

NAILER, GEORGE W., 1837-1864.

George W. Nailer papers, 1824-1864

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Nailer, George W., 1837-1864.
Title: George W. Nailer papers, 1824-1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 359
Extent: .25 linear feet (1 box) ; 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the papers of Union soldier George W. Nailer who served in the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment during the Civil War, as well as typescripts of his correspondence and diary.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

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Additional Physical Form

Typescript copies of the correspondence and diary (October 1862 - August 1863) are available.

Source

Loaned for microfilming, 1960.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], George W. Nailer papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing

Processed by EK, 1961.

Collection Description

Biographical Note

George W. Nailer was a schoolteacher in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He served in the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment during the Civil War. Sometime after September 26, 1863 he was captured. He died in prison at Andersonville, Georgia, sometime in 1864. He held the rank of sergeant and seems to have been in Maryland and Virginia most of the time until his capture.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the papers of George W. Nailer from 1824-1864. The collection also includes typescripts of 14 letters written by Nailer to relatives, 1862 - 1864, and a diary, October 1862 - August 1863. The letters describe conditions of life in the army, food, clothing, shelter, his reactions to the war, military activities, etc. He was in military action at Winchester, Virginia in June 1863 when the Union forces were driven out of that town and in September 1863 he participated in the engagement at Culpepper, Virginia. In his last letter, written in May 1864 from prison at Andersonville, Georgia, he speaks of being unwell and failing rapidly.

The second part of the collection, consists of two letters: May 26, 1824, John Danner, Greencastle [Maryland ?] to Philip Hiday (?) and Jacob D. Danner, Lewisberry, York County [Pennsylvania]; and letters unsigned, dated March 11, 1845, to George W. Bready, Cumberland County [Pennsylvania] from an unidentified person in Hagerstown, Maryland. (George Nailer's sister married a Danner; apparently these letters came into the possession of Nailer's family through her); 5 manuscript essays, 4 of them apparently written by Nailer while in school or teaching; 1 manuscript diary, August 24 [1862] -October 16 [1862] kept by George W. Nailer just before he enlisted while he was teaching; 2 class registers kept by Nailer; a manuscript book of words to songs written by Nailer; a copy of "Mitchell's School Atlas," 1860; and 6 family photographs.

Container List

Typescripts

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, 1862-1864
1	2	Diary, 1862-1863

Microfilm

MF1	1	Letter, 1 p., May 26, 1824, Greencastle; John Danner to Philip Hiday (?) and Jacob D. Danner, Lewisburg (?), York County, [Pennsylvania].
MF1	2	Letter, 2 p., March 11, 1845, Hagerston, Maryland; unsigned. To George W. Bready, Cumberland County.
MF1	3	Manuscript, "Rules of School," one sheet written on both sides, apparently by George W. Nailer. Undated.
MF1	4	Manuscript, "Habits By G. W. Nailer," one sheet written on both sides, undated. At the end of the brief essay is written, in another hand, "Very well done. I am glad to see you have so much firmness."
MF1	5	Manuscript., "Forgiveness." One page, signed "Nailer," dated on back May 12, 1862.
MF1	6	Manuscript, "A Teacher's Duties." Three folded sheets, written on 6 pages, apparently by George W. Nailer. Undated.
MF1	7	Manuscript, "For Would be Conversationalists." One page. Undated. On back of page is written the name "L. C. Danner, Mt Holly Sprgs, Cumbd Co, Pa." This message does not seem to be in George Nailer's hand.
MF1	8	Diary, starting August 24 [1862] and ending Cot. 16 [1862], just before Nailer enlisted in the U. S. army. Nailer was teaching school at this time. The diary is written in a "Common School Writing Book."
MF1	9	"George W. Nailer's Class Register, February 24, 1862," written in a school writing book. Class records. The age of Nailer's pupils ranged from 5 to 19.
MF1	10	A second class register, for October and November 1861.
MF1	11	A book of words to songs, some apparently written by Nailer, written by him in a school writing book; written on the cover is "George W. Nailer, Marion Select School, Creason Cumb. County Pennsylvania. April 11th, 1862."
MF1	12	Mitchell's School Atlas: Comprising the Maps and Tables Designed to Accompany Mitchell's School and Family Geography. Philadelphia, 1860. Inscribed "George Nailer's Atlas, Cumberland County Normal School, July 24th 1860." The entire atlas is filmed along with the rest of the material.
MF1	13	Photographs: 1. George W. Nailer. 2. George W. Nailer's father. 3. Nailer's mother. 4. Nailer's brother, Charles. 5. Joseph Rudy, mentioned in Nailer's diary, also died at Andersonville. 6. George W. Nailer's sister, Caroline Alice Nailer, who married a Danner, in a group portrait with seven unidentified women.
