Collection Summary

Title: John Carvel Arnold Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1856-1937
Bulk Dates: 1864-1875
ID No.: MSS11205
Creator: Arnold, John Carvel, 1833-1865
Extent: 190 items
Extent: 1 container
Extent: .4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78011205
Summary: Laborer and Union soldier. Principally correspondence of Arnold with his wife, Mary Ann Arnold, while he served in the 49th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment during the Civil War, and Mary Ann Arnold's postwar correspondence with their children.

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
Arnold family--Correspondence.
Arnold family.
Arnold, Carrie E. (Carrie Emillia), 1863-1945--Correspondence.
Arnold, Edwin S., 1856-1923--Correspondence.
Arnold, Grant S. (Grant Snoke), 1860-1905--Correspondence.
Arnold, Idabell, 1858--Correspondence.
Arnold, John Carvel, 1833-1865.
Arnold, John S. (John Sheridan), 1865--Correspondence.
Arnold, Mary Ann, 1833-1911--Correspondence.
Arnold, Mary Ann, 1833-1911.
Arnold, Mary M. (Mary Mildred), 1862-1921--Correspondence.
Early, Jubal Anderson, 1816-1894.
Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1831-1888.

Organizations
Confederate States of America. Army.
McAlisterville Soldiers' Orphan School.
United States. Army
United States. Army--Pay, allowances, etc.
United States. Army. Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)
United States. Army. Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 83rd (1861-1865)

Subjects
Appomattox Campaign, 1865.
Boydton Plank Road, Battle of, Va., 1864.
Cold Harbor, Battle of, Va., 1864.
Copperhead movement.
Education--Pennsylvania.
Maryland Campaign, 1864.
Peace movements--United States.
Schools--Pennsylvania--McAlisterville.
Shenandoah Valley Campaign, 1864 (August-November)
Spotsylvania Court House, Battle of, Va., 1864.
Wilderness, Battle of the, Va., 1864.

Places
Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
McAlisterville (Pa.)--History.
Pennsylvania--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Pennsylvania--Social life and customs.
Petersburg (Va.)--History--Siege, 1864-1865.
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Protest movements.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Women.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Washington (D.C.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Titles
*John Carvel Arnold Papers at the Library of Congress*

Occupations
Laborers.
Soldiers.

Acquisition Information

The papers of John Carvel Arnold, laborer and Union soldier, were given to the Library of Congress by J. R. Arnold in 1937.

Processing History

The John Carvel Arnold Papers were processed circa 1970. The finding aid was created in 2014. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Carvel Arnold 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.

Online Content

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John Carvel Arnold Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>Born, Union County (later part of Snyder County), Pa. (Some sources list Arnold's birth year as 1831)</td>
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<td>1856, Aug. 3</td>
<td>Married Mary Ann Snoke (1833-1911)</td>
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<td>1863, Nov. 8</td>
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<td>1864, Feb.</td>
<td>Enlisted as a private, Company I, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry</td>
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<td>Promoted to corporal</td>
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<td>Killed in action at Sailor's (or Sailors, Sayler's) Creek, Va.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Carvel Arnold (1833-1865) span the years 1856-1937, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1864-1875. The collection consists principally of correspondence of Arnold with his wife, Mary Ann Arnold, while he served in Company I, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, and in which he records his views on the military situation in Virginia and Maryland (1864-1865), the Copperheads, the rebels, army rations and pay, family finances, and her problems of maintaining a home and educating the children. The correspondence between Mary Ann Arnold and her children dates primarily from the time of the children's attendance at the McAlisterville Soldiers' Orphan School after the Civil War. Mary Ann Arnold was unable to write, thus none of the correspondence in the collection is in her own handwriting.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material.
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