

Civil War Resources at DCHA

Collections

- GAR Records – The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army who served in the Civil War.
 - The Henry England Post (Post No. 142) was chartered March 11, 1880, with headquarters in Delhi. This collection includes financial records and minutes of the post. 1 box
 - The Ben Marvin Post (Post No. 209) was incorporated in February 1887, with headquarters in Walton. Collection includes incorporation materials, deed and property list, membership rolls, minute books, biographical data sheets, reports, and Ben Marvin Relief Corps materials. Photographs of reunions and album of soldiers of the 144th. Index to names of Civil War veterans taken from personal Sketch book and biographical data sheets among other documents. 6 boxes and 1 large book.
 - Photos of 144th Infantry – Seymour, Penfield, Rice, Clark, McQueen, J. Harvey McKee
- Gordon, Thomas – This collection includes letters to Thomas Gordon from family in Scotland and the United States during his service in the Civil War. Letters express concern for Gordon's safety and provide insights into life on the frontlines. Also included are letters concerning the death of Adam Murray, who had enlisted in the Civil War without the knowledge of his family in Scotland.
- McDonald Collection – This collection includes a number of letters from Clark McDonald of Meredith, who was in the 8th Independent Battery along with his brother James. James died in the war. A few of James's letters are included. The collection also includes some photographs and army documents. [These letters were digitized and transcribed by Meredith Town Historian Frank Waterman. The full transcripts have been published in his book Mother, You Mustn't Worry So About Us.]
- Roster sheets of the 144th – There are 55 sheets by company, providing age, physical description, basic enlistment information, occupation, addresses, deaths, discharge information and current address or status. Lists are alphabetical but grouped by 1862 enlistments followed by the 1864 enlistments. The lists follow the sequence of James Harvey McKee's book on the 144th, so it is possible that the lists were created by him specifically for the book.

Diaries

- Bennett, C.A. – Day to day account of life on the battlefield, from south of Washington to Jacksonville, including time on USS Mayflower steamer (transcript only).
- Coulter, Lizzie – Coulter was sent from Bovina as a missionary to teach black children in Virginia in 1868, during the Reconstruction period in the south.
- Crawford, Frank John – Member of 144th Company D (transcript only).
- Dezell, James – From Franklin (Treadwell), member of 144th in Hilton Head, SC.
- Hoyt, Edward – 1862-65, from Walton, member of 144th (transcript also available and now a published book).
- Littlejohn, Andrew – 1859-1864, part of Nichol Collection.
- Mead, Eliza – 1853-1864, includes comments on war (photocopy of diary).
- Remington-Heine, JR. – From Franklin (Treadwell), Co. A 1st NY Engineers, Hilton Head.
- Sherwood, Laura Bostwick – 1860-61, references coming of Civil War and women's work at NYC armory.

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- Thomas, John B. – 1861-1868, diary and farm account book; includes some references to the war.
- Thomson, James H. (1818-1904) – DCHA has a transcript of Thomson's diary (the original is at the New York State Historical Association). The diary has a gap from 1842-1856, but does include the Civil War period.

Letters

- Ford, H.C. – Ford, from Franklin, wrote a few letters to his cousin, Carrie Barnes in Broome County. DCHA has photocopies of the letters; the originals are with the Broome County Historical Society.
- Hawley, Philip – Hawley, from Hamden, died in a POW camp in Salisbury, South Carolina. Most of the letters are related to his death.
- Miller, John – A series of letters (around 20) between John and Phoebe Miller from Hamden, dating from 1862 to 1864. John was serving in the war in the 144th and was discharged in June 1864 for disability. The collection also includes a miscellaneous set of letters, notes, legal documents, etc (about 15 items in all) ranging from 1868 to the late 1890s.
- Sines, Wilson – Sines wrote 4 letters to Mary from the camp of the 144th at Hilton Head, S.C.
- Smith, Silas C. - Smith, from Meredith, was in the 95th NYS Volunteer Infantry; DCHA has 23 items related to Smith, mostly letters written in 1864 and 1865 from City Point, VA where he was in the hospital. [These letters have been scanned and can be found at N:\Company Documents\Office\Library\civil war scans\Smith Silas letters]
- Smith, William P. – DCHA has a photocopy of one letter from William P. Smith of Hancock to Caleb Miller, written in February 1865 from Folly Island.

Other records and Ephemera

- Broadside- The First Draft in Delaware County. Civil War. Relates to bounties paid.
- Discharges – DCHA has a few sample discharges:
 - Andrews, Daniel B., Hamden
 - Dann, Mathew
 - Finch, Jacob O., Colchester
 - Hymers, William, Franklin
 - GAR Memorial Discharge for John Miller, included all battles in which he fought (in poor condition)
- Muster Roll of National Guard 1867, Walton
- Posters
 - Soldiers Memorial Poster, Brown's Guard, Company E, 134 Rgt. NY Vol 1862
 - Soldiers memorial Posters of 144th, 1862
- Research paper on 8th Independent Battery of Delaware County by Lois Morgan
- Reunion group photos of 144th
- Reunion booklet of 144th – 1912

Books

- *Back "In War Times." History of the 144th Regiment, NY Volunteer Infantry* by James Harvey McKee
- *Civil War Letters of William A. Robinson: The Story of the 89th NY (L2000.27)*

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Volunteer Infantry by Robert J. Taylor

- *Dear Wife: Letters of a Civil War Soldier*. Daniel B. White, member of the 144th
- *Frank Leslie's The Soldier in Our Civil War: A Pictorial History of the Conflict 1861-1865* 2 vols.
- *Honoring NY Forgotten Soldiers: African Americans of the Civil War* by Harry Bradshaw Matthews
- *Letters Home* by Bishop Asbury Cook, private in the 144th
- *The Life of a Civil War Private: Edward Hoyt Diary & Letters*, compiled & edited by Tim Durenden, Angela Gaffney and Samantha Misa
- *Mother, You Mustn't Worry So About Us, Clark and James McDonald's Civil War Letters*, edited by Frank Waterman
- *Raising Lincoln's Army: How Delaware County, and the Town of Meredith particularly, responded to Lincoln's repeated calls for men during the Civil War* by Frank Waterman

Newspapers

Delaware County Newspapers published during the Civil War and available at DCHA:

- Bloomville Mirror – the most complete set in DCHA holdings, covering the entire period of the Civil War
- Delaware Gazette (Delhi) – few selected issues
- Utilitarian (Margaretville) – one issue from 1863

Check the New York State Newspapers project for information on what specific issues of Delaware County newspapers are available on microfilm and where:

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/nysnp/>