Hezron George Day Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Hezron George Day Papers
Span Dates: 1862-1984
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1862-1863)
ID No.: MSS86248
Creator: Day, Hezron George, 1842-1932
Extent: 50 items ; 1 container ; .4 linear foot
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Union army soldier and pharmacist. Correspondence, receipts, photographs, and genealogical reports relating chiefly to Day's service as a private in the 16th Vermont Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army, during the Civil War.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Day family--Genealogy.
Day family.
Day, George Calvin, 1871-1940.
Day, Hezron George, 1842-1932.
Day, Jerusha, approximately 1843-

Organizations
United States. Army. Vermont Infantry Regiment, 16th (1862-1863)
United States. Army.--Military life.
United States. Army.--Officers.

Subjects
Fourth of July celebrations.
Frontier and pioneer life--Idaho.
Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863.
Irrigation--Idaho.

Places
Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Pennsylvania--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Richfield (Idaho)--History.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Supplies and stores.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Vermont--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations
Pharmacists.
Soldiers.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Hezron George Day were given to the Library of Congress by Day's great-granddaughter, Helen Lojek in 2018.

Additional Guides
Transcriptions of Hezron George Day's letters written during the Civil War are available on the Vermont in the Civil War website, https://vermontcivilwar.org/units/16/day-letters.php.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Hezron George Day is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Hezron George Day are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Hezron George Day Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1862-1863</td>
<td>Private, C Company, 16th Vermont Infantry Regiment, United States Army</td>
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<td>1870</td>
<td>Married Jerusha French (died 1916)</td>
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<td>1890</td>
<td>Moved to Beatrice, Neb., opened a pharmacy</td>
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<td>Died, Lincoln, Neb.</td>
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Scope and Content Note
The papers of Hezron George Day span the years 1862 to 1984. The bulk of the material dates between 1862 and 1863, during which time Day served as a private in Vermont’s 16th Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. The papers are arranged alphabetically by material type.

The collection primarily focuses on Hezron George Day's service in the Union army during the Civil War and comprises weekly letters written by Day from various army encampments around Virginia and Maryland to his parents in Tyson Furnace, Vermont. Topics addressed in the correspondence include camp life, provisions, the regiment’s quarters, the surrounding area, weather, and opinions of the officers. Other subjects include Confederate General Robert E. Lee’s Pennsylvania campaign, the Battle of Gettysburg, and 4th of July celebrations following the Union victory. Related to Day’s army service is a memoir dictated in 1928 describing his recollections of the Battle of Gettysburg.
These papers also contain documents related to other members of the Day family. Material includes a series of receipts recording payments made to George W. Day from the estate of Polly Leslie, photocopies of family photographs, and a letter from Hezron George Day’s daughter-in-law, Edith Robbins Day, describing her experiences at a camp in Richfield, Idaho in 1908, where her husband, Warren French Day, was running a dragline as the area’s irrigation system was developed. Several genealogical reports featuring Hezron and Jerusha Day’s children, especially George Calvin Day, who rose to the rank of rear admiral in the United States Navy, are also included in this collection.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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