

**PEIRSON, EDWIN C., B. 1840.**  
**Edwin C. Peirson papers, 1851-1906 (bulk 1861-1865)**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Peirson, Edwin C., b. 1840.  
**Title:** Edwin C. Peirson papers, 1851-1906 (bulk 1861-1865)  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 421  
**Extent:** 1 microfilm reel (MF)  
**Abstract:** Microfilm copy of the papers of farmer and Union soldier Edwin C. Peirson of Waterloo, New York including correspondence, discharges, a recommendation, a certificate, and a document, who served in the 85th New York Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

**Restrictions on Access**

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**Source**

Loaned for microfilming, 1963.

**Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], Edwin C. Peirson papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

**Processing**

Processed by MRD, 1963.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Edwin C. Peirson was born in Waterloo, New York, and lived there as a farmer. He enlisted in Company G, 85th New York Infantry Regiment on October 29, 1861 and reenlisted in December 1863 at Plymouth, North Carolina as a "Veteran Volunteer." Most of his service was in the vicinity of Fort Monroe, Virginia, and Plymouth, North Carolina. His duty consisted largely of garrison duty, scouting and skirmishing, with relatively little combat and no participation in major battles. He became orderly sergeant of Company G, 85th New York Infantry Regiment, and in September 1863 received a commission as lieutenant. But, before he could be mustered as lieutenant, he was captured at Plymouth, North Carolina, April 20, 1864 and held prisoner until March 7, 1865 when he escaped from prison at Charleston, South Carolina. Peirson had a brother, Albert, who was wounded while serving in another regiment.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the papers Edwin C. Peirson from 1851 to 1906. The collection includes 22 letters by Peirson to his parents; 1 letter by Samuel B. Adams Capt. 85th New York Infantry Regiment, December 9, 1864; 2 discharges; a letter to Major Adrian Terry, 10th Army Corps asking for an opportunity to "muster" his commission as Lieutenant, dated April 30, 1865; a note of recommendation from New York State Senator John Raines, January 3, 1906; a membership certificate in the National Association Union Ex-Prisoners of War, and a manuscript document reconveying a lot, dated February 6, 1851, by Thomas Carter to Garret Conyes [having no apparent connection with the collection.]

### **Arrangement Note**

Correspondence arranged in chronological order.

