

Finding aid for the Old Third Michigan Association collection Collection 201

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Old Third Michigan Association collection
Date [inclusive]	1862-1996, n.d.
Extent	0.63 Linear feet Two boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Old Third Michigan Association was a veteran's reunion group for the Third Michigan Infantry, which served in the Civil War. This collection contains original documents relating to the association and their annual reunions, including minutes, constitutions, a treasurer's book and correspondence. Also included in the collection are a regimental roster, a few photographs of men who served and reference materials compiled for the study of the Old Third Michigan Association.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

The Third Michigan Infantry left Grand Rapids June 13, 1861 bound for Detroit, and ultimately Washington, D.C. This Civil War unit saw its first action at Blackburns' Ford on July 18, 1861 and covered the retreat of the federal troops from Bull Run on July 21. The regiment participated in McClellan's Peninsular campaign, 1862 and suffered its worst casualties at Fair Oaks, Virginia on May 31, 1862, and at Groveton on August 29, 1862. The next major action for the regiment was at Chancellorsville, Virginia on May 3, 1863, followed by Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, May 5-6, 1864 at the Wilderness and on May 11-12, 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House. The Third ended its military service at Petersburg, Virginia, on June 10, 1864.

Following the war, members of the unit met in annual reunions. This collection documents those reunions.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains minutes, constitutions, treasurer's book and correspondence about upcoming reunions concerning the Old Third Michigan Association, 1870-1927, n.d. Also in the collection is a regiment roster, and photographs of men who served in the Third Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. Of special interest are the "Civil War Letters" by Charles H. Church, published in 1987 and a "History of the Old Third Michigan Infantry" written by Steve Soper, 1996. A photocopy of an unidentified newspaper article from 1861 lists the officers of the unit.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department 1993

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Old Third Michigan Association, 1927; accession number 00.000 (Old collection T1:BH12.1-5)

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

See also Collection 242, the GRPL Civil War Documents Collections

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Michigan Infantry Regiment, 3rd (1864-1866).

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Veterans

General

Collection Inventory

General		
	Box	Folder
Notebook, minutes and constitution 1870-1927. "Records ..." [T1:BH12.5]	1	1
Loose items from pages of "Records..." book	1	1a
Notebook, minutes and constitution 1870-1890. [T1:BH12.1]	1	2
Loose items from pages of above notebook	1	2a
Treasurer's book, 1872-1927. [T1:BH14.5]	1	3
Membership book, 1906-1911, n.d. [T1:BH16.3]	1	4
Roster of the Third Michigan Infantry, n.d. [photocopy of unidentified chart showing Company, Name, age, from, date in, date out, discharge, location, additional information]	1	9
Photocopies of research notes, 1862-1982.	1	10
Bills and receipts, 1909-1927. [T1:BH15.1-2, 6(3)]	1	11

Correspondence

55th reunion invitations, June, 15, 1927. [T1:BH17.2] Ribbons(2)	1	12
Book, "Civil War Letters," by Sgt. Maj. Charles H. Church, 1987. [Acquisition data unknown]	1	13
Photocopy of "Civil War Letters" [Added 7/1999]	1	13a
Co. I. Third Regiment Michigan Volunteers, as told in letters from Stephen L. Lowing to members of his family ... by Dorothy (Hubbard) Skinner, n.d. [Research paper, photocopy]	2	16
From Allegan to Andersonville : Private George Bailey sees the Civil War / by Albert Castel. Michigan History Magazine July/Aug. 1982	2	17
Edgar Clark's Civil War Letters [Copy. From Internet site. 10/13/1996 http://www.izzy.net/~jclark/edgar/ejmain.htm No current weblink found 3/2008]	2	18
Newspaper Article, photocopied. List of Officers of the 3rd Regiment. (ca 1861). [Added 12/1999 Andrea Stadt]	2	19
Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence 1880-1889. [T1:BH11.1-4,6,7,9,11(2),20] [T1:BH14.3,4] [T1:BH16.2]][T1:BH17.1]	1	5
Correspondence 1890-1899. [T1:BH11.3,10,20] [T1:BH12.2]	1	6

3 items by[from] Steve Soper, ca. 1996

Correspondence 1900-1927. [T1:BH11.5(2),8,12-19,21-22(2)] [T1:BH12.3]	1	7
Correspondence. n.d. [T1:BH12.4] [T1:BH16.1]	1	8

3 items by[from] Steve Soper, ca. 1996

	Box	Folder
[1] "Michigan Civil War Regimental Reunion,"	1	14
[2] "History of the Old Third Michigan Infantry"	1	14
[3] List of Old Third Michigan Inf. Ass. Reunion Dates and Places [Computer printouts or typescripts]	1	14
Photographs, ca. 1864. [Copy photos, source of originals unknown]		
	Box	Folder
[1]Carlisle, George L. / George L. Carlisle	2	15
[2]Champlin, Stephen. / Stephen Champlin	2	15
[3]Crotty, Daniel G. / Daniel G. Crotty	2	15
[4]Garrett, Riley. / Riley Garrett	2	15
[5]Murray, Samuel D. / Samuel D. Murray	2	15

Photographs, ca. 1864. [Copy photos, source of originals unknown]

[6]-[7]Pierce, Byron Root. / Bryon Root Pierce	2	15
[8]Smith, Henry D. / Henry D. Smith	2	15
[9]Smith, Sidney B. / Sidney B. Smith	2	15
[10]Tate, Thomas. / Thomas Tate	2	15
[11] Somerset, Thomas / Thomas Somerset	2	15
[12] Tracy, Benjamin C. / Benjamin C. Tracye	2	15