

## 16<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry Regiment Records (1861-1863)

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### History

The 16<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry regiment consisted of 1247 men from three counties in Northern New York State. These included companies A, B, F, G, H, and K from St. Lawrence County, C, D, and E from Clinton County, and I from Franklin County. On May 10, 1861, Thomas A. Davies was assigned as the colonel of the 16<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. Davies was chosen because he had a military education, being a graduate of West Point and was a native of St. Lawrence County. The 16<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry regiment would serve two years in the United States Army and was mustered in on May 15, 1861, in Albany, NY.

Thomas A. Davies served as colonel of the 16<sup>th</sup> from May 15, 1861, to March 7, 1862, when he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and went on to command the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> divisions of the west Tennessee army. Following Davies, Joseph Howland was promoted to commanding colonel of the 16<sup>th</sup> and served as colonel until September 28, 1862, when he resigned because of wounds received in the battle of Gaines's Mill. He was later promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. The final colonel to command the 16<sup>th</sup> was Joel J. Seaver who commanded from September 29, 1862–May 22, 1863, when he was mustered out. The majority of the 16<sup>th</sup> infantry was mustered out on May 14, 1863. One hundred and twenty-six members of the regiment were assigned to the 121<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment to complete their service.

### Major Battles Involving the 16<sup>th</sup>

<u>Battle of</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Commanding Colonel</u>
Bull Run	July 21, 1861	Davies
West Point	May 7, 1862	Howland
Gaines's Mill	June 27, 1862	``
Glendale	June 30, 1862	``
Crampton's Pass	Sept. 14, 1862	``
Antietam	Sept. 17, 1862	``
Salem Church	May 3, 1863	Seaver

### Scope and Content

This collection consists of two series. Series one contains letters, orders, and reports dating from April 3, 1862 to December 31, 1867 mostly written by the members of the 16<sup>th</sup> New York State Infantry regiment. The majority of the letters in this series are addressed to one of the three men who served as colonel to the 16<sup>th</sup>, Davies, Howland, or Seaver. Out of the letters addressed to these former colonels most are to Howland. Davies, Howland, and Seaver have written some of the letters in response to requests that they have received from former members of the 16<sup>th</sup> wanting advice about a certain situation that has arisen or updating the colonel on what has been occurring within the ranks of the infantry. The rest of the letters are addressed to other members of the army such as majors or captains, and a few are addressed to Col. Howland's wife. This series also contains two letters written by other soldiers from different regiments and some newspaper clippings.

Series Two contains records and forms dating from September 1861 through May Tenth 1863 (The 16<sup>th</sup> NY regiment was mustered-out May 14<sup>th</sup> 1863) along with records with no dates. Some of these documents are of "A" company of the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment while others list no affiliation; no other company or regiment are mentioned. Included in this series are Muster Rolls, Muster-Out Rolls, Clothing Reports, Ordinance Reports, , Quartermasters reports, etc. In addition, this series contains four blank forms.

**Provenance: Series 1:** Gift of Mary Smallman, January 2002.

**Series 2:** Purchased from Tim Strong, November, 2004.

### For more information on the 16<sup>th</sup> NYSV

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/2101/16index.html>

Curtis, Newton M. *From Bull Run to Chancellorsville; the story of the Sixteenth New York Infantry...*

New York, London, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1906.

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## Description of Series

Box	Year	Date	From	To	Type of Document
1	1862	April 3	B.G. Thomas A. Davies	Col. Joseph Howland	Report
	"	May 7	-----	-----	"List of casualties"
	"	May 8	Lt. Simon C. Vedder	Col. Joseph Howland	Report
	"	"	Col. Joseph Howland	Gen. James Newton	"
	"	May ?	? Woosley	Col. Joseph Howland	"
	"	May 23	Dr. James Robertson	Mrs. Curtis ?	Letter
	"	June 27	P. Van Ness	J.K. Seaver ?	"List of casualties"
	"	"	Myran Van Ornum	J.K. Seaver ?	Report
	"	"	Srgt. James Hamilton	J.K. Seaver ?	"List of casualties"
	"	June 28	Joel Seaver	Robert P. Wilson	Report
	"	"	Maj. Joel J. Seaver	-----	"List of casualties"
	"	"	Lt. R. Corliss	Maj. Joel J. Seaver	"
	"	July 4	Capt William W. Wood	Col. Joseph Howland	"
	"	"	Capt. F. C. Tapley	"	"
	"	"	Charles Bently	Maj. Joel J. Seaver	"
	"	July 5	Maj. Joel J. Seaver	Col. Joseph Howland	"
	"	"	Capt. D. A. Nevin	?	"
	"	"	Lt. Simon C. Vedder	Maj. Joel J. Seaver	"
	"	"	Lt. Albert M. Barney	Maj. Joel J. Seaver	"
*	"	July 7	Col. J. J. Bartlett	Capt. H.C. Rodgers	"
	"	July 9	W. R. Hopkins	Col. Joseph Howland	"
	"	"	W. R. Hopkins	"	Letter
	"	"	Mrs. C. E. Moore	Mrs. Howland	"
	"	July 12	Lt. C. W. Woosley	Col. Joseph Howland	"
	"	July 18	Mrs. H. S. Marsh	Mrs. Howland	"
	"	"	Dr. M Crandall	Col. Joseph Howland	"
	"	July 20	Peter L. Van Ness	"	"
	"	July 27	Lt. Henry T. Sanford	Maj. Joel J. Seaver	Report
	"	July 29	Capt. David A. Nevin	Col. Joseph Howland	Letter
	"	July 30	S. C. Wead ?	"	"
	"	Aug. 26	Andrew M. Miller (Chap)	Mrs. Howland	"
	"	"	Maj. Frank Palmer	Col. Joseph Howland	Report
	"	Aug. 28	Col. Joseph Howland	Gen. William B. Franklin	"
	"	Sept. 9	Maj. Frank Palmer	Col. Joseph Howland	Letter
	"	Sept. 14	-----	-----	"List of casualties"
	"	"	"	"	" "
	"	"	"	"	" "
	"	Oct. 7	Maj. Frank Palmer	Col. Joseph Howland	Letter
	"	Oct. 17	Lt. Pliny Moore	"	"
	"	Oct. 24	J. K. Seaver	"	Report
	"	Oct. 26	Gen. John Rawlins	No Addressee	Orders (page from book)
	"	Oct. 27	Col. Joseph Howland	J. K. Seaver	Letter
	"	"	B. G. Thomas A. Davies	-----	Orders (page from book)
	"	Oct. 29	"	Col. Joseph Howland	Letter
	"	Nov. 20	Andrew M. Miller ?	Mrs. Elizabeth Howland	"
	"	Dec. 21	William B. Crandall	Col. Howland	"
	"	Dec. 24	Maj. Frank Palmer	Col. Joseph Howland	"
	1863	Jan. 3	Dr. W.B. Crandall	"	"

	''	''	M. Wilson ?	Col. Joseph Howland	Letter	
	''	Mar. 3	Henry Stafford	''	Letter	
	''	May 8	Col. Joseph Howland	Members of the 16 <sup>th</sup>		''
	''	May 9	Col. Woolley R. Hopkins	Mrs. Howland		''
*	''	May 11	Gen. Bartlett	Lt. A. K. Parsons	Report	
	''	June 4	E. D. Morgan	Col. Joseph Howland	Letter	
	''	Aug. 8	Lt. Col. Frank Palmer	''	Report	
	''	Sept. 15	Miss Jane S. Woosley	''	Letter	
	''	Sept. 28	Capt. Robert P. Wilson	''	''	
	''	Oct. 1	Pliny Moore	''	''	
	''	Oct. 7	Capt. Robert P. Wilson	''	''	
	''	Oct. 23	Maj. C. S. Jones	''	Report	
	''	''	Maj. John C. Gilmore	''	Letter	
	''	Oct. 28	Robert P. Wilson	''	''	
	''	Nov. 21	John C. Gilmore	?	''	
	''	Dec. 1	Pliny Moore	Col. Joseph Howland ?	''	
	''	Dec. 7	Robert P. Wilson	''	''	
	''	Dec. 9	''	''	''	
	''	Dec. 12	Col. E. Lipton	?	''	
	''	Dec. 16	Maj. John C. Gilmore	?	''	
	''	Dec. 18	H. J. Carlton	Col. Joseph Howland	''	
	''	''	Dec. 28	Henry ?	''	''
	1865	June 26	J. D. Judson	''	''	
	1866	Jan. 29	Simon C. Vedder	''	''	
	''	Feb. 1	Miss E. Latimer	''	''	
	''	Mar. 10	''	''	''	
	''	Mar. 14	Joel J. Seaver	Col. Joseph Howland ?	''	
	1867	April 30	Capt. Jonathon C. Gilmore	''	''	
	''	Nov. 15	Lt. Simon C. Vedder	''	''	
	''	Dec. 31	J. C. Gilmore	''	''	
	ND	June 24	Lt. O. B. Flagg ?	''	''	
*	''	?	?	?	''	

**Key:**

\* stands for letters written by soldiers not of the 16<sup>th</sup> regiment.

B. G. stands for Brigadier General

Gen. stands for General

Col. stands for Colonel

Maj. stands for Major

Capt. Stands for Captain

Lt. stands for Lieutenant

----- stands for no name addressed of the document

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**Additional Material:** Two newspaper clippings and a piece of paper with the names of several battles written on it.

**Series 2****Records and Forms** (All for Company A?)

All in Double oversize (Cabinets in Reading Room)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Form No.</b>
1863	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Special Orders Pamphlet (No. 118, 44, 39)	
ND	ND	Pamphlet of Letters to Col. ad Mrs. Howland from Officers Honoring them and the Col's. and his Wife's response letters	
ND	ND	<i>Blank</i> Discharge Pay Form	
ND	ND	<i>Blank</i> Disability Discharge Form	
ND	ND	<i>Blank</i> Discharge Form	
ND	ND	<i>Blank</i> Return Report	
1863	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Quartermasters Report (First Item 3 Knapsacks)	No. 27
1863	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Quartermasters Report (First Item 28 Shelter Tents?)	No. 27
1863	Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ordinance Disposal Report from War Department.	
1863	Apr	Ordinance Report Company A (Converted Quartermasters Report) (First Item 1 Cartridge Box)	No. 27
1863	Apr	Ordinance Report Company A (Converted Quartermasters Report) (First Item 3 Enfield Rifles)	No. 27
186? – 1863	Mar 31 <sup>st</sup> – ? 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ordinance Report Company A	No. 1-a.
1863	Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> - May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ordinance Return Report	
186?-1862	Dec 30 <sup>th</sup> – Jul 15 <sup>th</sup>	Clothing Issued Report Company A	
1862	Oct	Clothing "Accounted For" Report Company A	
ND	ND	Price List for Clothing and Garrison Equipment	
ND	Oct.- Dec	Clothing Issued Report	No. 52
ND	Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> – Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Clothing Issued Report	No. 52
1861	Sept–Oct	Muster Roll Company A (Converted from Muster-Out Roll)	
1862	Apr 30 <sup>th</sup> – Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Muster Roll Company A	
1863	Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>	Muster Roll of Company A	
1862	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> - Feb 28th	Muster-Out Roll Company A	
ND	ND	Muster Out Roll	