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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection includes materials relating to various men who served during the Civil War.

Individuals include; John Boyden, Arthur Goodell, James Edward Nichols, William H. Scammell, Friewalden C. Thayer and John William “Willie” Grout. Items in the collection include; a diary written by James Nichols and letters by Friewalden C. Thayer and John Grout. Also included are muster rolls, ordnance reports, pension applications and letters from headquarters.

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Military records. aat
Diaries. aat
Letters (Correspondence). aat
Soldiers -- Massachusetts -- Worcester.
Boyden, John.
Goodell, Arthur.
Nichols, James Edward.
Scammell, William.
Thayer, Friewalden C.
Grout, John William
United States. Army. Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 36th.
United States. Army. Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 51st.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Collection contains materials relating to the following individuals.

Series 1: Materials relating to John Boyden and the purchase of the “Secesh Bell” in 1862.

Series 2: Ordnance reports and letters pertaining to Arthur Goodell a Worcester native and member of the 36th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment. Serving as Sgt. Major, Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion of Rifles and Lieutenant Colonel of the 36th Massachusetts Regiment. He died in June 1882.

Series 3: Diary and miscellaneous documents relating to James Edward Nichols. Mr. Nichols was born in Charlton, MA in 1843. He enlisted on August 20, 1862 at the age of 19. He served with the 51st Regiment during the Civil War.

Series 4: Special orders, pension application and marriage certificate of William Scammell. Mr. Scammell was born in Milford, MA on June 21, 1838. He served with the 40th New York during the Civil War and rose to the rank of Quartermaster. He died may 25, 1880.

Series 5: Letters written by Friewalden C. Thayer to his parents. Mr. Thayer served with the 51st Massachusetts.

Series 6: Letter written to “Friend Charley” from John William “Willie” Grout. Dated October 6, 1861. Willie Grout was the first Worcester resident filled in the Civil War.

Series 7: Various collections.

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Series Descriptions

Series 1: John Boyden

Series 2: Arthur A. Goodell

Subseries 1: Ordnance Reports

Subseries 2: Letters from Headquarters

Subseries 3: Miscellaneous

Series 3: John Edward Nichols

Subseries 1: Diary

Subseries 2: Miscellaneous

Series 4: William H. Scammell

Subseries 1: Miscellaneous

Series 5: Friewalden C. Thayer

Subseries 1: Letters

Subseries 2: Photograph

Series 6: John William “Willie” Grout

Subseries 1: Letter

Series 7: Various Collections

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Series 1, John Boyden

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1	1	2003.FIA.4.1.1-.4	Materials relating to the purchase of the “Secesh Bell.”

Civil War Collection
2003.FIA.4
Series 2, Arthur A. Goodell
Subseries 1, Ordnance Reports

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2003.FIA.4.2.1.1-.9	Series of Ordnance reports relating to Company C, 36 th Massachusetts Regiment.

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2003.FIA.4
 Series 2, Arthur A. Goodell
 Subseries 2, Letters from Headquarters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.FIA.4.2.2.1-9	Series of letters from Headquarters pertaining to leave of absences, payroll, etc.

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 2003.FIA.4
 Series 2, Arthur A. Goodell
 Subseries 3, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2003.FIA.4.2.3.1	Schedule of property of the Lincoln City Silver Company in Summit County, Colorado.
1	4	2003.FIA.4.2.3.2	Brief biography of Arthur Goodell.
1	4	2003.FIA.4.2.3.3	Warrant issued to Mr. Goodell appointing him Sargeant Major.
1	4	2003.FIA.4.2.3.4	Letter written to John Gates from Arthur Goodell dated April 6, 1877.
1	4	2003.FIA.4.2.3.5	Drawing entitle, "Prince of Wales"
1	4	2003.FIA.4.2.3.6	Letter from Paymaster General's Office.
1	4	2003.FIA.4.2.3.7-8	Letters from Treasury Department
1	4	2003.FIA.4.2.3.9	Military career of Arthur Goodell, Worcester, MA from official records.

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 2003.FIA.4
 Series 3, James Edward Nichols
 Subseries 1, Diary

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1	5	2003.FIA.4.3.1.1	Diary written by James Nichols, which covers the dates August 23 through December 27, 1862.

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Series 3, James Edward Nichols
Subseries 2, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	2003.FIA.4.3.2.1	Card from Department of Interior regarding pension.
1	6	2003.FIA.4.3.2.2	Pension certificate of James Edward Nichols.
1	6	2003.FIA.4.3.2.3	Oath of identity.

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Series 4, William H. Scammell
Subseries 1, Miscellaneous

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1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.1	Supply list for 40 th New York
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.2	Payment received voucher
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.3	Certificate
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.4	Paper granting leave of absence to William

			Scammell dated November 25, 1861.
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.5	Paper with title, "William's Request"
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.6	Brief biography of Scammell's service.
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.7	Letter to Mr. Scammell dated April 9, 1884 from Marden.
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.8	Special discharge order for William Scammell dated October 18, 1864.
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.9	Letter acknowledging Mr. Scammell appointment to Quartermaster dated August 17, 1863.
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.10	Brief biography on William Scammell
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.11	Special order dated February 1, 1863.
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.12	Pension application
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.13	Description of Mr. Scammell's travels during the War.
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.14-15	Marriage certificate and menu from Mansion House, Milford, Mass.
1	7	2003.FIA.4.4.1.16	Pension notification dated July 18, 1879.

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Series 5, Friewalden C. Thayer
Subseries 1, Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	8	2003.FIA.4.5.1.1	Letter written to parents, Worcester, MA, from Friewalden Thayer, Newburne, NC dated December 29, 1862. With envelope and one stamp.
1	8	2003.FIA.4.5.1.2	Letter written to parents, Worcester, MA, from Friewalden Thayer, North Carolina dated April 17, 1863. Envelope with stamp.

1	8	2003.FIA.4.5.1.3	Letter written to parents, Worcester, MA, from Friewalden Thayer, Camp Wellington, NC dated June 21, 1863. Envelope with stamp.
1	8	2003.FIA.4.5.1.4	Part of letter by Friewalden Thayer. Date unknown.

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Series 5, Friewalden C. Thayer
Subseries 2, Photograph

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1	9	2003.FIA.4.5.2.1	Cdv of Friewalden Thayer taken by Reed, Worcester, MA.

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Series 6, John William Grout
Subseries 1, Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	10	2003.FIA.4.6.1.1	Letter addressed to "Friend Charley" from John Grout dated October 6, 1861.

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Series 7, Various Collections
Subseries 1, Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	2003.FIA.4.7.1.1	Letter to father from son who is a member of Company D, 25 th Massachusetts regiment stationed in Maryland. Letter is dated November 21, 1861.
1	11	2003.FIA.4.6.1.2	Letter to father from son, Jackson Taggart , Virginia. Letter is dated June 20, 1864.
1	11	2003.FIA.4.6.1.3	Letter to "Absent Friend" from George Robbins of Company G, 21 st Massachusetts Regiment dated 1861.

1	11	2003.FIA.4.6.1.4	Letter to "My Dear Baldwin" by unknown person dated December 16, 1863.
1	11	2003.FIA.4.6.1.5	Scrap of paper recording four names of individuals present at Melville Walker's funeral in Hopkinton, MA November 1, 1862.

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Series 7, Various Collections
Subseries 2, Rolls

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1	12	2003.FIA.4.6.2.1	Paper entitled, "Worcester State Guard, 1 st Company. Excursion to Fitchburg July 11, 1864.
1	12	2003.FIA.4.6.2.2	Muster out roll of third battalion rifleman.
1	12	2003.FIA.4.6.2.3	Muster roll of 3 rd battalion.

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Series 7, Various Collections
Subseries 3, Miscellaneous

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1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.1-2	Paper entitled, "Trip with the 15 th Regiment"
1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.3	Bill of sale of Negro slave found on Jefferson Davis in Richmond.
1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.4	Handwritten testimony
1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.5	Dates of death of Taggart Family.
1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.5a	Oath of identity for James Clafee
1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.6	Record of Election for State Guard

1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.7	Record of Election for Third Battalion, Fifth Brigade, Third Division.
1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.8	Certificate
1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.9	Letter from Headquarters
1	13	2003.FIA.4.7.3.10	Letter
1	14	2003.FIA.4.7.3.11	Letter from Camp Wool, Worcester, MA dated August 11, 1862. Invoice of Ordnance.
1	14	2003.FIA.4.7.3.12	Recruiting services bill
1	14	2003.FIA.4.7.3.13	Recipes collected by John Winthrop, Vol. II, September 29, 1860 in Raleigh N.C.
1	14	2003.FIA.4.7.3.14	Oath of Identity for Dana Fitch
1	14	2003.FIA.4.7.3.15	Typescript of newspaper article.