Guide to the Isaac F. Shepard papers Wyles Mss 74

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Creator: Shepard, Isaac F. (Isaac Fitzgerald), 1816-1889
Date (inclusive): circa 1830s-1880s
Abstract: 1863 diary, Court of Inquiry papers, and related correspondence of Civil War brigadier general Isaac F. Shepard.
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Acquisition Information
Biographical Note
Born July 7, 1816. Harvard University graduate, class of 1842. Isaac F. Shephard served with various Civil War regiments, including command of the 52nd U.S. Infantry, Colored, from 1863 onwards, which made him ranking regimental officer (initially as colonel, later as brigadier general) of all African-American troops in the Union.
Scope and Content
Papers include an 1863 diary, Court of Inquiry papers, and related correspondence which document a seminal incident in which Shepard defended his troops against hostile treatment by white Union troops, was arrested--but subsequently had all charges dismissed by General Grant and was restored to his command.
Related Materials
A book of poetry by Isaac Shepard, Poetry of Feeling and Spiritual Melodies (Boston: Lewis and Sampson, 1844) has been cataloged separately and may be searched in the UC Santa Barbara Library online catalog.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- African Americans
Correspondence
Diaries
Military records
Shepard, Isaac F. (Isaac Fitzgerald), 1816-1889 -- Archives
United States. Army. Colored Infantry Regiment, 52nd (1864-1866)

Pre-Civil War Period

box 1 (mainly incoming correspondence) 1830s
1840s
box 1 General (mainly incoming correspondence)
box 1 Correspondence - Longfellow (Henry W.), 1 letter (ALS) 5 July 1843
1850s
box 1 General (mainly incoming correspondence)
box 1 Denton Estate (bills regarding improvements)
Pre-Civil War Period

box 1  Diaries (2 small leather bound diaries, one circa 1845 and the other 1849-1853, 1867)
box 1  Poems
box 1  Speeches
box 1  Miscellany (includes play and other writings)

Civil War Period

box 1  Clippings
box 1  Correspondence (incoming)
  General
  1861
  1862
  1863
  1864
  1865
  Abercrombie
  Adams
  Botume
  Boyd 1862
  Cary
  Congratulatory Letters (on appointment as Lieutenant Colonel) 1861
  Crandal
  Forman
  Frost, William 1863
  Hawkins
  Letters of Introduction 1861
  McNeil, John circa 1860-1870
  Osterhaus
  Telegrams 1862
  Webber
  White River Expedition 1862
  Wiley
  Wilson
  Court of Inquiry Papers 1863-1864
  Diary 1863
  Documents (mainly bills and receipts; some orders)
  Financial Records (bound)
  box-folder 3: 1  Cash Book 1864-1865
  box-folder 3: 2  Day Book 1864-1865
  box-folder 3: 3  Ledger 1864-1865
  box-folder 3: 4  Receipt Book 1864-1865
box 3  Personal

Post-Civil War Period

box 4  Adjutant General, Missouri 1870-1871
box 4  Correspondence
  General
  1866-1869
  1870s
  1880s
  Campaign 1870
  Letters of Introduction
  Financial
  Missouri Club circa 1872-1873
  Missouri Democrat circa 1866-1874
  Missouri State Atlas 1871-1873
  Speeches
  4th of July, n.y.
Post-Civil War Period

Memorial Day Oration May 30, 1870

Photographs

Daguerreotype (later enlargement, of Isaac F. Shepard, Deborah Nash Shepard, and Ella Gertrude Shepard) circa 1847

Cabinet Photos - 2 portraits, possibly copies of earlier images

Tintypes - 21 small images, female family members

Civil War era

5 cartes de visite, with Isaac F. Shepard in uniform


1 portrait, Isaac F. Shepard in uniform.

Additions

Scope and Contents note

not yet integrated into collection

Artifacts

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Metal box with red lettering: "I. F. SHEPARD. MILITARY and BUSINESS PAPERS" (in oversize box)