Joseph Bloomfield Osborn Papers
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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.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mn79035253
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. South Atlantic Blockading Squadron (1861-1865)
Vanderbilt (Side-wheel steamer)

Subjects
Chancellorsville, Battle of, Chancellorsville, Va., 1863.
Fredericksburg, Battle of, Fredericksburg, Va., 1862.
Peninsular Campaign, 1862.
Slaves--Emancipation--United States.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joseph Bloomfield Osborn is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

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