

Wetherell Family Papers

MSS Collection #093

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. 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.

Dates

1790-1930

Availability

The collection is open for research.

Biographical Note

The Wetherell family moved from Vermont to Russell, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. in the early 1800's. Willard Wetherell, with his brother Darius, enlisted in the 60th NY Volunteers at Ogdensburg in 1861 and was stationed in Baltimore and Harper's Ferry guarding rail lines.

This collection documents the lives of several St. Lawrence County families including the Coltons, Hatches, 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. Wetherell seems to be spelled multiple ways in the documents including Witherell and Wetherall.

Extent

7 boxes, 3.17 linear feet

Language of the Materials

English

Arrangement

Box 1

- Series 1. Correspondence

Box 2

- Series 1. Correspondence

Box 3

- Series 2. Diary and correspondence of Willard Wetherell
- Series 1. Correspondence

Box 4

- Series 1. Correspondence

Box 5

- Series 1. Correspondence
- Series 3. Postcards/Envelopes

Box 6

- Series 4. Miscellaneous papers

Box 7

- Series 5. Photographs

Provenance

This collection was purchased with a generous gift from Eloise H. De Falco from Tom Jenison, bookseller.

Processing Information

Processed by the St. Lawrence University Libraries Special Collections staff.

Repository Details

Part of the St. Lawrence University Libraries manuscript collection.

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Collection Organization

Series 1 contains correspondence that is vast and associated with various people including, Sophrina Wetherell, Bradford Wetherell, Charles A. (Alvin) Wetherell, R. Frost, Aurelia (Norton Russell), Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Colton, Hannah Jane Wetherell, Willard Wetherell, Darius Wetherell, Loretta Wetherell, Truman Wetherell, Mabel Wetherell-Hatch, and S. Herbert Hatch. There is also some miscellaneous correspondence in which there is either a generic greeting, no signature, or a signature not related to any of the aforementioned family members.

Series 2 is the correspondence and diary of Willard Wetherell.

Series 3 contains empty, addressed envelopes as well as a few postcards.

Series 4 includes miscellaneous papers including purchase receipts, insurance papers, business correspondence and ephemera, personal ephemera and manuscript writings, and genealogy.

Series 5 includes photographs and homemade albums of the family and their homes and surrounding areas.

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