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## ARCHIVES

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Papers  
1999.120

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### Collection Information

Abstract : James S. Rogers was a Worcester businessman, Civil War veteran, and sometime actor on stage presentations. The collection consists of the drama *The Drummer Boy*, with annotations by Rogers.

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

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Rogers, James S., d. 1905.

United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Drama.

Actors – Massachusetts – Worcester.

American drama – 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Muscroft, S. J. – *The Drummer Boy*; or, *The Battle Field of Shiloh*.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

James S. Rogers came to Worcester in 1855. He was a student at Harvard College when the Civil War started, and left the school to enlist in the 51<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Volunteers. He resigned and reenlisted as Captain in Thomas Wentworth Higginson's colored regiment. After the war he returned to Harvard and graduated in 1865. He located in Worcester and entered the coal business with Arthur Goodell, brother to John Goodell, his Captain in the 51<sup>st</sup> Regiment. He married Anne B. Earle, daughter of Worcester Mayor Edward Earle. Rogers was an early member of the Worcester G.A.R. Post, and long active in Post affairs. He was author of a history of the Rogers family, and was an actor in local drama presentations. In later years he was active in business in Chicago, and in Roxbury, Massachusetts. He was brother to Seth Rogers, homeopathic physician and water treatment practitioner. He died in 1905 in Roxbury from acute appendicitis.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of one archival quality photocopy, plus additional pages, of the 1872 drama *The Drummer Boy*, by S. J. Muscroft, annotated by James S. Rogers for his own use in presentation.

### **Series Description**

The collection is comprised of a single series, annotated drama.

James S. Rogers Papers  
1999.120  
Series 1, Annotated Drama

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1999.120.1.1	<i>The Drummer Boy; or The Battle Field of Shiloh; a new military allegory in five acts ...</i> by Comrade S. J. Muscroft, 1872, annotated by James S. Rogers. 40 p. Aqp
1	2	1999.120.1.2	Excerpts, <i>The Drummer Boy</i> , annotated by James S. Rogers. 19 p.