

George H. Nelson Letters

Overview of the Collection

Creator: Nelson, George H., 1843-1927

Dates: 1862-1864

Abstract: This Collection primarily contains envelopes and letters sent from Private George H. Nelson of the 25th Connecticut Infantry Regiment. Letters are separately addressed to his mother, father, and sister and speak about everyday life as a soldier with the 25th and his experiences. The last letter of the Collection is from a friend of George's, Jerome H. Fuller who was a soldier with the 25th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, and was sent to George at home in Connecticut after he was discharged.

Quantity: One box.

Accession: 2021.019

Language: The records are in English.

Biographical Note

George H. Nelson resided in Windsor Locks, Connecticut before he enlisted on September 9, 1862. He was then mustered into Company C of the 25th Connecticut Infantry Regiment on November 11th. He is noted as having been wounded in Port Hudson, Louisiana and survived the War being mustered out on August 26, 1863 in Hartford, Connecticut.

Scope and Content

The Collection is organized into one series of letters discussing the movements of the 25th Connecticut Infantry Regiment, daily camp life, other Union Regiments they have come in contact with, battles, being wounded in a hospital, and other aspects of his life in service.

Series 1: Letters, 1862-1864. Arranged chronologically beginning with a letter in September of 1862 when Nelson was still in Hartford, Connecticut and ends with a letter from his friend Jerome H. Fuller in January of 1864 from Newport News, Virginia.

Arrangement

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Restrictions on Access and Use

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Related Material

Thomas F. Burpee Post #71 Collection

Processing Information

Processed by the Archivist, Wayne Buckmir, in 2023.

Index Terms

Subjects:

Connecticut--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Empire City (Steamship)
Port Hudson (La.)--History--Siege, 1863.
Secessionville, Battle of, Secessionville, S.C., 1862
Tobacco farms--Connecticut--History.
United States. Army. Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 6th (1861-1865)
United States. Army. Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 7th (1861-1865)
United States. Army. Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 13th (1862-1866)
United States. Army. Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 23rd (1862-1863)
United States. Army. Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 25th (1862-1863)
United States. Army. Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 25th (1862-1863). Company C
United States. Army. Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 26th (1862-1863)
United States. Army. Maine Infantry Regiment, 26th (1862-1863)
United States. Army. Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, 22nd (1861-1864)
United States. Army. Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, 25th (1861-1865)
United States. Army. Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, 52nd (1862-1863)
United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1865)
United States. Army. New York Infantry Regiment, 6th (1861-1863)
United States. Army. New York Infantry Regiment, 71st (1861-1864)
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Casualties.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Destruction & pillage.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Equipment and supplies.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Hospitals
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Medical care.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Postal service.

Places:

Baton Rouge (La.)
Beaufort (S.C.)
Donaldsonville (La.)
Hartford (Conn.)
New Orleans (La.)
New York (City)
Newport News (Va.)
Port Hudson (La.)
Port Royal (S.C.)
Simmesport (La.)
Williamsburg (Va.)

Persons:

Nelson, George H., 1843-1927.

Banks, Nathaniel Prentiss, 1816-1894.

Document Types:

Correspondence

Administrative Information

Provenance

The letters were donated by Howard T. Smith in 2021.

Container List

Series 1. Letters, 1862-1864

	Box	Folder
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1862		
September		1
November		2
December		3
1863		
January		4
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1864		
January		10