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Root Family. Papers, 1830-1970. Box List
William Harrison Root of Port Byron, Cayuga County, New York, was the father of Helen Isabel Root. A lieutenant in Company B, 75th Regiment, New York Volunteers, he was captured in action at Sabine Pass, Texas in September 1863, and exchanged in July 1864. He was present at every battle of his regiment, being released from enemy prison in time to fight in the battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek.

Summary: Civil War letters and diaries of William Harrison Root, a lieutenant in Company B, 75th Regiment, New York Volunteers. Also a notebook of Root's, clippings, and his account book of Company B, 1861. Also, letters, and typescripts of selected letters and reminiscences, of Helen Isabel Root (Cornell University Class of 1896), a missionary in Ceylon and India. Additional material includes account books, clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, genealogical charts, deeds and other legal documents, and photographs. Material concerns areas of Fort Byron, Cayuga County; Virgil, Cortland County; and Spencer, Tioga County, New York.

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Rough Listing:

January 1978 accession: 

Envelope: 
diary and account book of Mariette Shepherd, c. 1891-1901

group of letters between William Harrison Root and his younger brothers, 1862-1863

two cabinet cards, incomplete identification, 1898, n.d.

letter to Sylvenus Shephard from Manly Shephard, 1848

Folder: 
newspaper, Spencer Herald, December 8, 1887

misc. clippings, c. 1895, 1903

correspondence of Carroll and Alice Root, 1900-1901

homemade account book, 1848-1849, with typed explanatory note

two pages (mss.), 1897 accounts

two pcs. correspondence, 1841, 1856

leaflet on Cornell University Club

leaflet: memoir of Clinton Sumner Burns (printed), 1924

N.Y. Security and Trust Company leaflet, 1903?

misc. genealogical charts and notes

correspondence and notes, c. 1860-1886

marriage certificate of David Brant & Cynthia (sic) Mariah Osburn, 1860

December 1977 accession:

Envelope: 
Isaac Osborn correspondence, 1848, 1840

legal documents (will, deeds), c. 1860-1880

deeds, 1830, 1891

photo of unidentified bridge

contract, 1871
clipping on John W. Lockwood correspondence, 1838, 1862-1864
clipping on William H. Root, 1906
notes on journal of William H. Root (journal of 1863)

November 1977 accession:

White-box (no top):

Journal of William H. Root; journal, 1862 with two letters in front, 1837 [label on front: 1]
hand sewn paper journal [1861]-1862
#3 journal, 1863
#5 journal, 1864, includes two photos
#2 journal, 1863
accounts of "B Company", 1861
notebook, c.1861
clipping on William H. Root correspondence of William Root, c. 1861-1864
Note: needs processing: letters folded in envelopes, envelopes bundled together
clipping on Mt. San Jacinto College Civil War exhibit, 1973

beige-box:

Papers of Helen Isabel Root

Class Discrimination in Ceylon from H.I.R. letters, 1901-1906
H.I.R. letters, 1901-1907 (original), c. 1900
loose page - notes on military service
Shephard letters, c.1830-1840
reproduction of Vicksburg Daily Citizen, 1863
Cornell Era, June 16, 1892
pamphlet: Class Day exercises, 1892
program for 25th C.U. Commencement, 1893
November 1977 accession cont'd.

*yellow-and-white-stripped box:

Manuscript written c.1970 on William H. Root's Civil War experiences. Author unknown?, no date of compilation except "more than a century" after letters and journals were written.