

Thomas B.W. Stockton Papers
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Description and Provenance

Provenance

Elizabeth Stockton donated the collection in 1959. Roger VanBolt received them. Colonel Thomas B.W. Stockton largely accumulated and created them over the course of his military career. Ancestors such as Jacob Smith and descendants of both men also accumulated and created other records in this collection.

Scope and Content

The records contained in this collection span over two centuries. Their media compose correspondence (with envelopes in some instances), military manuals, a marriage certificate between Louisa Smith and Chauncey S. Payne, a document detailing the estate of Jacob Smith, banking records, a reunion roster for the 16th Michigan Infantry, and newspaper clippings. The majority of the records focus on the early military career and Civil War service of Thomas B.W. Stockton. The records are limited to correspondence and orders received for various assignments after he graduated from West Point in 1827. He initially saw service in the Western Department of the US Army, which oversaw territory between the Mississippi River to California. He later transferred to Washington, D.C. to serve as an assistant quartermaster.

Later service saw him transferred to Detroit to participate in what correspondence describes as construction of the Sagana Road. Stockton resigned in 1837 to assume a civilian post with the Army as an engineer. He left in 1840 and returned in 1844. He sought a commission in the army to raise regiments for the coming Mexican-American War. From there a gap exists until orders were received for him to remove the 16th Michigan to Washington, D.C. in late 1861. Correspondence details his time as a prisoner of war before being paroled and a request to assistance Andrew Johnson in raising three regiments to participate in operations in Tennessee.

Personal aspects of his life remain absent from the records. Other records focus on Jacob Smith, which include correspondence between him and family members. Related to these are correspondence from his children. Later records represent children and other descendants of Stockton and their

efforts to carry on his legacy. These are documented in correspondence and newspaper clippings.

Language of Materials

English.

Dates of Creation or Accumulation

1800 – 1947.

Related Publications

None.

Condition and Physical Description

Physical Characteristics

A single legal-length full Hollinger box and folders in it house the records. It is unknown if these folders are acid-free or not. Mylar sleeves also housed some of the records. The majority of records are paper-based with some photographs present. Photocopies of records exist in the collection. Issues of old newspapers are encapsulated in Mylar.

General Condition Notes

Records in this collection are generally more than 150 years old and, in some instances, more than two centuries. Their overall condition of the collection is considered fair. Records housed in Mylar will remained in it due to fragility. Concern about friction leading to flaking when records rub against each other led to this decision. This is especially the case for the old newspapers. Some of the newspaper clippings are glued to the cardstock. Despite yellowing and age, these clippings remain fitted to the cardstock with no signs of brittleness from the glue.

Extent of Contents

1 linear foot.

Location

SMOD: Manuscripts: Row A: Unit 1: Shelf 5

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Subject Headings

People

Blair, Austin	Hough, James	Stockton, Baylies G.
Campau, Louis	Lancaster, Edward O.	Stockton, Elizabeth C.
Carroll, Elizabeth C.	Lawrence, Mildred E.	Stockton, Maria
Cass, Lewis	McCormick, James	Stockton, Mary
Cranch, William	Payne, Chauncey S.	Stockton, Thomas B.W.
Curtis, Frank E.	Reed, Mary	Stockton, Thomas F.
Curwood, James O.	Robertson, William	Stowe, Lyman
Decker, Grant	Smith, Albert J.	Watson, David
Doyle, John M.	Smith, Caroline	Watson, Polly Maria
Ewings, Ezekiel R.	Smith, Harriet M.	Welch, Norval E.
Garland, Daniel	Smith, Hiram	
Garland, John S.	Smith, Jacob	
Gibney, Abbott M.	Smith, Louisa	

Subjects

16 th Michigan	Garland family	Michigan School for the Deaf
Volunteer Infantry	Genesee County	Owosso, Michigan
Avondale Cemetery	Savings Bank	Sagana Road
Brown Hall	Glenwood Cemetery	Saginaw Road
Citizens National Bank	Kaiden-Kazanjan Studios	Stockton family
Civil War	Libby Prison	United States Army
Daily News	Longstreet family	Virginia
Deas family	Meadow Bridge, Virginia	War Department
Flint Globe	Mexican-American War	Wolverine Citizen
Flint Journal		
Gains Mill, Virginia		

Classification

None.

Search Terms

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Gains Mill, Virginia	War	

Container List

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Correspondence with Abbott Gibney, 1978
 Smith, Jacob autograph
 Jacob Smith, etc. documents
 Jacob Smith and early Flint
 Robertson lot and indenture papers, 1929
 William Cranch, Chief Judge, D.C., Certificate, 1835
 Garland, Deas, Longstreet families
 C.S. Payne
 Photos of Colonel T.B.W. Stockton
 Stockton Genealogy
 Stockton family correspondence
 News articles and letters RE: Death of T.B.W. Stockton
 Documents Re: Pension and death of Mrs. T.B.W. Stockton
 Photos and News clips RE: Home of T.B.W. Stockton
 Army orders and letters
 T.B.W. Stockton – 4 letters, 1846
 News clips RE: Stockton's Regiment, 1861
 Telegram and orders: RE Stockton Reg, 1861
 Porters Division Song
 Manual of Standing Orders (Civil War)

Stockton Letters, 1862

T.B.W. Stockton Civil War Letters to wife, 1862

Col. T.B.W. Stockton, 16th Michigan Infantry

Court martial of Col. Welch; Report to General C.W. Cullam

Rosters of 16th volunteers

Book – 3rd Brigade, Army of the Potomac

Baylies G. Stockton papers

Thomas F. Stockton papers

Correspondence – Elizabeth C. Stockton, 1937 – 1947

News Clips of Adv RE: Antiques

George Washington manuscript

E. Ewings Quit-claim deed

Lancaster lots at Avondale Cemetery

"The Great and Near Great in Old Flint"

Envelopes

Various News Clips RE: early Flint

Ulster County Gazette

The Wolverine Citizen

The Genesee Herald