

Guide to the Albert W. Little Papers, 1861-1983

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Albert W. Little Papers, 1861-1983

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Little, Albert W., 1836-1923

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The materials in this collection are in English

Extent:

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

The Albert W. Little (1836-1923) materials consist of limited information about his Civil War service in the Navy (discharge in 1862, pension records) along with photographs of him and his second wife.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Albert W. Little Papers were purchased by the New Hampshire Historical Society on August 10, 2012.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in October 2021. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in October 2021. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research

Location:

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

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information

Albert William Little (1836-1923), son of David P. (1810-1872) and Martha A. (Ham) Little (1814-1888) was born in Portland, Maine, but grew up in Epping, New Hampshire. His father was either a shoemaker or worked in a shoe factory, an occupation Albert followed. He married Maria "Lizzie" Blackler of Epping on May 20, 1861, the daughter of Francis H. and Betsey B. (Lyford) Blackler, born about 1842. Maria died on September 25, 1871 after having a daughter, Hattie B. (1865-1904), and a son, Arthur Wald (1868-1870).

Albert enlisted in the Union Navy in 1861, serving as a "landsman" (a sailor with little or no experience) in the Navy for a year. He was on three ships: U.S.S. Ohio, U.S.S. North Carolina, and U.S.S. Guard.

Upon discharge in 1862, he returned to Epping. After his first wife's death, he married Ella Viola Corson (1853-1934) on November 15, 1876 at Hampstead, the daughter of Avendor and Laura

A. (Wheeler) Corson, born December 30, 1853 at Lebanon, Maine. They had two children, Florence (1886-1968) and Walter (February-June 1899). Albert died on February 27, 1923 at Saugus, MA. Ella died there in 1934.

Albert Little's post-Civil War life is obscure. He, Ella, and son Walter are buried in Saugus.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Albert W. Little Papers consist of Little's 1862 discharge papers from the U.S. Navy along with a Bible he was given on board ship in 1861, two pension records, undated photographs of him and his wife, and information about activities of the New Hampshire Veterans' Association.

Arrangement:

The Albert W. Little Papers are arranged by genre and then chronologically.

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Box 1

- Folder 1 Biographical information, undated
- Folder 2 Little, Albert, discharge and pension papers, 1862, 1906, 1930
- Folder 3 New Hampshire Veterans' Association, 1886
- Folder 4 New Hampshire Veterans' Association clippings, 1979, 1983, undated
- Folder 5 Photographs [enclosed in glass], undated
 - Item 1: Albert W. Little, undated
 - Item 2: Ella Viola Corson Little, undated
- Folder 6 Bible, 1861

Separated Materials:

Cufflinks, Grand Army of the Republic, were transferred to the museum. See museum accession number: 2012.026.03.

Subject Terms

People:

Little, Albert William, 1836-1923

Organizations:

- Grand Army of the Republic
- New Hampshire Veterans' Association
- U.S.S. Guard
- U.S.S. North Carolina
- U.S.S. Ohio

Subjects:

- Bible
- Military pensions
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Locations:

Lynn, MA

Weirs Beach, Laconia, NH

Occupations:

Sailors

Soldiers