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Biography

Henry A. Ewing, a carpenter, farmer, and land speculator, was an officer in a Negro Volunteer Infantry regiment from Missouri (1863-1865). He saw action at Corinth, Shiloh and Vicksburg. Ewing produced a diary that details events from the inception of his military service through 1880 [Mss2.E95].

Little is known of Ms. E. Fellows of Canemah [state unknown], save that her brother was an officer in the Union Army during the fall of 1862. Her letter notes in passing that the two last met in California. She counsels him to "keep the good opinion of officers and men." [Mss2.F322]

An anonymous Union officer based in central Kentucky (October 1862) produced a diary that describes social and economic conditions and the effects of warfare on the Danville-Perrysville region. [Mss2.K37]

Col. Henry Lee Kinnison, Jr., U.S. Army Infantry, grew up in Belmont, Mo. His father, Henry Lee Kinnison, had been a Captain in the 29th Regiment of Missouri Infantry during the Civil War. As a boy, young Henry heard tales from former Confederate
participants in the Battle of Belmont (November 1861). Using knowledge of the local terrain and participants, Kinnison
wrote an extended essay (1921) about the battle [Mss2.K55].

George Klittich, of Baden, Germany, was a private with Company D, 13th Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry (1863-1865).
After the war he became a U.S. citizen in Franklin County, Ohio (1866) [Mss2.K65].

John L. McCarthy was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He collected Civil War materials with
particular emphasis on activities in California and Nevada Territory [Mss2.M123].

Harvey Weller was an enlisted man in the 11th Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers (1861-1864). He saw action at Helena,
Ark. (1862), Black River, Mo. (1863) and Petersburg, Va. (1864). His papers include a drawing of the latter battle site as well
as a description of the earlier Missouri engagement. Weller expresses frequent concern in letters to his wife that she does
not write often [Mss2.W448].

Norton T. Worcester enlisted in the 41st Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a drummer boy (1864-1865). He
participated in Sherman's march through Georgia and was later stationed in Texas. In several letters to his parents,
Worcester describes military life and battle scenes [Mss2.W931].

Scope and Content
Consists of eight folder-size collections of materials related only by their common origins in the American Civil War.

-Mss2.E95: HENRY A. EWING PAPERS, 1861-1880
  A) Ewing's Diary (1861-1880) [170 pp.]
  B) Muster Roll, Company A, 46th Illinois Volunteers (1861)
  C) List of Company A members killed at Battle of Shiloh (1862)

-Mss2.F322: E.B. FELLOWS LETTER (October 19, 1862)
-Mss2.K37: KENTUCKY DIARY (October 20-28, 1862) [16 pp.; fragment]
-Mss2.K55: HENRY LEE KINNISON. "BATTLE OF BELMONT" [32 pp. essay; includes five
hand-drawn maps]
-Mss2.K65: GEORGE KLITTICH PAPERS, 1865-1866
  A) George Klittich discharge certificate (1865)
  B) George Klittich naturalization certificate (1866)

  A) Constitution, By-Laws & Muster Roll of Esmeralda Rifles, Mono County, Calif. (n.d.)
  [4 pp.]
  B) Muster Roll, 2nd Regiment, California Volunteers (1862)
  C) Extracts from letter by Alfred Palmer Carpenter, Union soldier at Gettysburg
  (1863) [11 pp.; transcript by Sana B. Fleming, Roseville, Calif.]
  D) Nevada $500 Territorial Bond certificate (1863)
  E) Petition to Nevada Territorial Governor, James W. Nye, regarding Nevada
  Volunteer Infantry (October 24, 1863) [5 pp.; photostatic copy]
  F) Capt. Charles A. Sumner, President of the Army Board, et al. to Governor James W.
  Nye (November 26, 1863)
  G) Lt. John Cahill, Virginia City Guards, to Governor James W. Nye (November 26,
  1863)
  H) [illegible] Purdy to Governor James W. Nye (November 27, 1863)
  I) President Abraham Lincoln to Governor James W. Nye (October 30, 1864) [3 pp.,
  photocopy; proclamation of Nevada Statehood]
  J) Nevada $1000 State Bond certificate (1865)
  K) Mary R. Dearing. "Highlights in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic,
  1866-1949" (1952) [5 pp.]
  L) The Banner 72:2 (April 1968) [quarterly of Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War;
  mention of John McCarthy appointment to national office in Sons]

-Mss2.W448: HARVEY WELLER PAPERS, 1861-1864
  A) "Dear wife," Camp Randall, [Wisc.?] (October 31, 1861)
  B) "Dear Wife," Cairo, Ill. (n.d.; probably 1861)
  C) "Dear & affectionate wife," Helena, Ark. (July 14, 1862)
  D) "Dear & most affectionate wife," Helena, Ark. (July 16, 1862)
E) "Dear wife," Old Town Landing, Ark. (August 8, 1862)
F) "Dear wife," Sulphur Springs, Mo. (October 12, 1862)
G) "Dear & beloved one," Black River, Miss. (May 8, 1863)
H) Text of popular song "Nellie Gray"
I) Hand drawn map of siege lines at Petersburg, Va. (1864)

-Mss2.W931: NORTON T. WORCESTER PAPERS, 1864-1865
A) "Dear Father & Mother & Granmother [sic]" (March 6, 1864?)
B) "Dear Parence [sic]," Steamberg Plains (March 23, 1864?)
C) "Dear Parance [sic]," Spring Gap (March 27, 1864?)
D) "Dear Sister," Cleveland, Tenn. (April 25, 1864)
E) "Dear Father & all the rest," near Cleveland, Tenn. (May 5, 1864)
F) "Dear Parance," near Marietta, Ga.[?] (June 24, 1864)
G) "Dear Parance," near Chattahoochee River (July 13, 1864)
H) "Dear Parence" (August 17, 1864)
I) "Dear Parence," Greenville, Tenn. (n.d.; after April 15, 1865)
J) "Dear Parence," Green Lake, Tex. (July 20, 1865)
K) "Dear Sister Sarah" Green Lake, Tex. (August 5, 1865)
L) "Dear Parence and all the rest," San Antonio, Tex. (October 5, 1865)