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FORT CONSTITUTION
RECORDS, 1839-1870, 1907
(Bulk, 1846-1863)
316 Items, 1 Box

BACKGROUND:

Fort Constitution was built on the remains of the earthworks of the Revolutionary War Fort William and Mary on Fort Point in New Castle, NH. It was completed in 1808. During the time that Colonel Walbach was commander of the Fort, from 1808-1821, he built a tower to guard the beaches to the South from landing parties. During the War of 1812 and again as the Civil War began, the walls were repaired but as the Fort saw little action it gradually fell into disrepair. See the pamphlet "History of Fort Constitution and Walbach Tower" by Thomas B. Frost, 1865 for further details.

James Davidson came to Ft. Constitution in 1827. He married a daughter of Capt. Christopher Amazeen of New Castle. In 1835 he went with his regiment, the 3rd U.S. Artillery to Florida to put down the Seminole uprising. From there he was assigned to New York and Maine. Davidson resigned in Dec. of 1846 to fight in the Mexican War. He returned to the company in 1848 at Connecticut and on July 30, 1852 was transferred back to Fort Constitution. He was in charge of a vacant post until April 1861 when Gov. Icabod Goodwin commissioned him Captain in the Second NH Regiment and detached the garrison to the Fort. For the next two years, he helped train many men in different companies who were then sent to the front. In March of 1863 Captain Sales was put in command and Davidson returned to his original position as Ordnance Sergeant.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The bulk of these records reflect the career of James Davidson as Ordnance Sergeant and temporary Captain at Fort Constitution. There are a few papers from Davidson's early career including enlistment papers, statement of service, documents regarding property he owned, his quarters and a theft at his house. Series I contains various types of financial records such as Ordnance, treasury, fuel, housekeeping and quartermaster accounts. Series II includes orders, muster rolls and court martial papers. There are also enlistments papers for 1861 and morning reports from Captains Dunbar, Begley and Gillis.

Fld 1 Sgt. James Davidson, personal & professional
papers, 1842-1874 (16 items)

SERIES I: FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Fld 2 Ordnance records, 1846-1869 (15 items)
- Fld 3 Post Treasury accounts, 1851-1853 (14 items)
- Fld 4 Receipts, 1853-1862 (11 items)
- Fld 5 Summary statements, 1853-1863 (6 items)
- Fld 6 Quartermaster stores records, 1853-1863 (10 items)
- Fld 7 Fuel accounts, 1845-1869 (9 items)
- Fld 8 Treasury audits, 1855-1864 (15 items)
- Fld 9 Quarterly accounts current, 1857-1861 (9 items)
- Fld 10 Housekeeping records, 1859-1870 (10 items)

SERIES II: ENLISTMENTS & ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

- fld 11 Military Orders, 1839-1865 (10 items)
- Fld 12 Muster rolls, 1848 (4 items)
- Fld 13 Court martials, 1849-1868 (8 items)
- Fld 14 Enlistment misc., 1855-1865 (7 items)
- Fld 15 Enlistments "A", 1861 (7 items)
- Fld 16 Enlistments "B-C", 1861 (6 items)
- Fld 17 Enlistments "D-E-F", 1861 (6 items)
- Fld 18 Enlistments "G-H", 1861 (7 items)
- Fld 19 Enlistments "J-L", 1861 (7 items)
- Fld 20 Enlistments "M-N-O", 1861 (6 items)
- Fld 21 Enlistments "P-R-S-T", 1861 (7 items)
- Fld 22 Enlistments "W-Y", 1861 (7 items)
- Fld 23 Morning Reports, 1861 (10 items)
- Fld 24 Morning Reports, Capt. Dunbar, Winnecunet Guards 1861 (26 items)
- Fld 25 Morning Reports, Capt. Gillis, 1861 (28 items)
- Fld 26 Morning Reports, Capt. Bruce & Lt. Begley, 1861

(28 items)

Fld 27 Army manuals, 1855, 1907 (2 items)

Fld 28 Envelopes (25 items)

CARDS MADE FOR CATALOG:

Davidson, James
Dunbar, C.F. (Winneconet Guards)
Gillis, G.N. (Milford Vols)
Bruce, John N.
Begley, J.R.
Civil War-Ft. Constitution
Newcastle, NH
Amazeen Family-enlistments

Names of persons enlisted at Ft. Constitution in 1861
listed in folder 15-22 of Acc # 1990-101

George Amazeen	Abram Meloon
Henry C. Amazeen	Frank Marshall
John S. Amazeen	Franklin Neal
Luther Amazeen	John Neal
Nathaniel Amazeen	Everett Ober
J. Newton Austin	Robert Oliver
Alden Bennett	Rodney Perham
Orion Bickford	John Place
John Campbell	Phineas Ricker
Harrison Card	Henry Sargent
John A. Chadburne	Frank Smith
George P. Cleaves	Lewellen Trefethen
James Davidson	William Trefethen
Thomas J. Davis	Austin White
John Dillon	John White, Jr.
Harrison Downing	Sullivan White
Horace Emerson	Barnabas Yeaton
James Flynn	Eben Yeaton
Joseph W. Gardner	Nathaniel Yeaton
Alonzo Gilson	Stephen Yeaton
Andrew Hall	
Frank Hall	
Stacy Hall	
William K. Holbrook	
Benjamin Hoyt	
Jabez Jones	
Charles Joy	
John Lear	
Nathan Lear	
Alfred Libby	
George Libby	
Joseph Libby	