



## Guide to the Asa W. Bartlett Papers, 1860-1907

### Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**

Asa W. Bartlett Papers, 1860-1907

**Repository:**

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**Creator:**

Bartlett, Asa W., 1839-1899

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

**Abstract:**

The Asa W. Bartlett Papers, 1806-1907, contain documentation of the 12th New Hampshire Regiment's service in the Civil War, as well as Asa Bartlett's efforts to arrange reunions and sponsor a monument at Gettysburg.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

The Asa W. Bartlett Papers were found in collections. There is no further acquisition information available for this collection.

### **Processing Information:**

This collection was processed by an unknown person at an unknown date and reprocessed by Mylynda Gill in January 2023. The finding aid was written by unknown person at an unknown date, revised and reformatted by Nancy J. Keane in February 2020, and updated by Mylynda Gill in January 2023. 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:**

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Collection Overview

### **Biographical Information:**

Asa W. Bartlett was born in Epping, NH, on August 29, 1839 to Richard and Caroline Olive (Williams) Bartlett. The youngest of nine children, he grew up in the town of Pittsfield, NH, and attended Pittsfield Academy. After he graduated, he was a teacher in the Pittsfield and Barnstead district schools. At the age of nineteen, he moved out West to Illinois where he taught school and studied law.

He returned to New Hampshire in 1862 and it was shortly after his return that he enlisted with the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry on August 21, 1862. Bartlett earned the rank of Captain and participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Swift Creek, Relay House, Drury's Bluff, and Port Walthall. He was mustered out on March 18, 1865 due to illness and

later became the official historian for the 12th regiment, writing a book called, *History of the 12th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers in the War of Rebellion*.

After the war, he passed the New Hampshire Bar and became a lawyer. He practiced law in Merrimack and Hillsborough counties. He married Finette Almeda Doe (1842-1894), daughter of John and Abigail (Davis) Doe, on December 4, 1867 and together they had one son named Richard Bradley Bartlett (1878-1944). Bartlett was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post in Pittsfield. He helped to organize reunions and worked on getting a monument for the 12th New Hampshire Regiment in Gettysburg.

His wife, Finette, died on July 2, 1894 in Pittsfield. Asa Bartlett died on February 16, 1899 in Pittsfield.

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The Asa W. Bartlett Papers, 1860-1907, represents Bartlett's documentation of the service of the 12th New Hampshire Regiment in the Civil War and his efforts to arrange reunions and sponsor a monument at Gettysburg. These materials include orders and official documents, court martials, and reminiscences for the 12th Regiment. The papers also include programs, newsletters, signatures, and correspondence from efforts to organize reunions for the 12th New Hampshire. The collection also includes materials on the history of the 12th New Hampshire, which Bartlett kept as official historian of the regiment.

Some items of note include a newspaper clipping about President Grant visiting Manchester, NH (folder 8). Another item of note is the 1899 Twelfth New Hampshire Volunteers Association Annual Reunion program (folder 13). This particular item features an image of Captain Asa W. Bartlett on the cover of the program.

**Arrangement:**

The materials in this collection are organized alphabetically by subject.

**Contents List**

Folder 1	Col. Potter's history, 1894-1895
Folder 2	Court martials, 1862-1864
Folder 3	Gettysburg Monument correspondence, 1887-1888
Folder 4	A Gilmanton Democrat's View of the War, 1863 February 8
Folder 5	Letter about 1860 election, 1860 August 5
Folder 6	Orders and official documents, 1862
Folder 7	Orders and official documents, 1863
Folder 8	Political correspondence, 1876-1884
Folder 9	Regimental history, flag-veterans, 1894
Folder 10	Reunion correspondence, 1872, 1882
Folder 11	Reunion newsletter, 1885
Folder 12	Reunion programs, 1868-1889
Folder 13	Reunion programs, 1890-1907
Folder 14	Signatures, 1863, 1890

Folder 15      Third Army Corps, 1895  
Folder 16      Wartime reminiscences, 1865-1897

## Subject Terms

### **People:**

Bachelder, John B. (John Badger), 1825-1894  
Bartlett, Asa W., 1839-1899  
Bell, Charles Henry, 1823-1893  
Berry, Nathaniel Springer, 1796-1894  
Blair, Henry W. (Henry William), 1834-1920  
Chesley, Nathan, 1822-1890  
Colby, Anthony, 1792-1873  
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885  
Marsh, John F.  
Potter, Joseph H., 1822 –1892  
Straw, Ezekial Albert, 1819-1882  
Whipple, Amiel Weeks, 1817-1863

### **Organizations:**

Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association  
Twelfth New Hampshire Volunteers Association  
United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 12th (1862-1865)  
United States. Army. Corps, 3rd (1862-1865)

### **Subjects:**

Chancellorsville, Battle of, Chancellorsville, Va., 1863  
Correspondence  
Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863  
Programs  
Reunions  
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865  
Veterans

### **Locations:**

Gettysburg, PA  
Pittsfield, NH

### **Occupations:**

Historians  
Lawyers  
Soldiers

## Related Materials

There are over a hundred documents and objects in the New Hampshire Historical Society's collections that are related to Asa W. Bartlett and the 12<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Regiment. Below is a small sampling of those items.

### Archives

Asa W. Bartlett Diaries, 1862-1865, 1929.006

12th New Hampshire Volunteers Papers, 1863-1864, 1893, 1993.021 (m)

Field and Line Officers of the 12th New Hampshire Regiment, 1865, 1966.061.13.01

### Library

Bartlett, Asa W. *History of the 12th regiment New Hampshire volunteers in the war of the rebellion*. Concord, N.H.: Ira C. Evans, 1897. Call number: 973.7478 Mr12

Fahey, J. P. *Mustered!: foot soldiers of the 12<sup>th</sup>*. Port Richey, FL: Hampshire House, 2001. Call number: 973.7478 Mr12f

New Hampshire 12th Regiment Association. *By-laws of the 12th Regt. Association, adopted at Alton, Sept. 26, 1884*. Bristol, N.H.: R.W. Musgrove, 1884. Call number: 369.15 T971b

### Museum

Pin, 1996.504.01

Badge, 1996.505.01

Badge, Commemorative, 1996.505.26

Canteen, 2021.017.01