

**Joseph Bloomfield Osborn Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Joseph Bloomfield Osborn Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1862-1865

**ID No.:** MSS35253

**Creator:** Osborn, Joseph Bloomfield

**Extent:** 295 items

**Extent:** 1 container

**Extent:** 0.4 linear feet

**Extent:** 2 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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**Summary:** Soldier and sailor. Mainly Civil War correspondence of Osborn, who served in Company F, 26th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry and in the U.S. Navy, together with a biographical sketch of Osborn.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Landau, Louise--Correspondence.

Osborn family--Correspondence.

Osborn, Joseph Bloomfield, 1842-1876.

### Organizations

Confederate States of America. Army.

United States. Army--Military life.

United States. Army--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.

United States. Army.

United States. Army. New Jersey Infantry Regiment, 26th (1862-1863)

United States. Navy. North Atlantic Blockading Squadron (1861-1865)

United States. Navy. South Atlantic Blockading Squadron (1861-1865)

United States. President (1861-1865 : Lincoln). Emancipation Proclamation.

Vanderbilt (Side-wheel steamer)

### Subjects

Chancellorsville, Battle of, Chancellorsville, Va., 1863.

Enslaved persons--Emancipation--United States.

Fredericksburg, Battle of, Fredericksburg, Va., 1862.

Peninsular Campaign, Va., 1862.

### Places

Fort Fisher (N.C. : Fort)--Capture, 1865.

Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

North Carolina--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Naval operations.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Psychological aspects.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

### Occupations

Sailors.

Soldiers.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Joseph Bloomfield Osborn, soldier and sailor, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1935 and augmented by a gift of Roy F. Nichols in 1944.

## Processing History

The papers of Joseph Bloomfield Osborn were processed in 1965 and prepared for microfilming in 1987. The finding aid was revised in 2005.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joseph Bloomfield Osborn is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Joseph Bloomfield Osborn 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.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on two reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Joseph Bloomfield Osborn Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Joseph Bloomfield Osborn (1842-1876) span the years 1862-1865 and consist mainly of Civil War correspondence of Osborn, who served in Company F, 26th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry and in the U.S. Navy, together with a biographical sketch of Osborn.

The papers describe enlistments, camp life, training, and marches in Maryland and Virginia. Other topics include discipline and morale, the attitude and condition of Confederate prisoners of war, casualties, and the effect of the Emancipation of Proclamation on federal troops. Included are details on the Peninsular, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville campaigns; Osborn's service aboard the *Vanderbilt* in the North Atlantic and the South Atlantic Blockading Squadrons; and the Fort Fisher expedition of January 1865.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

## Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 19,609

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 1 not filmed	Biographical material
BOX 1 REEL 1	Family correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 1	Osborn, Charles, 1862-1865
BOX 1 REEL 1	Osborn, Elias, 1862-1865 (2 folders)
BOX 1 REEL 1	Osborn, James H., 1864
BOX 1 REEL 1	Osborn, Joseph M., 1862-1863
BOX 1 REEL 1	Osborn, Martha, 1862-1863
BOX 1 REEL 1	Osborn, Mary M., 1862-1865
BOX 1 REEL 1	Osborn family, 1862-1865
BOX 1 REEL 2	Personal correspondence, Louise Landau, 1862-1865 (3 folders)
BOX 1 REEL 2	General correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 2	Cains, Sarah, 1861-1864
BOX 1 REEL 2	Whipple, John H., 1862
BOX 1 REEL 2	Miscellaneous, 1854-1865 (2 folders)