

**Military Documents – Civil War  
Collection, 1861-1871**

**Manuscript Collection, MIL-D/2**

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**Administrative History:** Woburn, Massachusetts has an extensive history of service in the Civil War. The majority of Woburn men served in either the 39th Regiment Company K (Woburn National Rangers) or the 5th Massachusetts Regiment Company G (Woburn Mechanic Phalanx) or the 22nd Massachusetts regiment (Woburn Union Guard) although Woburn men who enlisted elsewhere also served in other Union regiments.

**Scope and Contents Note:** Thematic collection of assorted military documents of the Civil War period. This collection, made up of items donated to the Woburn Public Library over time, in part reflects Woburn men's service in the Civil War along with the more general Civil War collecting interests of the various individual donors.

Series 1 is made up of original documents that aren't part of other collections. Series 2 is made up of printed material and ephemera. The United States Volunteer Enlistment Roll (Series 1, folder 1) lists several men who joined the Woburn Mechanic Phalanx, Fifth Massachusetts Regiment, Company G and may in fact be the enlistment roll for that company. Captain Samuel I. Thompson (Series 1, folder 2) was the commander of the Woburn Union Guard, the first formally organized Woburn company to serve in the war. The company was attached to the Twenty-second Massachusetts regiment. Captain Thompson died several weeks after being injured at the Battle of Malvern Hill. The publisher of the play *The Union Spy; or the Battle of Weldon Railroad* (Series 2, folder 8), John L. Parker, was a Woburn Civil War veteran. The 39th MA Regiment, Company K took part in the Battle of Weldon Railroad.

**Acquisition:** This collection consists of documents and ephemera whose provenance is both known and unknown. Documents whose provenance is known include the *Battle of Weldon Railroad* play script (Series 2, folder 7), stamped Nathan Wyman and previously cataloged as S404. Wyman apparently donated this play script to the Library. Some of the Civil War envelopes and cartoons were donated by John W. Johnson and John P. Crane was the donor of some of the Confederate currency. Another donor was Captain John E. Tidd. The provenance of other items such as the Nathan Hovey pass, (Series 1, folder 3) and Russell's Edition of the United States Conscription Act of 1863 (Series 2, folder 3) is unknown.

**Access:** Unrestricted.

**Copyright:** Contact the Archivist about questions on the copyright status of this collection.

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**Related Material:** See other Civil War related collections: MIL-A/1, MIL-A/6, MIL-A/7, MIL-A/8, MIL-C/1, MIL-C/2, MIL-C/5, MIL-C/8., MIL-C/9, WY-B.

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**Series I: Documents**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	1	United States Volunteer Enlistment Roll – Woburn, 1861
	2	Captain Samuel I. Thompson Commission, detail, news clipping and instructions, 1861-62
	3	Pass to Nathan Hovey to Visit New York, August 20, 1862.
	4	Enlistment of Hiram C. Travis & Thomas Londy to the Burlington Quota, Dec. 16th, 1863
	5	MA transportation voucher and Confederate States receipt, 1864
	6	Agreement to Build Soldier's Monument and Fence at Woburn Common, 1869
	7	Incoming Correspondence to Nathan Wyman from N.P. Banks, War Secretary, 1870

**Series II. Ephemera**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	1	State Flag of the First Massachusetts Regiment, 1861
	2	Confederate and Southern Currency, 1862-1867
	3	Two printed maps of the South from Civil War Era newspapers: The Congregationalist, April 10, 1863 & Boston Recorder, May 13, 1864
	4	Russell's Edition of the United States Conscription Act of 1863, Boston: J.J. Dyer and Co. 1863
	5	Confederate States of America Senate Bills and Printed Records, 1864
	6	Thirty-Second Mass. Regiment Association Handbook, 1866
	7	Dedication of Soldier's Monument Program, 1869
	8	Play script: The Union Spy; or the Battle of Weldon Railroad, 1871
	9	Civil War Ephemera: Envelopes and Cartoons, n.d.