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Highland Military Academy, Records c. 1860-1919

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Collection Information

Abstract : The Highland Military Academy operated from 1856 to 1912 as a private preparatory school for boys. Established by Caleb B. Metcalf (1814-1891), the school was located on his property on Salisbury Street near the present Military Road. The collection consists of nine folders of loose manuscripts and six record books.

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Historical/Biographical Notes

The Highland Military Academy was established in 1856 as a private preparatory school for boys by Caleb B. Metcalf (1814-1891). The school was located on Metcalf's property on Salisbury Street near the present Military Road. Students -- called "cadets" -- were required to wear the school uniform at all times and were required to practice drill instruction one hour each school day.

Metcalf retired as superintendent in 1888 and was succeeded by Joseph Allen Shaw (1836-1915). Among the school's military instructors were John Milton Goodhue (- 1895) and Selwyn B. Clark (b. 1857). The institution was at the height of its popularity in its Civil War days when military spirits were high. In 1912 the school was closed and the land was sold for house lots.

The records of the "Worcester" Highland Military Academy consist of nine folders of loose documents and six record books. See the Contents for a more detailed description.

Sources:

Nutt, Charles, *History of Worcester and its People*; (Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York, 1910), Vol. 2, p. 736-737.

Scope and Content

The Highland Military Academy Records (1860-1919) is comprised of five series made up of six bound ledgers and nine folders of documents relating to the history, administration and students of the Highland Military Academy. Though the source of the collection is unknown, much of the correspondence was addressed to Selwyn B. Clark, the administrator of the Academy at the time of its closing in 1912. Some of the documents concerning individual cadets and instructors and were originally housed in an alphabetically tabbed scrapbook which had deteriorated to the point that the documents were no longer safely stored; these items have been removed to folders, retaining the original order created by the unknown donor where possible. Within the folders, the items are sorted by date when known.

SEE ALSO: Related materials in the collection of the Worcester Historical Museum include two photographic collections:

1983.25 Worcester Highland Military Academy Photograph Collection (album)
2000.67 Highland Military Academy Photograph Collection
PR "Highland Cadet" v. 1 [v.2-v.4] 1888-1891

Related materials can be found in the collection of the Worcester Public Library including Highland Military Academy Registers (1898-1910).

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Composition Book (c. 1860). This series is comprised of one leather-bound book containing transcribed compositions written by the cadets of Highland Military Academy in the 1860s. In the front of the book is an index to the compositions listing the names of the cadets, their addresses and the titles of the compositions.

Series 2: General Orders Record Book (1871-1890). This series is comprised of one leather-bound book containing lists of rules and regulations of the Highland Military Academy, appointments of cadet officers, and a list of infractions and their corresponding demerits.

Series 3: Account Books (1867-1874; 1888-1896; 1896-1902; 1900-1910)

Series 4: Records and Correspondence (1872-1900). This series contains business and organizational records pertaining to Highland Military Academy (1872-1890) as well as personal correspondence (1877-1919).. Included in the correspondence is a letter concerning the resignation of "Major Hopkins", a teacher, 1877; correspondence to Joseph Allen Shaw concerning finances; letters to Selwyn B. Clark concerning the closing of the school and the disposition of cadet photographs.

Series 5: Scrap Book Contents (1858-1919). This series contains the contents of a "scrap book" with materials including detailed descriptions of individual cadets with references to published articles, dates of military service, etc. sorted alphabetically by last name. Also included is a collection of newspaper clippings on the history of Highland Military Academy and its cadets, ephemera and handwritten notes on Civil War events, HMA events and functions, possibly written by Selwyn B. Clark.

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Series 1, Composition Book (c. 1860)

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	BV	2013.FIA.03.01	Composition Book (c. 1860), containing copies of letters and essays

Series 2, General Orders Record Book (1867-1890)

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	BV	2013.FIA.03.02	General Orders Record Book (1867-1890)

Series 3, Account Books (1867-1910)

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	BV	2013.FIA.03.03	Account Book (1867-1874) (1867-1874) with students names and listing expenses for tuition, board, books and miscellaneous items
2	BV	2013.FIA.03.04	Account Book (1888-1896) of student expenses
1	BV	2013.FIA.03.05	Account Book (1896-1902) of student expenses
1	BV	2013.FIA.03.06	Account Book (1900-1910) of student expenses

Series 4, Records and Correspondence (1872-1900)

1	1	2013.FIA.03.07	Business and Organizational Records (1872-1890), 11 items. (OVERSIZE)
3	2	2013.FIA.03.08	Correspondence (1877-1900), 10 items.
3	3	2013.FIA.03.09	Correspondence (1900-1919), 31 items.

Series 5, Scrap Book Contents (1858-1919)

1	4	2013.FIA.03.10	History of HMA and Cadets, including biographical notes, ephemera and clippings, 39 items. (OVERSIZE)
3	5	2013.FIA.03.11	Individual cadets and staff members (A-E): Allen, Charles Herbert; Bacon, Francis (Frank); Bacon, William Batchelor; Barton, George E.; Bragg, Henry Mellen; Breck, Charles Henry; Bullock, Augustus George; Burlingame, Edward Livermore; Carson, John Dwight; Chamberlain, Robert H.; Clark, Selwyn B.; Warren Stone; Donnelly, Ralph E.; Eaton, Joseph Giles. 41 items.
3	6	2013.FIA.03.12	Individual cadets and staff members (G-K): Giel, Marcel I.; Goodhue, John M; Green, Timothy R.; Grout, John William; Hacker, William Estes; Harlow, George H.; Hinckley, Herbert Lee; Hinckley, Wallace; Jameson, Edward Stebbins; Keith, Henry Alexander; Kinnicutt, Lincoln Newton; Kinnicutt, Frank Parker. 29 items.
3	7	2013.FIA.03.13	Individual cadets and staff members (L-S): Luke, Frederick, H.; Marbold, B. F.; Metcalf, Arthur T.; Metcalf, Caleb B.; Metcalf, Metcalf, Enoch; James A.; Metcalf, Isaac Newton; Roswell, Murray, Roswell Lockwood; Nagle, David; Nichols, Charles Lemuel; Parker, William Thornton; Pinkham, Charles H.; Raymond, E. T.; Raymond, Edward Tilly; Reade, Philip; Remington, Frederic; Roberts, Ernest William; Severance, Fred W.; Smith, Charles S.; Strickland, Frederick Hastings. 36 items.
3	8	2013.FIA.03.14	Individual cadets and staff members (T-W): Thompson, Leslie E.; Van Dusen, Alfred M.; Webster, Fred H.; Wellington, Wellington, George Watson; Whitridge, Frederic Wallingford; Wilson, Henry Hamilton; Winchell, Nathaniel P. 12 items.
3	9	2013.FIA.03.15	Handwritten notes found in front of scrapbook not written about specific cadets or staff members. 44 items.