

Wetherell Family Papers, 1830-1900

Ms. Collection # 93

7.5 linear ft

Biographical

The Wetherells moved from Vermont to Russell, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. in the early 1800's. Some family members moved west to Illinois, Kansas, and Wisconsin. Two sons, Willard and Darius enlisted in the 60th N.Y. Volunteers and fought in the civil war.

Scope & Content

The Wetherell Family Papers consist of approximately 1200 letters, 1 civil war diary by Willard Wetherell, 100 photographs and dozens of printed ephemera spanning the period 1790-1930; with the bulk of the collection from 1830-1900. This collection documents the lives of several St. Lawrence County families including the Coltons, Hatchs, and Randalls, the social and cultural history of the county, as well as the ethnic history of the settlers responsible for the westward expansion of the United States

Included in these papers is a civil war diary and 20 letters written by Willard Wetherell who, with his brother Darius, enlisted in the 60th NY Volunteers at Ogdensburg in 1861 and were stationed in Baltimore and Harper's Ferry guarding rail lines. The letters detail camp life in the Union Army: foods served, company morale, names of local boys killed or deserting, "sesh" in Maryland, Confederate prisoners and many colorful stories. These are the writings of a literate, well-traveled young man.

Provenance

Purchased with a generous gift from Eloise H. De Falco from Tom Jenison, bookseller.

Box / Folder

- 1 To/From Sophrina
1848, 1849, 1854, 1859, 1862, 1864, 1868, 1871-1878, 1880-1892, 1895,
Questionable Dates
- 2 To Bradford Wetherell
1870, 1875-1878, 1881-1884, 1886, 1887, Questionable Dates
To/From Charles A. Wetherell
1841, 1853, 1866, 1868, 1870-1878, Questionable Dates
To/From R Frost
1854, 1858, 1858, 1861, 1869, Questionable Dates
To/From Aurelia
1841, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1862, 1863, 1886, 1893
To/From Mr. and Mrs. Colton
1855, 1856, 1864, 1866
To/From Hanna Jane
1839, 1844, 1854, 1856, 1859-1862, 1864-1866, 1869-1872, 1874, 1876, 1878-1881, 1883-1891, 1893, 1899,
1907, 1909, Questionable Dates
- 3 To/From Willard
1849, 1852-1861, 1873, 1884, **Civil War Diary**, Questionable Dates
To/From Alvin
1864, 1873, 1883. Questionable Dates
To/From Darius
1827, 1834, 1841, 1842, 1847, 1859-1861, 1863, 1869, 1874, Questionable Dates
To/From Loretta
1852, 1861-1862, 1868-1871, 1873-1878, 1881-1884, 1887-1890, 1893, 1894, 1896,
Questionable Dates

- 4 To/ From Truman
1860, 1866-1877, 1879, 1883,1884, 1887, 1890, 1892, 1893, 1902, 1914, 1916,
Questionable Dates
To/From Mabel Wetherell, Mrs. Mable Hatch
1901, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914-1919,1921,1925, 1927-1930,
Questionable Dates
- 5 To/From Herbert Hatch
1907, 1910, 1914, 1916, 1924, Questionable Dates
Postcards
1925-1930, Questionable Dates
Unknown People
1799, 1826, 1839, 1847-1849, 1851, 1854-1863, 1865-1868, 1871-1879, 1882, 1885,1886, 1889. 1893, 1894,
Questionable Dates
- 6 Miscellaneous Papers
1814, 1854, 1861, 1863-1865, 1873-1877, 1881-1883, 1886,1887, 1894, 1895, 1910, Questionable Dates
Business Correspondence, Business Ephemera, Health Ephemera, Personal Ephemera
Personal Manuscript Writings, Genealogy
Miscellaneous letters 1869, 1870, 1874-1875, 1893
- 7 Photographs