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GODFREY, JOHN S. (1819-1899)
PAPERS, 1860-1882
(Bulk 1860-1865)
153 items, 1/2 Box

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

John Sanborn Godfrey, the son of Jeremiah and Sally (Perkins) Godfrey was born in Hampton Falls in 1819. He mustered in 1861 as 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster, he continued to receive promotions and ended the war in 1865 as Evt. Major and Lt. Colonel of the Second New Hampshire Volunteers. After the war moved to Washington D.C., Petroleum, West Virginia and later moved to California where he died in 1899.

Horace A. Godfrey (1841-1905) served in the Civil War but apparently not with the NH Militia. He later worked as a railroad postal clerk in Hampton Falls. Amanda Godfrey, sister to John and Horace, remained unmarried and lived in Hampton Falls.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The bulk of this collection is letters from John S. to Horace Godfrey written during the Civil War. John writes of assignment with General Hooker's Division and his admiration of the General. He describes battles, conditions in the field and at various camps. He mentions Harriet P. Dame in a 1862 letter and tells of his being burned when his blankets caught fire. In 1862 he recounts the battles of Malvern Hill and Fredericksburg, the stench of the battlefield and episodes of fever and dysentery. In 1864 he again mentions Nurse Harriet P. Dame and describes fighting and losses in Georgia. ^{MAR 14, 1864}

Letters after the war discuss President Johnson's election, and mining in California.

Horace Godfrey writes to his sister Amanda from Nashville, Lookout Mountain and Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He expresses concerns over his father's health and sale of the family home. He tells her of duties as Quartermaster such as cleaning streets. He complains of being unoccupied and states that he "dislikes the Irish more than the colored".

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- Letters to brother Horace Godfrey
- Fld 1 1860-1861 (26 items)
- Fld 2 Jan-June 1862 (20 items)
- Fld 3 June-Dec 1862 (26 items)
- Fld 4 1863 (6 items)
- Fld 5 1864-1865 (21 items)
- Fld 6 1866, 78, 81-82 (7 items)

- Fld 7 Letters from John to other family members
1861-1864 (8 items)

- Fld 8 Military papers, John, 1862-1865 (4 items)

- Horace Godfrey, papers
- Fld 9 to Amanda, 1863-1864 (7 items)
- Fld 10 to Amanda, 1865 (12 items)
- Fld 11 Miscellaneous, 1862-65 (3 items)

CARDS MADE FOR CATALOG:

- ✓ Civil War - 2d NH Vols.
- ✓ Godfrey, Horace A. (1841-1905)
- Dame, Harriet P.
- Mining
- Hampton Falls, NH