

# Wetherell Family Papers, 1830-1900

Ms. Collection # 93

7.5 linear ft

## Biographical

The Wetheralls moved from Vermont to Russell, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. in the early 1800's. Some family members moved west to Illinois, Kansas, and Wisconsin. Two sons, Willard and Darius enlisted in the 60th N.Y. Volunteers and fought in the civil war.

## Scope & Content

The Wetherall Family Papers consist of approximately 1200 letters, 1 civil war diary by Willard Wetherall, 100 photographs and dozens of printed ephemera spanning the period 1790-1930; with the bulk of the collection from 1830-1900. This collection documents the lives of several St. Lawrence County families including the Coltons, Hatchs, and Randalls, the social and cultural history of the county, as well as the ethnic history of the settlers responsible for the westward expansion of the United States

Included in these papers is a civil war diary and 20 letters written by Willard Wetherall who, with his brother Darius, enlisted in the 60th NY Volunteers at Ogdensburg in 1861 and were stationed in Baltimore and Harper's Ferry guarding rail lines. The letters detail camp life in the Union Army: foods served, company morale, names of local boys killed or deserting, "sesh" in Maryland, Confederate prisoners and many colorful stories. These are the writings of a literate, well-traveled young man.

## Provenance

Purchased with a generous gift from Eloise H. De Falco from Tom Jenison, bookseller.

## Box / Folder

- 1 To/From Sophrina  
1848, 1849, 1854, 1859, 1862, 1864, 1868, 1871-1878, 1880-1892, 1895,  
Questionable Dates
- 2 To Bradford Wetherell  
1870, 1875-1878, 1881-1884, 1886, 1887, Questionable Dates  
To/From Charles A. Wetherell  
1841, 1853, 1866, 1868, 1870-1878, Questionable Dates  
To/From R Frost  
1854, 1858, 1858, 1861, 1869, Questionable Dates  
To/From Aurelia  
1841, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1862, 1863, 1886, 1893  
To/From Mr. and Mrs. Colton  
1855, 1856, 1864, 1866  
To/From Hanna Jane  
1839, 1844, 1854, 1856, 1859-1862, 1864-1866, 1869-1872, 1874, 1876, 1878-1881, 1883-1891, 1893, 1899,  
1907, 1909, Questionable Dates
- 3 To/From Willard  
1849, 1852-1861, 1873, 1884, **Civil War Diary**, Questionable Dates  
To/From Alvin  
1864, 1873, 1883. Questionable Dates  
To/From Darius  
1827, 1834, 1841, 1842, 1847, 1859-1861, 1863, 1869, 1874, Questionable Dates  
To/From Loretta  
1852, 1861-1862, 1868-1871, 1873-1878, 1881-1884, 1887-1890, 1893, 1894, 1896,  
Questionable Dates

- 4 To/ From Truman  
1860, 1866-1877, 1879, 1883,1884, 1887, 1890, 1892, 1893, 1902, 1914, 1916,  
Questionable Dates  
To/From Mabel Wetherell, Mrs. Mable Hatch  
1901, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914-1919,1921,1925, 1927-1930,  
Questionable Dates
- 5 To/From Herbert Hatch  
1907, 1910, 1914, 1916, 1924, Questionable Dates  
Postcards  
1925-1930, Questionable Dates  
Unknown People  
1799, 1826, 1839, 1847-1849, 1851, 1854-1863, 1865-1868, 1871-1879,1882, 1885,1886, 1889. 1893, 1894,  
Questionable Dates
- 6 Miscellaneous Papers  
1814, 1854, 1861, 1863-1865, 1873-1877, 1881-1883, 1886,1887, 1894, 1895, 1910, Questionable Dates  
Business Correspondence, Business Ephemera, Health Ephemera, Personal Ephemera  
Personal Manuscript Writings, Genealogy
- 7 Photographs