John Carvel Arnold Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: John Carvel Arnold Papers  
Span Dates: 1856-1937  
Bulk Dates: (bulk 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, while he served in the 49th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment during the Civil War, and Mrs. 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, Carvel.  
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
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Occupations
Laborers.
Soldiers.

Provenance
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.

Copyright Status
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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
Biographical Note

Date                      Event
1833                      Born, Union County (later part of Snyder County), Pa. (Some sources list Arnold's birth year as 1831)
1856, Aug. 3              Married Mary Ann Snoke (1833-1911)
1856, Nov. 12             Son Edwin Arnold born (died 1923)
1858, Aug. 23             Daughter Idabell Arnold born
1860, Mar. 18             Son Grant Arnold born
1862, Jan. 3              Daughter Mary Arnold born
1863, Nov. 8              Daughter Carrie Arnold born
1864, Feb.                Enlisted as a private, Company I, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry
1865, Mar. 10             Promoted to corporal
1865, Apr. 6              Killed in action at Sailor's (or Sailors, Sayler's) Creek, Va.
1865, Dec. 4              Son John S. Arnold born

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, 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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