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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The William B. Turner Papers include a memoir about the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864, discharge and other military papers, correspondence, and family papers. Turner (1834-1912) served during the American Civil War in the Union Army with the 27th New York Light Battery, or the Buffalo Light Battery Company. Following his service, he worked as a printer in Buffalo.

Creator

Turner, William B., 1834-1912

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

William B. Turner was born December 25, 1834 in Lockport, New York, and lived until February 22, 1912. Turner was a veteran of the American Civil War, during which he served in the Union Army with the 27th New York Light Battery, or the Buffalo Light Battery Company. By the time Turner left the army, he had attained the rank of Sergeant. After he left the army, Turner returned to Buffalo, where he returned to work as a printer. Turner married Caroline Brainerd on February 10, 1870. The two had at least five children together: George Harris, William Brainerd, Richard Heafford, Henry Clay, and Cornelia Elizabeth.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of William B. Turner, a Union soldier in the American Civil War. His memoir entitled, "Waifs: Or, Rough-Notes of the Life of a Soldier Boy!" was written by Turner about the Battle of the Wilderness from the April 16 and June 1, 1864. The collection also has Turner's discharge papers from the 27th New York Light Battery, a letter from Turner to the Commissioner of Pensions about his pension, and a letter from the Commissioner replying to Turner. The collection includes other military documents and family papers belonging to Turner and family.

Keywords

Civil War

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Wilderness, Battle of the, Va., 1864

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Description of Subordinate Components

William B. Turner Memoir

Unit Date 1864-04-26-1864-06-01

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Discharge Paper for William B. Turner

Unit Date 1865-06-22

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Letter from George Abbott to Isaac Gail

Unit Date 1867-08-25

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Joseph P. Thompson Soldiers Affidavit

Unit Date 1880-02-11

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Letter from William B. Turner to Commissioner of Pensions

Unit Date 1901-04-21

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Letter from J. L. Davenport to William B. Turner

Unit Date 1901-05-17

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Newspaper Clipping for William B. Turner Family

Unit Date ca. 1912

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Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Certificate

Unit Date ca. 1938

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T. Arthur Less Funeral Expense Receipt

Unit Date 1938-07-01

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