

THE BEACH FAMILY PAPERS

MSS Collection #002

Scope and Content

The collection consists chiefly of letters written by Alvah and Enos Beach of Russell, N.Y., while they were in the Union Army during the Civil War. The collection also includes two photos of Alvah Beach and some material relating to David Robinson, including letters concerning his death in the Battle of Antietam. The collection was donated to St. Lawrence University by Atwood Manley. Some of these letters were printed in the *Plaindealer* circa 1935.

Dates

1861-1941

Availability

The collection is open for research.

Biographical Note

According to the family history, written by Alvira Robinson and edited and submitted with the collection by Sarah Robinson, the family came from Vermont by way of the Paradise Road. They settled near Brockville, but moved to Canton at the time of the War of 1812 to avoid fighting. By the time of the Civil War, they had moved to Russell. Alvah and Enos Beach of Russell, NY, and their brother-in-law David Robinson fought for the Union.

Extent

2 boxes, .44 linear feet

Language of Materials

English

Arrangement

Box 1

- Series 1. Alvah Beach correspondence and transcriptions

Box 2

- Series 2. Enos Beach correspondence and transcriptions
- Series 3. David Robinson material
- Series 4. Sarah Robinson correspondence
- Series 1. Photographs of Alvah Beach

Provenance

This collection was donated to St. Lawrence University by Atwood Manley who had received it from Sarah Robinson, niece of Alvah and Enos Beach. The records of the invalid pension which Alvah Beach received after his service with the N.Y. 16th were donated by Carter Faulkener, a student researcher.

Repository Details

Part of the St. Lawrence University Libraries manuscript collection.

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Collection Organization

Series 1 contains correspondence and transcriptions from Alvah Beach to his mother, brother, or sister. It also contains his Veteran's records and two ambrotype photographs.

Series 2 contains letters and transcriptions from Enos Beach to his mother and/or sister.

Series 3 contains letters written before and after the death of David Robinson.

Series 4 contains letters from Sarah Robinson to Atwood Manely pertaining the history and contents of this collection.

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