

Guide to the Marshall P. Wood Papers, 1862-1865

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Marshall P. Wood Papers, 1862-1865

Repository:

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Author of Finding Aid:

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Creator:

Wood, Marshall P., 1838-1912

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

The Marshall P. Woods Papers consist of letters Woods wrote to his wife while serving in the 9th New Hampshire Regiment in the Civil War between 1862 and 1865, and two undated photographs.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Marshall P. Wood Papers were purchased by the New Hampshire Historical Society from Raynors' Historical Collectible Auctions in six lots between 2011 and 2013.

Accession 2011.083 consists of 14 letters and was purchased in September 2011.

Accession 2011.109 consists of 21 letters and was purchased in December 2011.

Accession 2012.014 consists of 20 letters and was purchased in February 2012.

Accession 2012.032 consists of 23 letters and was purchased in 2012.

Accession 2013.006 consists of 6 letters and was purchased in January 2013.

Accession 2013.025 consists of 13 letters and 2 photographs and was purchased in April 2013.

All accession numbers have been interfiled into the 2011.083 collection.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in August 2021. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in September 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:

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

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Preferred Citation:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Marshall Plummer Wood (1838-1912) was the only son among the seven children of a farmer, Addison Wood (1806-1886) and Ann Plummer Wood (1809-1845) of Rindge, New Hampshire. In Rindge on October 23, 1861, Marshall married Julia A. Hunt (1839-1919), the daughter of Joshua and Lucinda (Todd) Hunt, born on July 1, 1839 at Acton, Massachusetts. Soon after the

marriage, Marshall enlisted in the 9th New Hampshire Infantry Regiment for service in the Civil War. He endured several major battles (Antietam, Fredericksburg, Petersburg, and Vicksburg among others) and was mustered out with the regiment at the end of the war. When he returned to New Hampshire, he first farmed land adjacent to his father, but eventually moved to Ashburnham, Massachusetts, where he lived until his death. He and Julia had one child, Willie Marshall Wood, who died in 1884 at the age of 16. Marshall died at Ashburnham on August 31, 1912. Julia died there on June 29, 1919.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of letters Marshall P. Wood (1838-1912) wrote to his wife throughout his Civil War Service. They are long and descriptive, and talk about the food, marches, living quarters, items he has bought and sold. He names other soldiers from the Rindge area he is serving with or has met, and sends messages to friends and relatives. Although never wounded, he had several close calls and was hospitalized for several months with intestinal problems.

The correspondence is exclusively outgoing, from Marshall to his wife. The collection also includes a cabinet card portrait photograph of each them taken long after the war.

Arrangement:

The letters are arranged chronologically. Envelopes are behind their letters, but not all letters have envelopes and some envelopes have no letters. Eventually, Wood began to number the envelopes, but he didn't number the letters themselves (they are always completely dated, however).

Contents List

Box 1

Folder 1	Correspondence, outgoing, 1862 August-September
Folder 2	Correspondence, outgoing, 1862 October-December
Folder 3	Correspondence, outgoing, 1863 January-March
Folder 4	Correspondence, outgoing, 1863 April-May
Folder 5	Correspondence, outgoing, 1863 June-September
Folder 6	Correspondence, outgoing, 1863 October-December
Folder 7	Correspondence, outgoing, 1864 January-March
Folder 8	Correspondence, outgoing, 1864 April-June
Folder 9	Correspondence, outgoing, 1864 July-September
Folder 10	Correspondence, outgoing, 1864 October-December
Folder 11	Correspondence, outgoing, 1865 January-June
Folder 12	Correspondence, fragments, undated
Folder 13	Photographs of Marshall P. Wood and Julia Wood, undated

Subject Terms

People:

- Wood, Marshall P., 1838-1912
- Wood, Julia, 1839-1919

Organizations:

United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 9th (1862-1865)

Subjects:

Antietam, Battle of, Md., 1862

Correspondence

Fredericksburg, Battle of, Fredericksburg, Va., 1862

Petersburg (Va.)--History--Siege, 1864-1865

Portrait photography

Spotsylvania Court House, Battle of, Va., 1864

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Vicksburg (Miss.)--History--Siege, 1863

Locations:

Rindge, NH

Occupations:

Soldiers