

GREEN FAMILY.

Green family Civil War papers, 1861-1863

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Green family.
Title: Green family Civil War papers, 1861-1863
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Abstract: Family correspondence of the Sanford Moon Green family of Pontiac, Michigan during the Civil War.
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Collection Description

Biographical Note

The Green family of Pontiac, Michigan, consisted of Sanford Moon Green, his wife Mary Ann McKnight and their children, William C. Green, Fannie Green, Florence Green, and George

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Green. Sanford Moon Green held judicial appointments to the Michigan Supreme and Chancery courts during the years 1836-1850. Of most family members not much is known nor is it known if there were other children in this family.

William C. Green was born in Owasso, Michigan, August 26, 1840. He grew up in Pontiac, Michigan, and attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. During his junior year in college, William Green left to enlist with the Michigan Infantry, 8th Regiment. At some point between October 1861 and April 1862 he became attached to the New York Infantry, 37th Regiment. Green was severely wounded in the leg during the Battle of Fair Oaks and Seven Pines (Virginia), May 31, 1862. He spent three months recuperating at a hospital in Newport News, Virginia, before returning to his home in Michigan. During his time at the hospital his sister, Fannie, traveled from Michigan to help nurse him back to health and accompany him on his journey home.

During the late 1860's and early 1870's William Green worked as a bank clerk in Detroit. He moved to California ca. 1906 and is presumed to have died there. The last known correspondence from him is dated October 25, 1927 and was written from Berkeley, California.

Biographical Source: Joseph Labadie papers (Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) and *Biography Index, Volume 1* (H. W. Wilson Co., 1949).

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of the Green family from 1861 to 1863, mainly family correspondence. The main correspondent in this collection is Fannie Green. She wrote to her mother (22 letters, 1862), her father (1 letter, 1862), and to her brother, William C. Green (1 letter, 1862). The letters to her mother and father are filed together chronologically. Fannie Green also kept a journal which dated from March 1862-May 1863. These letters and journal were written while on a visit to Washington, during the time she spent at Newport News, Virginia, taking care of her wounded brother, William C. Green, and upon their subsequent return to Michigan. Included in the journal are descriptions of daily life and accounts of individuals she met and stayed with. Of particular note is an entry of a letter she received from her brother dated May 9, 1862 written from a camp near Williamsburg in which he describes in great detail the Battle of Williamsburg.

Other correspondence includes letters to Fannie Green from William C. Green (5 letters, 1861-1862) and other correspondents (4 letters, 1862). The remaining correspondence is from William C. Green to his mother (4 letters, 1861-1862) and to his father (1 letter, 1861). These letters are also filed together chronologically.

Also found in this collection are a military pass issued to Fannie Green, August 22, 1862, to visit her brother; a cabinet card photograph of Sanford Moon Green, undated; and a uncompleted furlough pass, October 2, 1863.

Arrangement Note

Correspondence arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Journal of Fannie Green, 1862 March-1863 May
1	2	Letters to parents from Fannie Green, 1862 April-June
1	3	Letters to parents from Fannie Green, 1862 July-August, undated
1	4	Letters to William C. Green from Fannie Green, 1862
1	5	Letters to Fannie Green from William C. Green, 1861-1862
1	6	Letters to Fannie Green from other correspondents, 1862
1	7	Military pass for Fannie Green, 1862
1	8	Letters to parents from William C. Green, 1861-1862
1	9	Photograph: Sanford Moon Green (cabinet card), undated
1	10	Uncompleted furlough pass, 1863
