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Herbert W. Mills
Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection contains the diary, letters and miscellaneous materials belonging to Herbert W. Mills. He was a drummer in Company G, 42nd Massachusetts Regiment during the Civil War. The museum also owns his drum and drumsticks.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Jean Ballinger in 2010.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

Historical/Biographical Notes

Herbert was 18 and listed his occupation as a machinist when he enlisted in Worcester on July 9, 1864. He was assigned to Company G, 42nd Massachusetts Regiment as a drummer. He served 100 days and was mustered out November 11, 1864. He did not return to Worcester after the war.

Scope and Content

Collection contains the diary, letters and miscellaneous materials belonging to Herbert W. Mills. He was a drummer in Company G, 42nd Massachusetts Regiment during the Civil War. The museum also owns his drum and drumsticks.

His diary dates from July 12, 1864 – September 5, 1864. His entries are brief and he writes mostly about the weather and health of himself and other men in camp.

His letters date from July 1862 – October 1864. The letters, mostly to his mother, provide much more detail about troop movements, the layout of various camps and quarters. He provides a description of his uniform and drum. The letters also discuss current events like Lincoln's election and the death of Willie Groat. Also included is a photograph of Herbert.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Diary

Series 2: Letters

Series 3: Certification

Series 4: Miscellaneous

Series 5: Objects – See curator

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Series 1, Diary

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2010.16.1.1	Diary (July 12, 1864 – September 5, 1864)

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Series 2, Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2010.16.2.1	To Charlie – November 24, 1861.
1	2	2010.16.2.2	To Charlie from Herbert – July 14, 1862
1	3	2010.16.2.3	Dear Friends – July 14, 1864
1	3	2010.16.2.4.	Dear Folks – July 16, 1864
1	3	2010.16.2.5	Dear Mother – July 29, 1864
1	3	2010.16.2.6	Dear Mother – July 31, 1864
1	4	2010.16.2.7	Dear Mother – August 5, 1864
1	4	2010.16.2.8	Dear Mother – August 7, 1864
1	4	2010.16.2.9	Dear Mother – August 14, 1864
1	4	2010.16.2.10	Dear Mother – August 17, 1864
1	4	2010.16.2.11	Dear Mother – August 17, 1864
1	4	2010.16.2.12	Dear Mother – August 25, 1864
1	5	2010.16.2.13	Dear Mother – September 4, 1864
1	5	2010.16.2.14	Dear Mother – September 11, 1864
1	5	2010.16.2.15	Dear Mother – September 15, 1864
1	5	2010.16.2.16	Dear Mother – September 18, 1864
1	5	2010.16.2.17	Dear Mother – September 25, 1864
1	5	2010.16.2.18	Dear Mr. Othela – September 30, 1864
1	6	2010.16.2.19	Dear Mother – October 7, 1864
1	6	2010.16.2.20	Dear Mother – October 20, 1864

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Series 3, Certificate

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
OVS M		2010.16.3.1	Certificate of service in the Civil War, GAR issue.

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Series 4, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	2010.16.4.1	CDV of Herbert W. Mills at age 16.
1	7	2010.16.4.2	Residence of Herbert Mills (Father Marshall) at 3 May Street in Worcester.
1	7	2010.16.4.3	Pass issued to Herbert (September 29, 1864)
1	7	2010.16.4.4	Discharge Papers.
1	7	2010.16.4.5	Various reunion articles and programs.