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Ms. Coll. 5

Samuel Humphrey Turner Papers, 1861-1915, bulk 1861-1865: Guide

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator: Turner, Samuel Humphrey, 1838-1907

Call Number: Ms. Coll. 5

Extent: 1 envelope (21 items)

Preferred Citation Style: *Folder Title, Box Number #.* Samuel Humphrey Turner Papers. State Library of Massachusetts Special Collections.

Provenance: Massachusetts State Archives, March, 1981.

About This Finding Aid: Description based on DACS.

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Abstract: This collection documents Turner's involvement with the United States Army during and after the Civil War.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection focuses on Samuel Turner's involvement with the U.S. Army during and after the Civil War. The papers are divided into three series: family correspondence, army documents, and miscellaneous papers. Family correspondence includes Turner's letters to his family, written during the first three years of the Civil War. Army documents include Turner's official enlistment, discharge and pension papers. Miscellaneous papers include documents from Turner's postwar activities.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel H. Turner (1838-1907) was born in Scituate, Massachusetts, on September 20, 1838. As a volunteer in the Civil War, Turner enlisted in the Massachusetts Infantry, 5th Regiment, Company E, in May, 1861. Turner reenlisted one year later, joining the 39th Regiment of the Massachusetts Infantry, and was promoted to Sergeant. August 19, 1862, Turner married Ellen A. Washburn in Medford, Massachusetts.

Officially discharged from the army June 14, 1865, Turner settled in Medford, Massachusetts, working as a caulker for the Boston Water Department. As an active veteran, Turner became a member and official of the Massachusetts Association of Minute Men of 1861 until his death on March 24, 1907.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Arrangement

The papers are arranged into three series:

Series I: Family Correspondence

Series II: Army Documents

Series III: Miscellaneous Papers

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Languages and Scripts

The collection is entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was received from the Massachusetts State Archives in March, 1981.

Detailed Series Description and Container List

Series I: Family Correspondence, 1861-1863.

Scope and Content

This series is made up of correspondence from Turner to his family members from 1861-1863.

Arrangement

The materials in this series are arranged chronologically.

Folder #	Folder Title
1	1861 July 5
1	1861 July 10
1	1862 February 22
1	1862 September 27
1	1862 October 10
1	1862 December 2
1	1863 April 12
1	1863 April 29

Series II: Army Documents, 1861-1905.

Scope and Content

This series is made up of documents related to Turner's military service.

Arrangement

The materials in this series are arranged chronologically.

Folder #	Folder Title	Date
2	Discharge Certificate (5 th Regiment)	1861 July 31
2	Enlistment Warrant (39 th Regiment)	1862 July 9
2	Discharge Certificate (39 th Regiment)	1865 June 14
2	Widow's Pension Certificate	1905 March 13

Series III: Miscellaneous Papers, 1861-1915.

Scope and Content

This series is made up of materials pertaining to the Massachusetts Association of Minute Men of 1861 and other papers related to Turner's civilian life.

Arrangement

The materials in this series are arranged chronologically with undated material arranged according to estimated date.

Folder #	Folder Title	Date
3	Town of Medford Record of Enlistment	undated
3	Death Certificate	1915 September 12
3	Membership Card, Massachusetts Association of Minute Men of 1861	undated
3	Broadside, Massachusetts Association of Minute Men of 1861	1905 April
4	Cloth included with United States Army Discharge Papers	Undated; ca 1865?