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Josiah Pickett  
Collection

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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : The collection contains military and civil papers and correspondences related to Josiah Pickett (1822 – 1908). Josiah Pickett served as commander of the 25<sup>th</sup> MA during the Civil War and as Post Master General.

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

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### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

General Josiah Pickett was born in Beverly, MA on November 21, 1822. He was the son of Josiah and Mary (Cressey) Pickett and was descended from one of the early settlers of Marblehead. He became interested in the California gold fields and in 1852 went from Springfield to the Pacific coast and soon ended up in business in San Francisco. He returned to Springfield in 1854 and moved to Worcester in 1855. While in Worcester he soon joined the Worcester City Guards. He was elected second lieutenant of the City Guards in June, 1859 and first Lieutenant in April 1861. He soon raised a company and went out in command of Company A, 25<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts as captain. He soon advanced in rank to Colonel of the regiment. He was wounded at the Battle of Cold Harbor. President Andrew Johnson, in 1866, appointed Gen. Pickett postmaster at Worcester and he served in that position until 1885.

General Pickett was married December 2, 1847 to Sarah Elizabeth Burnham and they had one son, William A. Pickett. Sarah died January 19, 1906 and Josiah died January 14, 1908.

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## **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Personal histories

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Series 1, Personal History

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1	1	2016.FIA.01.1-.9	Various personal histories of Josiah Pickett

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Series 2, Correspondences

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2016.FIA.01.2.1-.8	Various correspondences to and from Josiah Pickett.

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Series 3, Military Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.1	Correspondences from Josiah Pickett to Mr. Root – Secretary of War regarding missing military records (June 6, 1900)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.2	Newspaper article regarding 25 <sup>th</sup> MA reunion (1897)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.3	Newspaper article regarding 25 <sup>th</sup> and 32 <sup>nd</sup> MA reunions (no date)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.4	Order of military procession for July 4, 1865 - 1884
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.5-.6	Original and typed transcript of letter to U.S. Grant asking for a commission as Brevet Brigadier General by George J. Stannard.
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.7	Certificate of Discharge – Company A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion – Rifleman Massachusetts Militia.

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1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.8	Treasury claim (July 16, 1892)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.9	Solicitation for Honorary Membership (1891)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.10	Commission (June 1890)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.11	Pension (May 14, 1885)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.12	Dues – Society of the Army of the Potomac (1884)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.13	Membership certificate – Worcester Continentals (no date).
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.14	Program – Dedication of Soldiers' Monument (July 15, 1874)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.15	Dues – Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (1869/1870)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.16	Dues – The Society of the Burnside Expedition and of the Ninth Army Corps (1869)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.17	Commission Letter (July 15, 1868)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.18	Pension claim letter (May 14, 1865)
1	3	2016.FIA.01.3.19	Discharge certificate – Colonel 25 <sup>th</sup> MA
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.3.20	Warrant (1859)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.3.21	Invalid Pension (1865)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.3.22	Friendship Letter (March 1, 1889)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.3.23	Armory Commissioners Appointment (1888)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.3.24	Certificate of Honorary Membership – Co. A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Regiment.

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	OVS	2016.FIA.01.3.25	Honorary Membership in the Worcester State Guard (1865)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.3.26	Commission – Captain, Co. A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reg
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.3.27	Commission – Major – 25 <sup>th</sup> MA

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Series 4, Postmaster Papers

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1	4	2016.FIA.01.4.1-.3	Documents relating to Pickett's appointment as Worcester Postmaster
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.4	Deputy Postmaster appointment (1867)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.5	Deputy Postmaster appointment (1866)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.6	Postmaster appointment (1883)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.7	Postmaster appointment (1889)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.8	Postmaster appointment (1875)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.9	Postmaster appointment (1871)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.10	Postmaster appointment (1866)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.11	Postmaster appointment (1867)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.12	Postmaster appointment (1875)
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.4.13	Deputy Postmaster appointment (1871)



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1	5	2016.FIA.01.5.1-9	Miscellaneous documents
	OVS	2016.FIA.01.5.10-15	Miscellaneous documents