

Nathaniel D. Hackett Correspondence
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Collection Summary

Title: Nathaniel D. Hackett Correspondence

Span Dates: 1853-1947

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1861-1899)

ID No.: MSS85769

Creator: Hackett, Nathaniel D. (Nathaniel Davis), 1839-1923

Extent: 400 items

Extent: 4 containers

Extent: 1.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Union Army soldier. Chiefly Civil War correspondence of Hackett while serving with the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery Regiment. Includes the correspondence of Edith Hackett Cramer, Carrie Fern Hackett, and Millicent Hackett Maloney, the daughters of Nathaniel D. Hackett.

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

Cramer, Edith Hackett, 1874-1964--Correspondence.

Hackett family.

Hackett, Carrie Fern, 1878- --Correspondence.

Hackett, Nathaniel D. (Nathaniel Davis), 1839-1923.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Assassination.

Maloney, Millicent Hackett, 1870-1934--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Army--Military life.

United States. Army. Wisconsin Heavy Artillery Regiment, 1st (1861-1865). Company M.

Subjects

Education--United States.

Public schools--United States.

Places

United States--History--1865-1921.

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

United States--Social life and customs.

Washington (D.C.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Wisconsin--History--19th century.

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

Wisconsin--Social life and customs.

Titles

Nathaniel D. Hackett papers

Nathaniel Davis Hackett papers

Occupations

Soldiers.

Provenance

The correspondence of Nathaniel D. Hackett, Union Army soldier, was purchased by the Library of Congress in 2012.

Other Repositories

The correspondence of Ephraim L. Hackett, Nathaniel D. Hackett's uncle, can be found at Middlebury College, Special Collections & Archives.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The correspondence of Nathaniel D. Hackett is 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, Nathaniel D. Hackett Correspondence, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1839, Oct. 18	Born, New Vineyard, Maine
1864	Enlisted, Company M, 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery
1865-1880	Farmer, Fairfield Township, Wis.
1868, Dec. 26	Married Carrie Brown
1870	Born, Millicent Hackett (daughter)
1874	Born, Edith Hackett (daughter)
1876	Born, Ephraim Leonard Hackett (son)
1878	Born, Carrie Fern Hackett (daughter)
1880-1901	Employed by C. L. Coleman of La Crosse, Wis., a lumber business
1883	Moved to Baraboo, Wis.
1901	Retired Member, Grand Army of the Republic
1923	Died, Baraboo, Wis.

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence of Nathaniel Davis Hackett, Union Army soldier, spans the years 1853-1947 with the bulk concentrated in the period 1861-1899. The largest part of Hackett's correspondence is comprised of letters received from family and friends back home during his Civil War service in Company M, 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery from 1864 to 1865 as well as the immediate postwar years to the 1890s. This correspondence describes daily life including news of family and friends, courtships, funerals, and illnesses as well as reactions to the war and historic events such as the

assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. It also depicts camp life and Hackett's impressions of Washington, D.C., in 1864.

The collection also contains the correspondence of Edith Hackett Cramer, Carrie Fern Hackett, and Millicent Hackett Maloney, Nathaniel D. Hackett's daughters. Although the correspondence includes material from 1940 to 1947, the bulk of the material is from the period 1890-1899 and describes home life, their work as teachers in the Wisconsin public school system, and current events.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Hackett, Nathaniel D.
BOX 1	Sent
BOX 1	Baldwin, Frederick B. and Sarah, 1864
BOX 1	Hackett, Caroline Brown (wife), 1889 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, 1858-1871
BOX 1	Received
BOX 1	Baldwin, Frederick B. and Sarah, 1864
BOX 1	Crosby, W. W., 1861-1867
BOX 1	Family, miscellaneous, 1854, 1868-1871, 1879, 1898-1899, 1912-1913
BOX 1	Hackett, Caroline Brown (wife), 1865, 1872-1879, 1897-1901, undated (5 folders)
BOX 1	Hackett, Ephraim Leonard (son), 1898-1899, 1916
BOX 1	Hackett, Joseph L. (cousin), 1862
BOX 1	Hackett, Lizzie (cousin), 1860-1866 (2 folders)
BOX 2	(3 folders)
BOX 2	Hackett, Martha Johnson (mother), 1864-1866 (3 folders)
BOX 2	Hackett, Oscar H. (brother), 1864-1865
BOX 2	Halsted, James H., 1859-1860
BOX 2	Johnson, Lucy (aunt), 1864-1865
BOX 2	Luce, Emily Hackett (sister), 1864-1865, 1871, 1877, 1899, 1901 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Luce, Mary Hackett (sister), 1853, 1861-1866, 1872, undated (4 folders)
BOX 2	McGuire, Maggie, 1862
BOX 2	Miles, Marion, 1862-1865 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Miscellaneous, 1862-1871, 1878-1883, 1901-1906, 1912, 1919 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Nay, O. J., 1860-1861
BOX 3	Plummer, Amanda, 1861-1862, 1871
BOX 3	Vaughn, Augusta (cousin) and R. P., 1855-1865
BOX 3	Von, Gus and Rebecca, 1859-1862
BOX 3	Vrooman, Florence, 1901, 1911-1918 (4 folders)
BOX 3	Unidentified, "Barbara," 1865
BOX 3	Miscellany
BOX 3	Envelopes, 1860-1865, 1881, undated
BOX 3	Military pass, 1865
BOX 3	Cramer, Edith Hackett (daughter)

Container List

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BOX 3	Sent
BOX 3	Hackett, Caroline Brown, 1899
BOX 3	Maloney, Millicent Hackett, 1898-1899
BOX 3	Unidentified, undated
BOX 3	Received
BOX 3	Family, miscellaneous, 1895-1896
BOX 3	Hackett, Carrie Fern, 1945 (1 folder)
BOX 4	(1 folder)
BOX 4	Holden, Helene, 1895-1897
BOX 4	Miscellaneous, 1895-1897, 1940-1947 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Myers, Maude Estelle, 1895-1897
BOX 4	Maloney, Millicent Hackett (daughter)
BOX 4	Sent
BOX 4	Cramer, Edith Hackett, 1896, 1944
BOX 4	Hackett, Nathaniel D., 1901, undated
BOX 4	Unidentified, 1895
BOX 4	Received
BOX 4	Hackett, Caroline Brown, 1898-1899, undated
BOX 4	Luce, Emily Hackett, 1899
BOX 4	Miscellaneous, 1863, 1946, undated