

## **Guide to the Edward C. Webster Papers, 1872-1944, 1991-2008, bulk 1898-1916**

### Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**

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**Repository:**

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**Collection Number:**

2012.043

**Author of Finding Aid:**

Steve Leavenworth

**Creator:**

Webster, Edward C., 1879-1916

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**

2 boxes ; 0.83 linear feet

**Abstract:**

This collection contains personal letters and other correspondence, photographs, and military records of Edward Clinton Webster of Framingham, Massachusetts. Webster was born in Derry, New Hampshire, in 1879. He enlisted in the US Volunteer Army in 1898 and served during the Spanish-American War. He died in an automobile/railroad train accident in 1916.

**Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

This collection was a gift of the John E. Webster family and the Chester and Marilyn Webster Ham family on May 28, 2010. The donation included library and museum materials including the Spanish-American War uniform of Edward C. Webster.

**Processing Information:**

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

**Access Restrictions:**

Available for research. Permission to publish potentially private information must be granted on an item-by-item basis. Please speak to the librarian for more information.

**Location:**

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

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

This collection has no special technical requirements.

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**Preferred Citation:**

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**Collection Overview****Biographical Information:**

Edward Clinton Webster was born in Derry, NH, on April 9, 1879 to John E. Webster, a farmer, and Cornelia Case of Mineville, ME. He had a sister Nellie and an Aunt Fannie, to whom he wrote letters to while serving in the U.S. Volunteers of Massachusetts during and after the Spanish-American War.

Upon his discharge, he lived in Framingham, MA, where he operated an automobile dealership, repair shop, and gasoline station. Edward married Ethel V. Tuttle at South Framingham, MA, on October 5, 1901. She was born on April 4, 1883 at Framingham, MA, the daughter of Horace G. and Lurella B. (Light) Tuttle. Edward and Ethel had three children born at Framingham: John Edward born December 20, 1902; Mildred Ethel born March 19, 1904; and Harvey Ray born July 29, 1906.

On May 17, 1916, Webster was killed when the truck he was riding in was struck by a Boston and Maine Railroad train in Northborough, MA. The following year Ethel married Percy B. Chatterton. He died at Boston in 1926. Ethel died at Londonderry, NH, on August 6, 1959.

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The Edward C. Webster Papers contain personal letters from Edward to his mother, sister, and aunt as well as personal photographs, memorabilia, and copies of newspaper clippings mostly regarding his untimely death in Northborough, MA. There is also one copy of a newspaper clipping regarding the return of the 8<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment from the Spanish-American War. Many of the photographs, including four photograph albums, were taken by Webster while in the Army and contain images from the Philippines, Cuba, and a troop train through Georgia. One album is of the Derry Homestead. There are also copies of his military records and of government records relating to his military service, including from Veterans Affairs, the General Accounting Office, Interior Department, and the Massachusetts State Government. A small folder of memorabilia includes a copy of the “Manual of Arms” and four pieces of paper money.

Also included in this collection is one folder of miscellaneous contemporary materials, which provide background on the Spanish-American War, the Battleship “Maine,” and Theodore Roosevelt at San Juan Hill, Cuba. These materials date from 1991 to 2008.

**Arrangement:**

The materials in this collection are organized by subject, then chronologically.

**Contents List**

**Box 1**

- Folder A Finding aid
- Folder 1 Letters to Nellie, 1899-1900
- Folder 2 Letters to Nellie, 1900-1901
- Folder 3 Letters to Aunt Fannie (Mrs. Harvey Ray), 1898-1901
- Folder 4 Letters to Aunt Fannie (Mrs. Harvey Ray), 1910-1916
- Folder 5 Letters to his mother, 1899-1916
- Folder 6 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1879, 1901, undated
- Folder 7 Military records and correspondence, 1899-1908
- Folder 8 Military records and correspondence, 1909-1944
- Folder 9 Copies of newspaper clippings, 1916, undated
- Folder 10 Memorabilia, 1897
- Folder 11 Photographs while in service, 1898-1901
- Folder 12 Family photographs, 1901
- Folder 13 Miscellaneous materials, 1991-2008

**Box 2**

- Album 1 Photographs by Edward Clinton Webster taken when he served in the Spanish-American War in the Philippines and Cuba, circa 1898
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- Album 4      Photographs by Edward Clinton Webster taken when he served in the Spanish-American War in the Philippines and Cuba, circa 1898
- Album 5      The Derry Homestead, circa 1900

## Subject Terms

### **People:**

Chatterton, Ethel Webster, 1883-1959  
Webster, Edward C., 1879-1916

### **Organizations:**

United States. Army. Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, 8<sup>th</sup> (1898-1899)  
Maine (Battleship)

### **Subjects:**

Automobile repair shops  
Automobiles  
Correspondence  
Garages  
Military service  
Money  
Photograph albums  
Spanish-American War, 1898

### **Locations:**

Cuba  
Derry, NH  
Framingham, MA  
Philippines

### **Occupations:**

Automobile dealers  
Soldiers