



Guide to the James H. Marshall Papers, 1859-1897

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

James H. Marshall Papers, 1859-1897

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Marshall, James H., 1840-1878

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English

Extent:

2 boxes

Abstract:

Papers of James H. Marshall (1840-1878) of Nashua, NH primarily related to Marshall's service in the Civil War. Materials in the collection include correspondence, military orders and records, a journal, autograph books, and a photograph album.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The James H. Marshall Papers were a gift of Charles Gilman on September 19, 2012. The materials were acquired by Charles Gilman from an unidentified dealer in 1962.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Steve Leavenworth in October 2012. The finding aid was written by Steve Leavenworth in October 2012. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

No special physical characteristics or technical requirements exist for this collection.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:

James Hopkins Marshall was born on May 22, 1840 in Nashua, NH. He was the son of John F. and Fanny J. (Hopkins) Marshall. In 1854, Marshall moved to Milwaukee, WI, to work for his uncle, R.H. Pearson. Marshall remained in Wisconsin until 1857, when he returned to study at Nashua High School. In 1858, he moved to Boston, MA to work in the crockery store of his uncle George L. Marshall. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company F of the 1st Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers. After three months of service and an honorable discharge, he enlisted as a Sergeant of Company B in the 8th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers. Marshall was promoted to Sergeant Major and Musician of Company B in 1863, to Lieutenant of Company G in 1864, and Captain of Company C in 1865. Following the war, Marshall became superintendent of the Cambric Mill in Webster, MA. He died of consumption on August 23, 1878 in Webster.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The James H. Marshall Papers, 1859-1897, include correspondence, military orders and records, a journal, autograph books, and a photograph album. The majority of materials in the collection date from 1861 to 1865. Correspondence consists of 26 letters and covers written by Marshall while serving in the Union Army to his uncle, Daniel R. Marshall (1821-1893) of Nashua, NH. All of his letters have been typed and copied. The collection also contains a journal of essays written in 1859, in which Marshall recorded his life, recreational activities, and options. There are also two autograph books in the collection. The 1873-1880 autograph book was given to Marshall as a token of appreciation from the Webster, MA mill workers.

The photograph album is dated 1862 to 1865 and is a collection of cartes de visite albumen prints depicting members of the 8th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers, including some officers. There are 40 prints inserted into 20 pages. A few of the cards have penciled names on the back. An index of some of the names appears at the beginning of the first box. Those subjects without their names written on the reverse were compared to the *Register of New Hampshire Soldiers and Sailors, War of the Rebellion* and *A History of the Eighth Regiment of the New Hampshire Volunteers* in order to identify the sitter.

Arrangement:

The James H. Marshall Papers have been arranged according to type of material. The photograph album is stored in a separate box.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 1 Journal, not dated (probably pre-1861)
- Folder 2 Miscellaneous papers including an extract from Army Regulation, 1861, not dated
- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1861-1862
- Folder 4 Correspondence, 1863
- Folder 5 Correspondence, 1864
- Folder 6 Correspondence and military orders, 1865
- Folder 7 Correspondence, post- 1865
- Folder 8 Typed photocopies of letters, 1861-1865
- Folder 9 Autograph books, 1859, 1873-1880
- Folder 10 Miscellaneous papers, not dated
- Folder 11 Photocopies of one page of the Nashua Telegraph, September 8, 1878
- Folder 12 Photocopies of muster rolls, 1861-1865

Box 2 Photograph Album

Subject Terms

People:

Marshall, Daniel R., 1821-1893

Marshall, James H. (James Hopkins), 1840-1875

Organizations:

Cambric Mill

United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)

United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 8th (1861-1865)

Subjects:

Carte de visite photographs

United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865

Locations:

Milwaukee, WI

Nashua, NH

Webster, MA

Occupations:

Mill worker

Soldier

Related Materials

Additional materials originally owned by James H. Marshall that arrived in with the James H. Marshall Papers were removed to the New Hampshire Historical Society Museum for proper storage. They include a bayonet (2012.031.02), a document box (2012.031.11), a bugle (2012.031.05), a minie bullet (2012.031.08), a military button (2012.031.09.1), a military button (2012.031.09.2), a powder flask (2012.031.04), a match (2012.031.10), a musket (2012.031.01), a revolver (2012.031.03), a shoulder strap (2012.031.06), and a shoulder strap (2012.031.07).