

Guide to the Sewall D. Tilton Papers, 1679-1897, bulk 1861-1867

Administrative Information

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Abstract:

The Sewall D. Tilton Papers contain a Civil War diary, personal letters, and regimental papers for the 11th New Hampshire Regiment, some Grand Army of the Republic and Masons papers, appointments, and a few 17th- and 18th-century deeds.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Sewall D. Tilton Papers were a gift of his son, Asa C. Tilton, on March 6, 1935.

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Available for research.

Location:

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Sewall D. Tilton, son of Elbridge and Melinda (Dearborn) Tilton, was born on December 9, 1824 at Deerfield, NH. Sewall grew up in Deerfield. He probably settled in Raymond after purchasing his father-in-law's homestead in 1855. Sewall mustered into the 11th N.H. Regiment on August 28, 1862 and was made Captain of Company B. His regiment was engaged in many of the major battles of the war: Antietam, MD; Fredericksburg, VA; the siege of Vicksburg, MS; Wilderness, VA; Spotsylvania, VA; Cold Harbor, VA; and the well-known mine explosion at Petersburg, VA, on July 30, 1864 in which he was wounded. He was discharged in June of 1865.

Sewall returned to his Raymond farm and saw his holdings grow in value. He had married about 1851 Sarah A. Folsom, born October 1, 1831, daughter of Thomas and Sally [Edgerly] Folsom. Sarah had: Elbridge, born July 8, 1853; Sarah E., born about 1857 and probably died between 1860 and 1870; Mary, 1860-1860; and Mary Alice, 1861-1861. Sarah (the mother) died of lung fever (pneumonia) on November 20, 1870. Sewall married Laura A. Currier at Raymond on May

17, 1871. The daughter of Asa and Lydia (Richardson) Currier, Laura was born at Raymond on November 10, 1830. Laura gave birth to two children: Charles Sewall Tilton on August 3, 1874, and Asa C. Tilton on April 25, 1872.

Tilton held several town offices and was a teacher. He died at Raymond May 20, 1891 of blood poisoning. Laura had died one month earlier on April 14, perhaps due to typhus.

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The Civil War materials are the most significant part of this collection. There are two diaries covering the period from 1862-1864 and twenty items of correspondence from 1861 to 1865. There are also payrolls and descriptive lists, company orders, etc. The letters and diary mention fighting at Manassas, Memphis, Vicksburg, Maynardville, Knoxville, Chancellorsville, and Petersburg.

Miscellaneous papers in this collection consist of correspondence, receipts, a deed, articles, an address at Dr. Peter Y. Fyre's funeral, and shares in the Raymond Manufacturing Company. Other items include a copy of a 1776 Committee of Safety document for the town of Deerfield, NH, as well as some early deeds (1679, 1734, 1763, and 1769) from Exeter and North Hampton, NH.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized into folders by subject.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 0 Register
- Folder 1 Diaries and copies by his son, 1862-1864
- Folder 2 Correspondence to brother and sister, 1861-1865
- Folder 3 Correspondence to son, 1863
- Folder 4 Muster Roll of Company B., 11th New Hampshire, 1862
- Folder 5 Military orders, etc., 1854-1867
- Folder 6 Affiliation with Lodge of Masons and the Grand Army of the Republic, 1866-1891
- Folder 7 Appointments to being justice of the peace and sheriff deputy, 1869, 1881
- Folder 8 Sermon at his funeral, 1891
- Folder 9 Miscellaneous papers, 1867-1897
- Folder 10 Copy of a Committee of Safety request and answer to the Selectmen of Deerfield for a list of all men who would or would not defend by arms the United Colonies, 1776
Deeds, 1679-1769:

Joseph Parsons of North Hampton and Turner and wife Mehitabell, signed
by Peter Tilton, 1679/1681/1692
John Robinson of Exeter to brother-in-law John Folsom, 1734/1735
Microfilm copy, Joseph Parsons, Levi Dearborn of North Hampton and
James Nudd of Greenland, 1763
Peter Folsom to Benjamin John Folsom of Exeter, 1769

Separated Materials:

The following items have been moved to the Oversized Military Manuscripts box due to their size:

Deed from Increase Turner to Joseph Parsons, 1679/80 March 22
Muster Roll of the 11th New Hampshire Regiment, Company B., 1862
Descriptive Roll of Company B in the 11th Regiment Infantry of the New Hampshire
Volunteers, circa 1862

Subject Terms

People:

Tilton, Sewall D., 1824-1891

Organizations:

Grand Army of the Republic
New Hampshire. Committee of Safety
Raymond Manufacturing Company
United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 11th (1862-1865)

Subjects:

Correspondence
Deeds
Diaries
Freemasons
New Hampshire--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783

Locations:

Deerfield, NH
Exeter, NH
North Hampton, NH
Raymond, NH

Occupations:

Soldiers