



BHC-MSS 0041
Guide to the Civil War Collection
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Bridgeport History Center

Title: Civil War Collection

Dates: 1839-1927

Quantity: 2 manuscript boxes

Abstract: Collected by the Bridgeport History Center over the years, the Civil War Collection is home to small ephemeral pieces of material, manuscripts that total 1 or 2 folders, and like material. The material within helps to document the experiences of Bridgeport residents during the war and their interest in the war after it concluded.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Administrative History

Much has been written about the history of the American Civil War (1861-1865) and its legacy in American history. The conflict over the legality of slavery in the United States ended countless lives and impacted the survivors.

It is also one of the first major wars to be documented through photographs, and thus it has been a constant source of fascination, creating ephemeral material since the conflict concluded.

Scope and Content note:

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Arrangement note:

Chronological, with books treated as a separate series in case they are later removed and entered into the general library collection.

Administrative information:

Provenance: Various donations and acquisitions over the years, as well as found in storage.

Preferred Citation:

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Names and Subject Tracings

Subjects

American Civil War (1861-1865)

Bridgeport, Conn.

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

1. Inspection report, Connecticut Militia, 1839
2. Orderly book, Company H, first regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, 1861
3. Descriptive roster, clothing issue for company B, 6th Connecticut Regiment Volunteers, 1861
4. Correspondence, 1862-1865
5. Civil War documents presented to Historical Society by Major Thomas Boudrew, 1862-1865
6. Case for Civil War documents presented to Historical Society by Major Thomas Boudrew, 1862-1865
7. Reunion and memorial program for Bridgeport veterans groups, 1869-1919
8. Photographs of letters lent by Mrs L.W. Mix. 1862
9. Pamphlet, General Sherman's reports for Fort Fisher through the Thunder of Siege Guns, 1883
10. Reunion of 17th Regiment, 1883-1884
11. Pamphlets, 1882-1888
12. Pamphlets, 1894
13. Pamphlet, Life of General Gate and Dedication of Grant monument, 1897
14. Hearing transcript for protection of monuments at Bull Run, April 1912
15. Pamphlet, Civil War through the Camera, 1912
16. Pamphlet, History of Battle of Gettysburg and Guidebook to Battlefield, 1920
17. Biographical information about Colonel Ephraim E. Ellsworth, 1927

Box 2

1. Handbook for artillery, 1862-183
2. Infantry tactics, volume 1, 1863
3. Patten's Artillery drills [...] 1863
4. Extra: End of War, April 9, 1865
5. Photograph of the 6th Connecticut Regiment scouting party, undated
6. "In Camp and Field" Bound composition book from Soldier's Home in Noroton, CT in 1909 by William Wallack Paton, former corporal in Co. A, 17th Conn. Memories of his service from 1861-1865. Contains eye witness of organization of regiment by Elias Howe Jr., visit of PTB to regiment in Washington, Col. William Noble's injury at Chancelorsville, roll of regiment at Gettsburg, capture and later patrol of Noble, daily life during campaigns in SC, GA, and FL.