

# **Finding aid for the Grand Rapid Public Library Civil War documents Collection 242**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Title</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library Civil War documents
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1861-1865
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1860-1995, bulk 1861-1866
<b>Extent</b>	4.5 Linear feet 12 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This collection has been devised to bring together several small accessions containing information related to Grand Rapids and Michigan in the United States Civil War. Also included are a few national pictorials of the era, which include information on all areas for background reference. Both originals and facsimile documents are included in the collection, such as letters, military records and journals of Michigan soldiers active in the Civil War. Additionally, there are civil war era publications, such as an original 1861 anti-slavery manuscript, an abolitionist manuscript by B.A. Mather. Some photographs are included. Later documentation of the war and Grand Rapids/Kent County area soldiers is also included.</p>

## Arrangement note

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This collection is arranged by series that in most cases correspond with a unique accession. However, a few series collect together stray material by material type, such as the Miscellaneous Photographs series, or Miscellaneous Unknown accessions. Items transferred from the Local History book collection are often included with the Unknown accessions.

The collection has been processed in this manner to bring together small accessions which include one to several documents, related to the topic of Grand Rapids and the Civil War. Other Civil War related material is also located in other collections.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department

### Processing Information note

A photograph published in the Grand Rapids Sampler, pg. 62, including Silas Perkins and Theodore Lampert, was misidentified as being a Civil War photo. It was identified by John Gelderloos as not being from the Civil War.

54-44-2: Soldiers (25). 1. Image shows three (3) soldiers seated and one (1) standing, in front of a tent. A rifle and bag are beside the soldier identified as Theodore Lampert, and Silas Perkins is identified as the soldier standing.

This image was previous identified as Civil War era, but is now believed to be ca. 1890s. This image was previously identified as 25th Michigan Infantry, but it is now believed that the mark on the bag may be for the 2nd Michigan Infantry. Other documents in the GRPL Archives place Theodore Lampert as Company H, 2nd Regiment, Michigan State Troups, honorably discharged Jan. 2, 1893, with the rank of Captain.

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## Related Materials

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## **Related Archival Materials note**

007: Amasa B. Watson Post #395 Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic. Records.

025: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

054: Grand Rapids Public Library Photographs Collection. Photos, either under the term "Civil War Soldiers" or under a specific name.

094: Richmond Family Papers. Rebecca Richmond Civil War era diaries.

101: Dorothy Keister Collection. Includes letters between David Noble and his wife Mary (Knapp) Noble (later Taylor), a carpenter from Sparta, MI., volunteered for Civil War service in Co. C, 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics

106: Camp Lee Guard Reports. Post Guards Reports, 1863-64, for Camp Lee, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

110-1-11: Transcriptions and clippings of Civil War letters from 1960/62 newspaper reports.

110-1-2.5: Stephen Lowing letters.

114: Josephene Bender Collection, including letters from family living in the South during the Civil War, which provide information about civilian life in the towns and military life in the camps.

117: Henry McConnell Collection of Civil War era military broadsides (poster graphics).

122: Ada (Mi.) Glass Negative Coll. Civil War toy soldiers.

144: Kent County Men in the Civil War. Manuscript, ca. 1930's.

171: John W. Champlin Papers, includes Civil War era letters between he and his brother, Brigadier General Stephen G. Champlin, as well as other documents concerning the General's Military Career (1861-1864).

181: Francis Hall Collection. Contains lists of graves of veterans of United States wars in various Michigan cemeteries, (1754-1939), plus rosters of military units formed in Grand Rapids.

200: Isaac Tower Correspondence. Photocopied letters to Isaac Lewis Tower, a soldier with the 13th Michigan Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.

201: Old Michigan Third. Men who served in the Third Michigan Infantry during the Civil War.

238: Sterling Family Records, Daniel L. Sterling of the 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, Company D.

244: Michigan Soldiers Reported in Civil War Era Newspapers

332: Jackson D. Dillenback Collection at the Grand Rapids Public Library

GRPL Portrait and Biography files, under individual name of soldier

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives

### Subject(s)

- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
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## Index to soldiers in the collection - pending

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Theodore W. Bement

George S. Bishop

Charles E. Bolza

Henry G. Cady

Charles H. Cary

Wesley A. Clark

Camper (Cemper) Frederick Idema / Henry Idema

James H. Keeney (Keeny)

Daniel Littlefield

Charles D. Lyon

Andrew McDonald

Thomas V.B. Mitchell

Charles P. Parks

Peter A. Weber

## Series O. General Miscellaneous Series

## Collection Inventory

<b>Series O. General Miscellaneous Series</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	
Miscellaneous news clippings (2)	1	
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Clippings from Vertical File, Civil War Era	1	30
Clippings from Vertical File, Post Civil War	1	31
<b>Kent County Civil War Monument</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	
Kent County Civil War Monument. Service of Rededication. Oct. 4, 2003. Program. 2003.079	0.5	
Email from Bruce Butgereit. May 11, 2003.	0.5	
<b>Series I. Charles E. Bolza / Charles H. Cary / Charles P. Parks / Peter A. Weber. 1861-1864</b>		
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Accession #:1986.485.		
Donor: Unknown.		



**Series II. George S. Bishop.**

This series contains photocopied sheets with summary information on 4 Grand Rapids men, along with a sheet on the 6th Cavalry at Grand Rapids Camp Kellogg.

Bolza and Weber were both members of the 6th Michigan Cavalry, which was the first troop to stay at what was to be called Camp Kellogg, in the vicinity of Lyon & College, per the enclosed document. Both soldiers were killed in action at Falling Waters, Maryland July 14, 1863. Cary (Carey) enlisted in Company A, 3rd Michigan Infantry, and died from disease in 1863.

Parks served on the USS Cricket Mississippi Squadron, and was killed in action on the Red River on April 26, 1864.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
[Camp Kellogg, Grand Rapids & the 6th Cavalry. Unidentified reminiscence. Original typed sheet and photocopy]	1	1
Summary sheet & In Memoriam, Charles E. Bolza	1	2
Summary sheet & In Memoriam, Peter A. Weber	1	3
In Memorium, Weber & Bolza [newspaper clipping]	1	4
Summary sheet, Charles H. Cary	1	5
Summary sheet, Charles P. Parks	1	6

**Series II. George S. Bishop. 1861-1865, 1965, 1986. (Bulk, 1861-1865)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1987.072.

Donor/Transcriber: Vickie [Harris?]

**Series III. Charles D. Lyon**

George S. Bishop enlisted in Company F, Second Cavalry, on September 10, 1861. On April 4, 1864 he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. It is believed that he drowned on the way home after the war. He wrote from and fought in such places as Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky and Washington.

Included are 26 transcribed letters (originals are not present) from George to various family member. George often reports on the death of his comrades and battle situations.

An introductory letter from the transcriber give more family history.. The transcriber has included photocopies of photos of “reproduced” Civil War items, such as guns, cannons and other weapons. There is also an article about the original Bishop Farmhouse.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
George S. Bishop’s Letters.	1	7
Images of Civil War Realia [photocopies]	1	8
Clipping on George Bishop’s father’s house: “M57 Progress Dooms Centennial Farmhouse”	1	9

**Series III. Charles D. Lyon 1862-1866****Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1983.004.

Donor: Cindy Pulnifer Phelps

Charles D. Lyon entered the service in Company A, 3rd (Michigan Volunteers) Infantry as a Second Lieutenant. He was later commissioned as First Lieutenant. He eventually became Captain of Company K, and resigned from military duty because of medical reasons on October 25, 1862.

**Correspondence and documents, Charles D. Lyon**

Mainly composed of Lyon's medical records, also included records such as leave of absence papers, financial records, personal correspondences and a will of some sort. An envelope mailed from Washington has also been maintained with the collection.

**Correspondence and documents, Charles D. Lyon**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1. Nov. 22, [1861] Letter. To Charles from J.? G.? Champlin	1	10
2. June 13, 1862. Special orders no. 5.	1	10
3. July 5, 1862. Special orders no 153.	1	10
4. Jan. 15, 1863(?). Memo M.B. Munise(?)	1	10
5. June 1, 1864. Surgeon's note, Charles Collidge	1	10
6. May 28, 1866(?). Memo. Wm. S. Stryker.	1	10
7. Jan. 1, Letter. To Capt. From S.? G.? Champlin. [Will]	1	10
8. Envelop, to Capt. Charles S.? Lyon from Adjutant General's Office.	1	10
9. Photocopy. Data sheet.	1	10

**Series IV. Wesley A. Clark/ Major Russel T. Darrow / Captain Pierce 1864-1865, 1893 (Bulk, 1864-1865)**

**Series V. Henry G. Cady****Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1993.017.

Donor: Lois Ballema

Wesley A. Clark enlisted in Company K, 6th Cavalry on September 10, 1862 in Assyria, Michigan, at age 19. He was mustered October 13, 1862 and taken prisoner at Travillian Station Virginia on June 11, 1864. He was discharged for disability at Baltimore, Maryland on May 19, 1865. This series includes two photocopied letters, the first being one that he wrote to his first wife, Juliette Beebe while a POW at Andersonville, GA. The second letter is written to the Pension Officer at Kalamazoo, Michigan, proving that Clark did indeed fight in the Civil War.

Also included are two original photos, one of Major Russel T. Darrow of the 2nd Calvary, Company M, inscribed "Yours Truly". The other is of Captain Pierce, possibly , Captain Byron R. Pierce, Company "K", 3rd Regiment, or Lieut. Col. Edward Pierce. Its origin is unknown.

No association between the 3 men is currently known.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Letters, Wesley A. Clark	1	11
Photo. Russel T. Darrow	2	1
Photo. Captain Pierce	2	2

**Series V. Henry G. Cady 1862****Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1985.12.

Donor: Susan C. MesRobian

**Series VI. Daniel Littlefield**

Cady enlisted and was mustered at Branch County, Mi., on August 24, 1861 in Company D, 11th Infantry. Cady was later transferred to Medical Department at Bardstown Kentucky, on April 1, 1862.

Included in this series are four photocopied letters that Cady wrote in 1862, while stationed at the Medical Department. He wrote about the conditions of the hospitals that he visited, some in depth reports on the wounds of the soldiers, his general duties and several humorous antidotes.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Letters, Henry G. Cady	1	12

**Series VI. Daniel Littlefield 1861-1864, 1891 (Bulk, 1861-1864)****Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1986.483, 1990.031.

Donor: Unknown & Irma G. Cornelius

Littlefield enlisted in Company A, 3rd Infantry as Corporal on June 10, 1861 in Kent County. He was discharged at Detroit Michigan on October 30, 1862. He reentered service in Company I, 7th Cavalry as 2nd Lieutenant. He received several commissions during his later tour of duty. He died a 1st Lieutenant or Major, of disease (small pox) at Washington D.C., on January 4th or 6th, 1864. He is buried in Harmony Cemetery in Washington D.C. He was born Feb. 11, 1837. The Littlefield's are said to have come to Grand Rapids in the 1850's.

Included in the Littlefield Collection are:

Photocopies of Mrs. Anna Littlefield's (Daniel's mother) Declaration for Pension, and other letters proving her identification. Father James P. Littlefield deceased. (1986.483)

Two copies of a letter, transcribed ca. 1941 by Mrs. L.A. Sarah Littlefield Cornelius, his niece, from Daniel, July 18-21, 1861. He writes from such places as Virginia, Fairfax, Centerville, and Bull Run. Littlefield reports on battle scenes and tells about the tasks he and his comrades were sent on. He refers to Charles Lyon. (See Series 3) (1986.483 & 1990.031)

**Series VII. Thomas V.B. Mitchell**

Letter. Apr. 29, 1990. To City Historian Gordon Olson from descendent/donor, Irma G. Cornelius, with more historical information. (photocopy)

Chpt. LIII "Grand Rapids and Kent County in the War for the Union" From History of Grand Rapids, Mich. / Baxter, 1891., p. 575-577.

Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War, 1861-1865?, p. 83.

One sheet of family genealogical data & photos from unidentified source, including Daniel Webster Littlefield as a soldier. (photocopy)

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Pension documents.	1	13
Letters, Daniel Webster Littlefield.	1	14
References.	1	15

**Series VII. Thomas V.B. Mitchell 1863****Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1986.483.

Thomas V.(Vail) B. Mitchell enlisted in Company H, 4th Cavalry as First Sergeant on August 1st, 1862 in Grand Rapids. He was mustered on August 29, 1862. He died a 2nd. Lieutenant, on January 16, 1863, of wounds received Dec. 31, 1862, in action at the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn. or Battle of Stone River, Tennessee. Mitchell was born in Saulsburg, Connecticut, he followed his mothers family in Grand Rapids around 1856, to take a position in the Dr. Johnson's new drug store in Collins' Hall, Canal Street. In 1859 he was employed of Mr. J.C. Gallup.

This collection is composed of photocopied records of Mrs. Maria J. Mitchell's, of Grand Rapids, widow of Benjamin H. Mitchell, as she attempts to receive pension because of her son's death (Thomas V.B. Mitchell) in the Civil War.

**Series VIII. Andrew McDonald**

Also included is a photocopy "In Memoriam", taken from Civil War newspaper clippings.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Thomas V.B. Mitchell "In Memoriam" (original and copy) and pension documents.	1	16

**Series VIII. Andrew McDonald 1862-1865****Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1988.026.

McDonald enlisted in Company F, 21st Infantry on August 9, 1862 in Lowell. (Other reports have him enlisted in Company B, 21st Michigan Volunteer Infantry.) He was mustered September 3, 1862 and mustered out at Washington D.C., June 8, 1865.

This collection includes a transcribed and photocopied version of McDonald's recollection of his contribution to the Civil War. He reports on the conditions in Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain, and participated in the Battle of Chickamauga, Sherman's March to the Sea, the Battle of Bentonville and the Great Review in Washington D.C.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Andrew McDonald Autobiography/War Reminiscent.	1	17

**Series IX. James Keeney 1859-1863, 1888, and 1942 (Bulk, 1859-1863)****Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1993.019

James Henry Keeny or Keeney was born in Canada Apr. 15, 1839. He enlisted in Company D, Engineers and Mechanics, September 22, 1862 at Grand Rapids. He was mustered October 6, 1862, and was

**Series X. Miscellaneous Photographs.**

discharged on a Surgeon's certificate of disability at Nashville, Tennessee on May 30, 1863. Keeney was later a teacher in Kelloggsville and Kent County. He died in Oakland Co., Mich. Nov. 30, 1921.

This collection is composed of all photocopied documents. There are three letters in this collection, one written before and the other two during the Civil War. Of the Civil War letters, one reports on Keeney's medical problems, while the other is illegible.

The Government documents are records of his enlistment, payroll, certificate of disability for discharge and his medical discharge.

The post-Civil War documents related to his job as a teach, plus his death certificate, which gives his wife's name as Anna.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1859 Letter to Cousin	1	18
James H. Keeney War correspondence with future wife Jennie (Mary Jame Pelton), and Miss Willett	1	19
Enrollment and Discharge documents	1	20
Teaching Data and Death Certificate	1	21

**Series X. Miscellaneous Photographs.****Scope and Contents note**

This series include stray photographs of soldiers from the Civil War era, not received with other accessions here. However, the soldiers depicted may be included in the other accessions. It also includes miscellaneous later photos documenting the Civil War.

Accession numbers are included with the photos themselves, and the accession data is available in the Archivist's various databases.



**Series XI. Clippings.**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Grand Rapids St. Mark's Civil War Heroes. 00.[454].1 Including Peter Weber; Charles Bolza; Thos. Mitchell; Chas. Cary; John Mann; Wm. Camberlain; Dan Littlefield.	2	3
		<b>Box</b>
Company B, 1st Mich. Engineers & Mechanics, 1863/64. Copy photo, by Hamilton's Gallery [1894]. Gift of Mrs. Glendon Richards.		3
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Civil War Monument, corner of Hall and Jefferson St., S.E. "Left Cantonment Anderson ..." "Lest we forget ...June 12, 19??" 2 color photos, taken May 28, 2002. (2002.071)	2	4
		<b>Box</b>
Company B. 21st Michigan Infantry. Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1864. Drummer Boy in lower left is Charles Rasson Gibson, age 18, Born 1845, died 1905. Art Gibson copy photo. Source unknown. 00.[3110].1. Formerly in Coll. 054-50-8.		2

**Series XI. Clippings.****Scope and Contents note**

The clippings in this series have been culled from the Local History Vertical File. Included are those from the Civil War era, 1861-1865, and those post Civil War, 1866-ca, 1964. Articles document officers and veterans of the Old 3rd, or the Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, for example. Some discuss in general the progress of the war. Postwar clippings document GAR activities and war memories.

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**Series XII. Civil War Pictorials**

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National Tribune, The Stars & Stripes, Sept. 1949. The Six Who Carried on at the Last GAR Encampment. Last Negro Civil War Vet Tells Story of His Life. Joseph Clovese 105, Pontiac, Mich. 00.[5322].1

**Series XII. Civil War Pictorials****Scope and Contents note**

Three wide published Civil War reference resources are included in this series, at least in part. These items have been retained primarily for staff research, due to their fragile state. They provide high levels of quality graphics on the Civil War period, but are too fragile for public use at this time. However, the sources may be fairly widely available through the general circulating collections or interlibrary loan.

Items 1 & 2 are available at GRPL in later versions.

1. A History of the Civil War / Benson J. Lossing. Includes Brady War photos. N.Y. : War Memorial Assoc., 1912. 16 Sections. We have sections: 3, 6, 11-15. (Accession unknown)
2. Harpers Pictorial History of the Civil War. Chicago : Star Publ. Com. ; McDonnell Bros, 1894, 1866. (Combined the best copies from 2 sets. One set accession unknown, second set unaccessioned, but rec'd. from
3. Pictorial War Record. N.Y. : Stearns & Co., First Series. Various issues, incomplete, v. 1-3, 1881-1883. (Received as part of accession no. 98.059), and believed to have been owned/used by Samuel Ranck.

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Harpers Pictorial History of the Civil War. Chicago : Star Publ. Com. ; McDonnell Bros, 1894, 1866. Best copies from 2 sets combined. One set 00.[0076].1 and 1998.059

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**Series XIII. Cemper (Camper) Frederick Idema / Henry Idema, Sr.**

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Pictorial War Record. N.Y. : Stearns & Co., First Series. Various issues, incomplete, v. 1-3, 1881-1883. Received as part of accession no. 1998.059, and believed to have been owned/used by Samuel Ranck.

**Series XIII. Cemper (Camper) Frederick Idema / Henry Idema, Sr. January 1862-September 23, 1901**

**Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1995.001.

Donor: Hank Idema

The names & dates on the records of the Idema's in the Civil War are a bit confused. Pieced together, from war records, reference sources, and the Census, the following appears to be true. Henry Sr., his wife Veronika, and child Cemper were born in the Netherlands. Per his obituary, Camper F. Idema, was born in 1845 and moved with his parents to the US when he was 2. Camper lived in Grand Rapids from 1854 until his death in Sept. 1901. Records use the alternative Cemper or Camper. The 1860 census lists Henry(44), Veronika(41), Cemper(14), Herman(10) and Henry, Jr.(4).

In the 1870 Census, Henry, Sr. & Veronika are missing. C. Fred, age 24 is listed as a pawn broker, living with Nancy, age 21 and Francis, his 1 yr. Old son. Herman & Henry are living together, but not with Cemper Frederick.

In June 1862 Kemper would have been about 16, if he was 14 in 1860. Copies of documents in this collection show Cemper Idema enlisted in Co. H, of the 8th Michigan, as early as of Jan. 9, 1862. Michigan Volunteers, 1861-1865 list "Cemper Idema" as enlisting in this company, at age 18?, discharged Oct. 24, 1862, died Sept. 21, 1901, Grand Rapids, Mich. His obituary for that date gives his brothers Herman & Henry surviving. According to the Evening Press obituary Idema re-enlisted in Hancock's Veteran Reserve Corps, and was a member of the detachment to guard the conspirators, at the time of Lincoln's death. Michigan Volunteers, 1861-1865, give his enlistment as Mar. 13, 1865, no discharge given.

Also given in Michigan Volunteers, 1861-1865, is a listing for Henry Idema. Henry, age listed as 41, enlisted in Co. H, 8th Infantry, Sept. 16, 1861, discharged Sept. 22, 1864. Another source reports his

## Series XIII. Cemper (Camper) Frederick Idema / Henry Idema, Sr.

death in 1868. According to the 1869 census, Henry, Sr. was a tailor. Cemper's letter of Jan. 30, 1862, talks about his visit with his father at camp. "...he makes flags sometime, sows for the Cornel and when he don't feel like working he needant ..."

Cemper's July 20, letter is clearly signed "Cemper Idema", however, his other letters are variously signed, with his Apr. letter apparently signed "C. H. Idema". This H, interpreted as "Henry" has led to some confusion of his record with his father or brother.

Camper F. Idema's residence in Grand Rapids for the 25 years before his death was at 288<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Lyon, corner of Prospect Streets. His brother Henry (b. 2/29/1856-d.1-8-1951) was living next door at the time of his death.

Included here are four 1862 Civil War letters written by Idema to his mother and brothers while stationed along the Eastern Sea Board, dated Jan. 30, Apr. 18th, June 6th & July 20th. These exist in 3 states: 1) Typed transcriptions, 2) Photocopies of the originals 3) Original letters. Idema mostly reports of battle scenes and financial matters. Idema writes from Newport VA, Beaufort SC, James Island and Goats Point GA. Also included in this collection are photocopied war documents, newspaper clippings and research on the 8th Michigan Infantry.

**Box**

Letters of Cemper Idema, 1862 – transcribed, photocopied and original	6
Cemper war record (photocopies)	6
Michigan Volunteers, 1861-1865 "Idema" pages, copies	6
Naval engagements research copies	6
Civil War Times Illus., Jan/Feb 1995	6
Compendium of the War of the Rebellion?, p. 1285, copy	6

**Series XIV. Theodore W. Bement**

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Camper Idema obituaries, Sept. 1901 and Idema Census data, 1860-1870.

**Series XIV. Theodore W. Bement****Scope and Contents note**

Donor: Old Collection, unknown

One original document, his discharge from Company H, Fourth Cavalry is available. Michigan Volunteers, 1861-1865 states that Bement enlisted as a Sergeant, but his discharge lists him as Private. He is said to have been a prisoner on picket, returned to his regiment May 1863 and mustered out July 1, 1865.

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Theodore W. Bement Discharge paper, 1865.

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**Series XV. Daniel McNaughton 1864-1893****Scope and Contents note**

Accession #: 1995.001.

Donor: Old Collection, unknown, ca. 1925?

According to Michigan Volunteers, 1861-1865, Daniel McNaughton originally enlisted in Co. A, Sixth Cavalry Aug 11, 1862, and promoted within the 7th Nov. 17, 1862. The papers in this series document some of his later career, as he was discharged & subsequently commissioned to accept promotion to First Lieutenant/Quartermaster May 18, 1864. In Jan. 1865 he was given a leave of absence. In Sept.-Oct. 1865 he was in Denver, serving as the court martial of Charles W. Squires. He was discharged from war service Nov. 7, 1865, returning to become a resident of Grand Rapids. There are also court papers from 1871 regarding his service, and certificate from the Bureau of Pensions, 1893.

## Series XV. Daniel McNaughton

M10:A4.3-5 Daniel McNaughton papers, leave of absence request, called to serve for court martial in Denver Co. and orders relieving him from duty, 1865.		
	<b>Box</b>	
Commission and Muster-in roll, 1864; Clerk's certificate of admission, 1871	3	
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Discharge to Accept Promotion, Oct. 23, 1864. Spec. Order. No. 63.	1	26
Muster-in Roll. 7th Michigan Cavalry, Oct. 24th, 1864.	1	27
Leave of Absence, Jan. 30, 1965. Spec. Order, no. 132.	1	27
Amended Record of above, Dec. 12, 1887, to discharge, Sept. 26, 1864, muster, 1st lieutenant, Sept. 27, 1864. Spec. Or. No. 288.	1	27
Detailed for the Court Martial of Charles W. Squires, Sept. 26, 1865, Denver. Spec. Order No. 4.	1	27
Relieved from Duty at Court Martial, Spec. Ord. No. 26. Oct. 31, 1865.	1	27
Certificate of Admission to the Law, 6th Circuit, Western Dist. of Mich. Mar. 22, 1871.	1	28
Certificate of Admission to the Law, Circuit Court of U.S., No. Dist. of Ill., May 20, 1871.	1	28
Certificate of Admission to the Law, District Court of U.S., No. Dist. of Ill., May 20, 1871.	1	28

**Series XVI. Mabin**

Certificate of Admission to the Law, Kent Co., Mich. June 7, 1875.	1	28
Bureau of Pensions, Re. Certificate no. 312700 for additional pension. Jan. 4, 1893.	1	29

<b>Series XVI. Mabin</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>Box</b>
	54	55
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Accession #:1986.387.		
Donor: Mabin family		
Photographic copy of charcoal? portrait drawing of Edmund Mabin, Afro Am. Soldier, Civil War, with 3 certificates of appointment as Corporal, Sergeant & 1st Sergeant of Co.F, 18th Reg. 1864-1866. Currently in Coll. 54 Box 55.		

**Series XVII. Miscellaneous Unknown Accessions.****Scope and Contents note**

This collection contains items found where the original accession is unknown, or items transferred from the GRHSCC Local History book collections where the accession information is now longer known.

**Box**

A Brief History of the Tenth Michigan Cavalry / by Genl. L.S. Trowbridge. Detroit : Friesema Bros. Printing, 1905. Formerly M9.T74. 00.[5676].1	7
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Civil War Soldiers buried in Kent Co., Mich. / by Michigan. Civil War Centennial Observance Commission. Graves Committee. 00.[2690].1. Formerly M973.7474.M582c

## Series XVII. Miscellaneous Unknown Accessions.

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Mixed materials	3
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Mixed Materials	7

**Box**

“Civil War Volunteers”—pencil “Kent Co.”—ink. Back page: Preserved by James H. McKee Esq. Recruiting Off. Presented to State His. Soc. By J. Langdon McKee. 00. [539].1

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Diary of James W. Hoffman. Formerly M973.781 H675d. 00.[2587].1.

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**Scope and Contents note**

The source of this typed transcription of Hoffman’s diary is undocumented, and the location of the original documents is unknown. The diaries begin with April 21, 1861 and end June 15, 1863. Hoffman is listed in Michigan Volunteers as being from Macomb County, attained Sergeant rank by Dec. 1864, and was mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 12, 1866. The only Grand Rapids association found documented in the diaries to date is the Oct. 2, 1961 mention, of traveling via Grand Rapids to Camp Anderson, two miles away. He gives a paragraph description of that camp.

Muster Roll Co. A., 6th Mich. Cal. Vol. / Muster Roll, Company A, 6th Michigan Cavalry Volunteers. G.R. : H.A. Toren, Printer, n.d. Those honorably discharged June 21, 1865. In Memoriam image, Hon. Birney Hoyt, first page. “Muster-out Roll of Lieutenant Birney Hoyt, company A, in the Sixth Regiment of Michigan Cavalry Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Jas. H. Kidd ...”, second page. Formerly M355.5.M58. 00. [5539].1

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Obituary Discourse on Occasion of the Death of Noah Henry Ferry, Major of the 5th Michigan Cavalry, killed at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863 / by Rev. David M. Cooper, Pastor

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**Grand Army of the Republic**

of the Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven, Mich. N.Y. : John F. Trow, 1863. Formerly M923.1.F41C6. 00.[985].1

Recollections of the Civil War / by Wm. H. Galloway, G.R. : A. VanDort, 6 Canal St., 1906. Formerly M973.3.G13. c. 1. 00.[1448].1 Original / c. 2 Usage photocopy.

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**Scope and Contents note**

The original is in very poor condition, and was thought to be missing pages 25 through 32. The only other copy currently know is at the Bentley Library, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor. 8/2/2005. A photocopy was requested from their copy, which has the same page numbering. However, in actually reading the text, it appears that the content is available, just the page numbering is incorrect.

**Grand Army of the Republic**

**Grand Army of the Republic. Dept. of Michigan. Roster. Lansing, Mi. : Wynkoop Hallenbeck ; Crawford Co., State Printers. Formerly M369.G76r**

**Box**

1897 (00.[1446].1)

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1908 (00.[1442].1)

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1908 (00.[1443].1)

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1909 (00.[1444].1)

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1910 (00.[1445].1)

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**History of the Services of the First Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mecha...**

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**Box**

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Memorial Day : record of its observance by the Grand Army of the Republic at Grand Rapids, Michigan, with address by Hon. Fred A. Maynard. GR. : West Michigan Printing Co., 1894. Formerly MKG394.G76. 00.[3721].1

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Official Directory and Programme for the Silver Encampment, G.A.R., Detroit: Ostler Printing Co. Formerly M369.G76. Detroit, Aug. 3-8, 1891. 00.[1441].1

**History of the Services of the First Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics during the Civil War, 1861-1865 / by Charles R. Sligh. G.R. : White Printing Co., 1921.**

**Box**

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c. 1 00.[2615].1. Formerly M9.SL3

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c. 2 00.[2615].2. Formerly M973.7474.SL35n, and before that it was classed 929.3.SL35h.

**Series XVIII. Miscellaneous Small Purchase Accessions.****Scope and Contents note**

This series includes mostly single items purchase either as originals or as photocopies for the information content.

**Box**

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Civil War Diary of Ephraim E. Brown, 1862. Photocopy of a transcription by Patricia A. Murphy. P2001.150

**Series XIX. George S. Egger Gift of Civil War Documents. 1999.126**

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Henrietta Stow, Grand Rapids / [Siss] Chubb letter, Feb. 6, 1863. Documents the death of soldier Hector Chubb, of Lyon, Mi. Jan. 1863, Company D, 21st infantry, and Cousin Simon Downer in Tennessee. P2004.006

**Series XIX. George S. Egger Gift of Civil War Documents. 1999.126****Muster Rolls**

Muster Roll of Captain Israel C. Smith, Company F?, of the Third, Stephen G. Chamblin, from the Twenty Eighth day of February.

**Box**

1 May 1862-30 June 1862

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1 July 1862-31 Aug. 1862

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31 Aug. 1862-31 Oct. 1862

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31 Oct. 1862-31 Dec. 1862

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31 Dec. 1862-28 Feb. 1863

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28 Feb. 1863-10 Apr. 1863

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28 Feb. 1863-30 Apr. 1863

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30 Apr 1863-30 June 1863

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**Blank Military Forms**

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31 June 1863-31 Aug. 1863	8
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31 Aug. 1863-31 Oct. 1863	8
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31 Oct. 1863-31 Dec. 1863	8
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31 Dec. 1863-29 Feb. 1864	8
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1. Abstract of Expenditures (1)	9
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2. Receipt for Issues to (4)	9
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3. Statement of Charges on Muster and Pay Rolls (2)	9
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4. Invoice of Stores (4)	9
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**Correspondence****Box**

## Photographs

Letterhead: Ordnance Office, War Dept., Apr. 30, 1864. From: Jeo. F. Balche?, Captain of Ordnance. Re: Company "F" Third Michigan Vounteers for 4th qt. 1863. [To:?] Capt. Thos. Tate—bottom left

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"Receipt for Issues to" form. Form no. 7 (a). Received at Camp Bulck, Va. This 1st day of March 1864, of Capt. Thos Tate, the following Ordnance and Ordnane Stores, as per invoice dated the 1st day of March 1864. Signed Andrew Nickerson, Capt. 3rd Mich. Vols. [Lists 8 items]

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[Letter] Headquarters, Prov. Div. A. of Tenn. | Office A.C.M., July 5th 1865. | Orders | Captain Thomas tae, Co. F., 5th Mich. Vet Vols., is hereby detailed under provisions of Sec. 3, Par. 5, Genl. Orders No. 94 C.S., War Department, Adjustant Genls Office, to take charge of, care for, and preserve the Rolls & Records, of the 5th Michigan, Vet Vol., whist enroute, to Detroit, Michigan. ... By Command of H.A. Morrow, ? Brig. Genl. Comdg. Division. John W. Shafer?

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At head: To all whom it may concern. The Bearer herof, William C.C. [or H.H.]? Lloyd?, Private of Captain Thomas Tate's Company of the third regiment of Michigans Veteran Volunteers, aged 21 years, five feet ? inches high, Dark complexion, Black eyes, black hair, and by profession a farmer, born in the State of New York, ... is hereby permitted to go to ... State of Illinois ... Furlough ... Jan. 1864 to Feb. 1864 ... will rejoin his Company ... at Grand Rapids, Mich. ... 3rd day of January 1864 ... Thos Tate, Captain.

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[List of names with appointments and resignations, 1861-1863].

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John Dennis appointed Capt. June 10/61, resigned July 29/61

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## Photographs

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## Photographs

1. Male in uniform, unif. Jackson, Mich. Photographer	9
2. ??? Geo. W. Winares?, Capt. E. Mich. James A. Brush, Detroit, photographer.	9
3. Phebe Soutnard. E.A. Chapman, artists, Lowell, Mich.	9
4. Capt. T. Tate	9
5. Capt. Tate	9
6. Male in uniform, unid. Has over decorative faux frame, with tassels surrounding the image.	9
7. Yours Truly, Daniel G. Corwin?, Capt. 5th Mich. James A. Brush, Detroit.	9
8. Truly Yours, Lieut. E. Lynold?, Lyons, Ionia Co., Mich. Raymond, photographers, Detroit.	9
9. J.R. Benson, De Witt, Mich. James A. Brush, photographer, Detroit.	9
10. Unidentified male, uniform, mustache,	9
11. C..el? L. Berskes?, Capt. Co. H, 5th, Mich. James A. Brush, ...Detroit.	9
12. Unidentified male, uniform, mustache and goatee,	9
13. Unidentified male, uniform, mustache,	9

**Series XX. Provin Diaries, Lewis/Watkins Letters, unprocessed**

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| 14. Unidentified male, standing on patterned carpet, hand in uniform (a la Napoleon), Full beard. | 9 |
| 15. Unidentified male, uniform, J.V. Cookingham, Jackson, Mich., artist                           | 9 |
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| 17. Very Truly Yours, John Pullord?, Col. 5th Mich. ..., Detroit, Mich.                           | 9 |
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| 19. "Age 42 yrs"—bottom front. E.A. Chapman, photographer, Lowell, Mich. Male, no uniform         | 9 |
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| 22. Male in pinstriped suit. E.A. Chapman, artist, Lowell, Mich.                                  | 9 |

**Series XX. Provin Diaries, Lewis/Watkins Letters, unprocessed****Scope and Contents note**

Accession: 1998.112.

Sizable, but photocopies from a collection in another Michigan Archives, so considered mostly as reference materials.

## Series XXI. Old Collection Documents.

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<b>K7: Kent Co. Michigan. Civil War.</b>	
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K7:BE16.1 List of Volunteers ... Co. Kent, 1861-1862 (fragmented).	4
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K18:BH14.1-3. Articles of Assoc. 1864, Constitution, Bylaws, and a [Treasurers Report], ca. 1885-1886	4
<b>K19: Kent Co. Treasurer. Civil War.</b>	
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K19:BE10.1-10 [Redeemed Civil War bonds from Kent Co.] Redeemable 1869, redeemed stamp 1870 on some	4



## Series XXII. The Life Story of Theodore Castor

<b>Series XXII. The Life Story of Theodore Castor</b>	
	<b>Box</b>
This series includes one document of the title above. It is a photocopy of a transcribed translation of the "diary" of a German immigrant. While it does include content from 1852 to 1879, the bulk of the document records the writers experience as a Union soldier in the war (pgs. 16 to 67). 2003.056	7
<b>Unprocessed.</b>	
	<b>Box</b>
R929.3.M978.Muster Roll of Company A.	5
Photo. Brig. Gen. Bartlett. Formerly misfiled in Coll. 54	5
2 original letters. Found with Lydens material. February 2, 1864 and January 14, 1863.	5
Anti Slavery Documents. B.A. Mather. Originals and photocopy. 1986.048	5
Jonathan Heath. 3-ring binder of photocopies and computer generated pages + diskette, original letters. 2000.074	5
Heath family photos	2
James A. Pangborn, 1998.018	5
James A. Pangborn, 1998.018, oversize	12

## Unprocessed.

Roster of survivors, 16th Michigan Veteran Volunteer Infantry, October 1895. Formerly M355.Ap8. [2764].1

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Dr. Herbert Whitworth, personal military and civil history, vital records, letters, photos, remiscences. 1986.88

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Copy, Charles E. Belknap. B20:A9.1-2 Belknap maps, etc.

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