

COX, CHARLES HARDING, 1844-1928.

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Cox, Charles Harding, 1844-1928.
Title: Charles Harding Cox papers, 1860-1928
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 330
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box), 2 bound volumes (BV), and 1 oral history (OH) ; 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Papers of Union soldier Charles Harding Cox, who served in the 70th Indiana Infantry Regiment.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

Unrestricted access.

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Additional Physical Form

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Source

Loaned for microfilming, 1959, with subsequent additions of original materials.

Citation

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Processing

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Biographical Note

Charles Harding Cox (1844-1928) was a member of the 70th Indiana Infantry Regiment. He attended the University at Indianapolis but did not graduate. He enlisted in the Army on August 5, 1862 at the age of seventeen as a private soldier, and, by the time his three years were completed, had been promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant. He fought in the battles of Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Golgotha, Kennesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek, and Atlanta, and went on the march to the sea with Sherman, participating in the battles of Charleston and Savannah. In 1865 he was mustered out, returned to Indianapolis, and married Hulda Jones. He and Hulda had two children, Harry and Katie. They lived in Decatur, Georgia, for a time, but in 1882, when Hulda died, he returned to Cincinnati and left the two children with his sister. In 1884 he moved to Atlanta, where he married Emma Hays. They traveled to Colorado, North Carolina, and finally Ball Ground, Cherokee County, Georgia, searching for gold. While they were living in Ball Ground he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley. In 1920 they moved to Atlanta, then to Marietta, where he died and was buried in the Marietta National Cemetery. Emma and Charles had three children: Emma Caroline, Fred Ward, and George Hays.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Charles Harding Cox from 1860-1928. The papers include correspondence, clippings, printed material, legal and official documents, and two photographs. Civil War letters are from Charles to his sister, Kate Lord, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and from his mother to Kate; they discuss Cox's mustering in, officers, politics, Southerners, the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (including Golgotha), Resaca, and the Atlanta Campaign (including the battles at Dallas, New Hope Church, and Peachtree Creek). A pre-war letter discusses the 1860 political campaign. Post-war letters are written by Cox to his family, and discuss reunions of the Grand Old Army, his family, the weather, a move to Atlanta, and his health. There is one letter from Cox to the Commissioner of Pensions (1927), and one to Cox from William Meredith (1891). Clippings pertain to the Civil War; printed materials include pamphlets, programs, and a Grand Army of the Republic broadside; photographs are of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, and Charles Cox; a land indenture (1884) is from Cherokee County, Georgia; official documents are military-related and include commissions, muster rolls, and a pension certificate (1913).

Finding Aid Note

Chronological analysis of the correspondence is available.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, 1840-1860
1	2	Correspondence, 1861-1865
1	3	Correspondence, 1866-1927
1	4	Photographs
1	5	Military records
1	6	Clippings, 1879-1965
1	7	Miscellaneous
MF1		Letters, July 8, 1860-April 20, 1927 and other documents
BV1		Sylvester, Loma Lutes, ed. "Gone for a Soldier: The Civil War Letters of Charles Harding Cox," <i>Indiana Magazine of History</i> , LXVIII (March, 1972), 24-78.
BV2		"Gone for a Soldiers: The Civil War Letters of Charles Harding Cox," <i>Indiana Magazine of History</i> , LXVIII (Sept., 1972), 181-239.
