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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection contains items relating to the 15th Massachusetts Regiment that fought

during the Civil War. Items include; reunion record books, lists of members and letters.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Found in archives.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Historical/Biographical Notes

The 15th Massachusetts Regiment was recruited in Worcester County, the Leominster and Fitchburg units being old militia companies, while others were raised by voluntary enlistment in the early summer of 1861. In June 28 the various units were ordered to assemble at Camp Scott,

Worcester, and there, July 12, the regiment was mustered into service with Charles Devens Jr. as its colonel.

On October 21, 1861 the regiment led the advance to Ball's Bluff, losing in that action over 300 men of whom 44 were killed or mortally wounded. The regiment also saw action at Antietam where it was outflanked and in twenty seven minutes lost a total of 318 officers and men, 98 being killed or mortally wounded. The regiment also saw action at Gettysburg where it lost its' colonel, George H. Ward. On June 22, 1864 the regiment was again outflanked near the Jerusalem Plank Road and the entire regiment save one officer and five men were taken prisoner. These with those who returned from hospitals or from detached service were attached to the 20th Mass until July 12, 1864 when they were mustered out. They returned to Worcester, Massachusetts on July 21, 1864.

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Series Descriptions

Series 1: Miscellaneous documents

Series 2: Ledgers

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Series 1, miscellaneous documents

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1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.1	Incomplete list of men who served with the 15 th

Massachusetts.

1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.2	List of names of survivors on the 15 th Massachusetts as of May 1, 1890.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.3	Letter to Mr. G.W. Ward from Maxcy Converse, dated January 6, 1916. Discusses reunion plans.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.4	Members of Co. F., 15 th Massachusetts
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.5	Letter to "Boys" from H.H. Slayton expressing regret on not being able to attend reunion.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.6	Letter to "Comrades" from E. Doane dated September 11, 1916 expressing regret on not being able to attend 49 th reunion.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.7	Letter to Mr. George H. Ward from Eliza Converse dated August 29, 1916.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.8	Letter to "Comrades" from E. Doane dated September 11, 1918 expressing regret on not being able to attend reunion.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.9	Letter to "Mother" (Mrs. Ward) from son dated September 17, 1900. Expresses pride in his brother's speech at father's monument.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.10	Letter to George W. Ward from Henry Ball dated September 8, 1918.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.11	Letter to George from H.H. Slayton.
1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.12	Postcard addressed to Mr. Ward from Josiah Converse dated September 27, 1915.

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1	1	2003.FIA.10.1.13	Postcard addressed to Mr. Ward from Eliza Converse dated December 29, 1915.

1	2	2003.FIA.10.1.14-.20	Postcards announcing reunions of Company F, 15 th Massachusetts
1	2	2003.FIA.10.1.21	Minutes of September 14, 1917 reunion of Company F, 15 th Massachusetts.
1	2	2003.FIA.10.1.22	Six page meeting minutes of 1920 reunion of Company F, 15 th Massachusetts.
1	2	2003.FIA.10.1.23	Three page note written November 1912.
1	2	2003.FIA.10.1.24-.29	Miscellaneous documents.

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Series 2, Ledgers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.FIA.10.2.1	Ledger, "15 th Massachusetts Volunteers Reunion Record Book, 1884-1907."
Oversize shelves		2003.FIA.10.2.2	Ledger, "15 th Massachusetts Volunteers Reunion Record Book. List of Deaths, 1866-1879."

Oversize shelves

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Ledger, "15th Massachusetts Volunteers, Company F, Reunion Association Record Book, 1868-1918."