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Biography
Five New England families: the Blisses, the Edsons, the Tylers, the Woodwards and the Underwoods, are represented in this collection. The Bliss family lived at Fairlee, Orange County, Vermont, while the Tylers evidently lived and farmed slightly to the north in the vicinity of Bradford (1806-1834). Nothing is known of their relationship to the other families represented in this collection save that all apparently originated in the same area of east central Vermont, for John Underwood Jr. likewise lived and farmed in the vicinity of Bradford (1819-1841). In the next generation, T.J. Edson fought with the 38th Iowa Infantry during the Civil War in the course of which he was stationed at Vicksburg, Miss. and later at Brownsville, Tex. Edson wrote copiously throughout the War to his family in Iowa. He was married (1858) to Amine Woodward whose family had intermarried with the Underwoods and had been friendly with the Blisses. Some members of these families had evidently moved from Vermont to Johnstown Center, Wisc., where Amine Woodward's family lived, sometime after 1840.
Scope and Content
The Helberg Collection consists of three Vermont farm ledgers (1806-1842); Underwood family Vermont land records (1792-1836); Bliss and Woodward-Underwood family genealogies; T.J. Edson Iowa and Wisconsin land records (1856-1867); and, T.J. Edson's Civil War correspondence, other Civil War papers and pension records (1867-1916).

BOX 1--CORRESPONDENCE, MISC. DOCS.

1.1--Currency
- Continental $7 [#68619]
- Confederate $20 [#7405]
- Do. [#6430]

1.2--18th c. Genealogy [unid.] "Ammasa 1741...Calvin 1792"

1.3--Underwood Family Deeds, etc., 1792-1857
- Survey Certificate, State of Vermont, 1792
- Deed: Wm. Dowling to John Underwood, 1792
- Deed: Wm. Davis to Levi Barker, 1800
- Lease: JU to JU Jr., 1808
- Estate Appraisal Certificate, State of Vermont, 1809
- Deed: John Moore to Levi Barker, 1815
- Deed: JU to JU Jr., 1823
- Deed: Jesse Worthley to JU Jr., 1831
- Deed: Levi Barker to I. & J.C. Barker, 1834
- Deed: Levi Barker Jr. to I. & J.C. Barker, 1834
- Warantee Deed: Arad Stebbins to JU Jr., 1834
- Deed: David C. McKillips to JU Jr., 1835
- Meeting House Pew Purchase Receipt, JU Jr., 1836
- Deed of Quit-claim: JU [Jr.?], 1857

1.4--Bliss Family, Fairlee VT
- Genealogy
- Mary Bliss to Mary Woodward, Johnstown WI, 9-27-51
- Adna [?], Guam to "My Dear Sister," 2-3-57

1.5--Thomas J. Edson Military Papers, 1861-65; 1889
- Corporal's Commission, Iowa Volunteers, 11-4-62
- Ornnamental Soldiers' Record, Co. K, 38th Reg., Iowa Volunteers, n.d.
- Journal Extra, 1864 [gives acct. of Texas action in which TJE involved]
- Sergeant's Commission, Iowa Volunteers, 2-28-64
- Discharge Certificate, 1865
- Two [2] medical records, 1889

1.6--J.B. Underwood/Woodward Family Misc., 1860s; 1898
- Two [2] envelopes: "Mrs. Lydia Underwood/Johnstown Center WI" [a-white, imprinted w/ image of infantryman in blue ink; b-manila]
- Three [3] envelopes: "Mr. J.B. Underwood/Johnstown Center WI" [a-white; b-manila; c-yellow]
- Edmond Woodward to Sister, 4-2-65
- EW to J.B. Underwood, 4-2-65
- JBU to Father & Mother, 1-22-66
- Obituary: Mary A. Woodward, 1898

1.7--Thomas J. Edson Correspondence, 1863-66
- TJE, near Vicksburg to Sister, 6-19-63
- TJE, Vicksburg to Sister, 7-19-63
- TJE, near Brownsville TX to Brother & Sister, 5-22-64
- TJE to Mother, 9-21-64
- TJE, Blakely AL to Brother, 4-10-65 [2 l.]
- Typed transcript of above

1.8--TJ Edson/Amine S. Woodward, Marriage Certificate, 10-5-58

1.9--TJ Edson Pension Records, 1867-1916
-Division of Referred Claims Form, TJE, 2-6-67
-H.M. Atkinson, Pension Office to H.O. Pratt, House of Representatives, 2-5-76
-B.C. Wright, Solicitor of Claims to Amine L. Edson, 6-6-76
-Pension Office Widow's Certificate, Amine L. Edson, 8-25-76
-Notice of Pension Increase, 5-1-86
-"Instructions in regard to endorsing pension checks," 1913
-env. for above
-Notice of pension increase, 1916
-env. for above
1.10--TJ Edson Deeds, Dam & Rock Co. WI & Floyd Co., IA, 1856-67
-Wisconsin: Charles Fuller to TJE, 10-13-56
-Wisconsin: Harvey Woodward to TJE, 11-9-60
-Iowa: William E. Wait to TJE, 9-1-62
-Iowa: Francis P. Clark to TJE, 7-17-67
-Iowa: Mortgage: TJE to Francis P. Clark, 7-17-67

BOX 2--LEDGERS
2.1--Record of Farm Labor Accounts, Hanover, Fairlee, Hartford & Bradford VT, 1806-1842 [name Jedidiah Smith appears in records for 1806]
2.2--B.N. & W.W. Tyler Accounts, Bradford VT, 1829-1834
2.3--John Underwood Jr. Business Accounts, 1819-1841