27th Regt. C.V., Co. K - List of men, all of (8)  
German descent; newspaper clippings
- D: Regimental Flags - News article concerning state- (2)  
funded restoration of regimental battle flags  
from the Civil War, 1987
- E: New Haven Grays - Roll of Honor (1)
- Other Organizations
- F: Grand Army of the Republic - Admiral Foote Post, (20)  
No. 17, By-laws and Rosters, 1880-1911 (incomplete)
- G: Grand Army of the Republic - Admiral Foote Post - (3) →  
Confederate Notes presented to them, 1912
- H: Loyal National League (3)  
List (signatures) of members, 1863
- I: Union Party of Fair Haven (East) (3)  
List (signatures) of members and amounts subscribed  
to purchase an American flag, 1864.

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- Folder J: New Haven Home Guard (later changed to Union Guard) - Minutes, Executive Committee, 1861; Roster; Correspondence (10)
- K: New Haven Home Guard (1 v.)  
Formation and enrollment book, 1862
- Lists
- L: Descriptive list of Deserters from some Connecticut Regiments (1)
- M: List of New Haven men who lost their lives in War of Rebellion, 1861-1865; compiled by New Haven Evening Register, 1889 (2 copies) (36)
- N: List of New Haven Veterans who re-enlisted, 1864 2 copies (12)
- O: Roll book of Guilford men in Civil War, and those buried in Guilford (1 v.)

Civil War Centennial

BOX 6

- Folder A: Connecticut Civil War Centennial Commission (16)  
Planning Newsletters, 1961-1962; Manual for Observance (2)
- B: New Haven Civil War Centennial Committee (22)  
Minutes, 1961-62; expenses; correspondence
- C: New Haven Civil War Round Table (25)  
Records of meetings, 1961-62
- D: Civil War Centennial Miscellany (14)  
Scrapbooks and Other Records of Civil War
- E: Index to Folders F and G (20)
- F: Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings, 1861-63 (1 v.)  
compiled by Alexander Ufford McAlister (1851-1874) at age 14.
- G: Cont. of Folder F above (1 v.)

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Folder H: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1912-1916, (10)  
mostly veterans' affairs

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Folder A: Scrapbooks of letters in newspapers, 1861 (25)

B: "Memories of Civil War Days" compiled (1 v.)  
by a New Haven Gray, 1908-1910

C: "Connecticut in Virginia" compiled by Roger (72)  
A. Connolly, ca. 1946 - Photographs of  
battle fields and essays on battles

D: Daily notes concerning Connecticut men in (175)  
the Civil War, published by Norwich Courier  
February 1863-February, 1865

E: Continuation of D (213)

F: War Record and Other Events, unknown writer (10)

Civil War Miscellany

G: Soldiers Monument, Broadway Park, New Haven (1 v.)  
Invitation to dedication, June 16, 1905 (1)  
Souvenir book

H: U.S. Navy - Disposition of Vessels in North (1)  
Atlantic Squadron, undated

I: State of Connecticut - Proclamation signed by (3)  
Governor Buckingham, April 10, 1863;  
Reports on condition of State Militia, 1864-68

J: ~~U.S.~~ <sup>CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA (NOT USA)</sup> Congressional Bills - (2)  
Concerning hiring of free negroes and slaves by  
the Army, 1864;  
Ending exemption from military service by hiring  
a substitute, 1864

K: Miscellaneous Documents: (5)  
Parole form (blank) Appomattox Court House, 1865;  
Facsimiles of letters from General Grant, 1864,  
and General Sherman, 1880

L: Unaddressed soldiers envelopes with patriotic (8)  
engravings

M: Military drill on the corner of Church & Chapel Streets, New (1)  
Haven, 1862



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OVERSIZE ITEM #1

MUSTER OUT ROLL - 7th Regiment Connecticut Vol., Co. E, 1865

" " " 15th Regiment Connecticut Vol., Co. I, 1865

An official document of appreciation to a group of New Haven Veterans of the 9th Connecticut Volunteers from Veterans in New Orleans for the return of their flag, 1885. Signed D. Curran.

Commission of Charles H. Swazey, Lieutenant in the Navy, 1861  
(Photocopy)

Testimonial of Honor to:	John Andrews, Sgt.
" " " "	David S. Cook, Pvt.
" " " "	Charles Douglas, Musician
" " " "	John P. Douglass, Pvt.
" " " "	Patrick Hayes, Pvt.
" " " "	Bernard Quinn, Pvt.
" " " "	Stephen Sears, Pvt.
" " " "	Richard Simmons, Cpl.
" " " "	Homer Sterling, Pvt.
" " " "	Julius Thompson, Pvt.
" " " "	John H. Willmarth, Musician

Record of Service of John Prim Simpson, 13th Regiment, Ct. Vol.

\* Oversize Item #1 Located: Bottom of the AD Cabinet.

## OVERSIZE ITEM# 2

- A proclamation issued by the state of CT. July 4, 1867, for Nelson Button, Private, Co. "K", 11th Regiment, C.V. (1)
- CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE, F. RUDEN (SEE BOX 3; FOLDER E)

## OVERSIZE ITEM # 3

A picture of a easel monument bearing the personal record of John B. Wilson, of Colebrook, CT. (1)

November, 1987

- CONFEDERATE PETITION FOR DEBT (SEE BOX 1; FOLDER G)

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Folder I: Ad commemorating 70th anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg  
& 70th birthday of The First National Bank & Trust, presented  
by Starr H. Barnum 1960.

Oversized Item #4

Records of the 15th Regt. C.V., Veteran's Association, 1869-1929



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The following letters were given to the Whitney Library in 2008.

James Elliott Ford served in the 15<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and wrote home to his mother in Milford, Connecticut.

- 8/A    1862
- 8/B    1863
- 8/C    1864
- 8/D    1865

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Material concerning Francis Patterson (1843-1914) who served in the 13<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteers, given to the Whitney Library in 2010.

- 9/A    Discharge papers, marriage certificate, GAR Badge and Flag, Miscellaneous photocopies.

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The following letters were given to the Whitney Library in 2012.

William Edwards Augur served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and wrote home to Addie Phelps, whom he was to marry following the War.

- 9/B    List of volunteers in the 7<sup>th</sup> regiment
- 9/C    1861
- 9/D    1862
- 9/E    1864
- 9/F    Compact disk with scans of all the letters

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The following material was given to the Whitney Library in 2012.

Charles Shepard, born in Branford, served in the 10<sup>th</sup> C.V. Infantry, Co. A, from 1862 to 1865.

- 10/A            Diary, 1864
- 10/B            Transcript of Diary
- 10/C            2 photographs
- 10/D            Tin Cup which saved Mr. Shepard's life in combat when it stopped a bullet.  
(See diary entry for August 1, 1864.)

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The following material was given to the Whitney Library in 2013 by Doris B. Townshend.

George H. Clark served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteers in the Civil War. He wrote these letters to his sister, Maria, the wife of James Townsend of New Haven. Additional biographical information along with transcripts of these letters have been provided by the Donor.

- 9/G            1861-1864.