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LAWRENCE, CENTRE HOUGHTON (1835-1919)  
PAPERS, 1861-1923  
1/2 Box, 179 items

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Centre Houghton Lawrence, son of Almon & Louise Lawrence was born July 22, 1835 at Troy, NH. In early life he trained in a machine shop. He enlisted at the beginning of the Civil War in the 2nd NH Vols. He was a color bearer at the Battle of Bull Run and on July 21, 1861 received a field promotion to Sgt. Major and in Oct of that year to Captain & Adjutant. He served at Gettysburg and was wounded at Petersburg, Va. He was breveted Major near the end of the war and was at Appomatox for Lee's surrender. After the war he worked for fifty four years with the General Land Office.

He was married to Annie C. Dirch and they had four daughters. He died in December 1919 at New Berne, Va.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The bulk of the collection consists of official papers such as appointments & papers regarding his wound from his military career and narratives he wrote describing the battles of Bull Run and Gettysburg. The correspondence includes letters to Edward W. Atwater and to and from friends in Washington. Later correspondence refers to his work in the land office and to pensions from his war service. The miscellaneous file contains printed sheet music from a Civil War song.

- Fld 1 Sketch of his life & obituaries (10 items)
- Fld 2 Correspondence, 1863-1864 (8 items)
- Fld 3 Correspondence, 1880, 1893-94, 1923 (16 items)
- Fld 4 Military papers, 1861-1865 (31 items)
- Fld 5 Military papers, 1868-1886 (4 items)
- Fld 6 Description, Battle Bull Run, 1861 (12 items)
- Fld 7 Description, Battle Gettysburg first day, 1863  
(52 items)
- Fld 8 Memoranda of Civil War Battles (13 items)

Fld 9      Speech at dedication of Gen. Henry Slocum  
            Monument-undated, no place or orator given  
            11 typed pages, 17 written (2 items)

Fld 10     Misc. (3 items)

CARDS MADE FOR THE CATALOG:

Civil War - 2nd NH Reg.  
Civil War - Gettysburg  
Civil War - Bull Run