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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 brevetted 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
dughters. 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, 1888-1886 (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)
Speech at dedication of Gen. Henry Slocum Monument-undated, no place or orator given
11 typed pages, 17 written (2 items)

Misc. (3 items)

CARDS MADE FOR THE CATALOG:

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