

GEORGE Q. WHITNEY  
CIVIL WAR COLLECTION  
1861-1925

Introduction

This collection of Civil War materials pertains to the 16th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, and Andersonville Prison. The 16th Regiment was organized August 1862 and mustered out of service June 24, 1865. Its engagements included Antietam, Maryland, and Plymouth, North Carolina, where it suffered substantial losses; for the greater part of a year the captured were confined in Andersonville and other southern prisons. One-half died in prison rather than take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy.

Enlisting July 14, 1862, George Q. Whitney was in Company A of the 16th Regiment when he was wounded September 17, 1862, at Antietam. Captured April 20, 1864, at Plymouth, North Carolina, he was one of those sent to Andersonville. He, too, refused to help the Confederacy; and although an expert machinist, remained in the stockade. George Q. Whitney survived Andersonville Prison and in later years was a member of the Andersonville Monument Commission along with Frank W. Cheney and others. He became a contractor at Pratt & Whitney [1890-91 Hartford City Directory], was a Major in the Hartford City Guard and life secretary of the 16th Connecticut Volunteer Association. George Q. Whitney was born April 22, 1843; died August 4, 1925. He is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, Connecticut [Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions].

The records listed below contain original papers kept by various officers in the regiment and collected subsequently by George Q. Whitney. These consist of correspondence, muster rolls, receipts, orders, reports on sick and wounded, final statements concerning soldiers who died at Andersonville and other southern prisons, and returns of clothing, camp and garrison equipage, and ordnance and ordnance stores. The remainder of the collection consists of papers pertaining to the 16th Connecticut Volunteer Association; correspondence between Frank W. Cheney and George Q. Whitney; correspondence between Robert H. Kellogg [who was also at Andersonville] and George Q. Whitney concerning the Association, erection of a monument to those soldiers from Connecticut who died in Andersonville, and a 1907 train trip to Andersonville by Connecticut survivors; military and biographical data on men of the regiment; newspaper clippings; memorabilia, and photographs.

The collection totals 5 feet. It was received as a gift about 1925 from George Q. Whitney or his heirs.

List of Records

- I Papers of various officers collected by George Q. Whitney:
1. Records, 1861-67, of Lieut. Ariel J. Case of Hartford, Conn., Co. H. 16th Regiment, Conn. Volunteers. Boxes 1 & 2  
Correspondence, muster rolls, receipts, orders, reports on sick and wounded, and returns of clothing, camp and garrison equipage and ordnance and ordnance stores.  
10 inches.

2. Records, 1862, 1864-65, of Major Henry L. Pasco. Box 3  
Receipts, invoices, and letter mentioning loss of  
Company A records at capture of Plymouth, April 20,  
1864. (1 folder)
  3. Records, April 1865, of Capt. Noah P. Ives, Commissary Box 3  
of Subsistence, U.S. Volunteers, Point Lookout, Maryland.  
Abstracts of contingencies, disbursements, issues and  
purchases; accounts; receipts; returns of provisions,  
property and subsistence stores. 5 inches.
- II Papers of George Q. Whitney and the 16th Connecticut Volunteer Association
1. Correspondence, 1893-1916, and papers pertaining to 16th Box 4  
Connecticut Volunteer Association affairs, chiefly between  
Frank W. Cheney and George Q. Whitney.  
Includes lists of deceased veterans of 16th Connecticut  
Volunteers buried in Hartford, Conn.; lists of those  
who died while prisoners of war; letters and list of  
those killed and wounded at Antietam. 5 inches.
  2. Correspondence between George Q. Whitney and Robert H. Kellogg, Box 5  
1896-1925.  
Personal letters which also relate to 16th Connecticut  
Volunteer Association affairs, erection of monument to  
those soldiers from Connecticut who died in Andersonville,  
and a 1907 train trip to Andersonville by Connecticut  
survivors. 4 inches.
  3. Notebooks (2) and papers of Leander Wheeler, 1900-1910. Box 5  
Record of 16th Regiment and what became of them.  
1 inch.
  4. List of those having Andersonville Report Books. Box 6  
Alphabetical cards. Probably refer to the volume  
entitled "Dedication of the Monument at Andersonville,  
Georgia October 23, 1907, In Memory of the Men of  
Connecticut Who Suffered in Southern Military Prisons  
1861-1865." [D Ad44 de] 5 inches.
  5. Military and Biographical Data on Officers and Men of the Boxes 7 & 8  
Regiment, compiled by Ira E. Forbes, George Q. Whitney,  
and others.  
Alphabetical. 10 inches.
  6. Confederate bills (2); newspaper clippings c. 1909-1919 Box 9  
(obituaries and articles on reunions); pamphlets entitled  
"Sixteenth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, 1862-1865"  
and "Roster of the Survivors of the 16th Connecticut Volunteers  
on September 17, 1897"; postal cards of Winsted, Conn.,  
Yellowstone Park, etc. and programs and song sheets of the Army  
and Navy Club of Connecticut, National Soldiers' Home, Maine,  
Society of the Army of the Potomac, and 150th anniversary  
celebration of the Town of Winchester. 3 inches.

7. Printing plates.

Box 9

- 2 copper printing plates of Andersonville Cemetery.
  - 1 copper printing plate of Andersonville Monument.
  - 1 copper printing plate of little granite building in the hollow marked "Providencé Spring."
  - 1 lead printing plate of stockade.
- Total: 2 inches.

8. Photographs.

Boxes 10, 11

13 1/2 inches. See attached list on pages 4, 5, & 6.

Reference Restrictions

None.

*Box 10 is of 16th CVT individuals.  
Box 11, "Hartford," contains images of Blizzard of 1888.*

Related Material

Connecticut. Andersonville monument commission.

Correspondence, etc., relating to the Connecticut monument at Andersonville, Ga., and the Soldier Boy statue in Hartford, including letters of the sculptor Bela Pratt.  
[Main Vault 973.771 An23co]

Connecticut Infantry. 16th reg't. (Volunteers)

Ira E. Forbes collection of letters, newspaper clippings, diaries (including his personal diary) and miscellaneous items dealing mainly with the veterans of the 16th regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, and their efforts to erect a monument at Andersonville, 1900-1918.  
[Main Vault 973.74 C768i 16]

Dedication of the Monument at Andersonville, Georgia October 23, 1907,

In Memory of the Men of Connecticut who suffered in Southern Military Prisons 1861-1865. Hartford: Published by the State, 1908.  
[Stacks D Ad44 de]

Jackson, William H.

Diary kept as member of Co. B, 16th Regt. C.V., Jan. 1864-Apr. 1865, of which May-Dec. 1864 were spent at Andersonville. [From George Q. Whitney Collection] [Main Vault 973.77 J139]

Kellogg, Robert H.

Life and Death in Rebel Prisons. L. Stebbins, 1866.  
[Stacks 973.771 K29]

Savage, Henry E.

Diary kept during the year 1864 as sergeant of Co. G, 16th Regt. C. V., from April to December as prisoner at Andersonville. [From George Q. Whitney Collection] [Main Vault 973.77 Sa92]

Schubert, Karl Frederick William, 1838-64.

Diary while in Andersonville Prison, Apr. 17 - Sept. 29, 1864, as a member of Co. K, 16th Regt. C.V. [Transcription by George Q. Whitney] [Main Vault 973.77 Sch78]

Williams, Leonard D.

Diary as Civil War soldier, Jan.-July 1862. [From George Q. Whitney Collection] [Main Vault 973.77 W673]

For additional material on the 16th Regiment and Andersonville, see manuscript and main card catalog under "Connecticut Infantry. 16th reg't." and "Andersonville, Ga. Military Prison."

*See also Picture Groups 570 and 860.*

For items transferred to Museum, see attached list (page 7).

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

Allen, Capt. S. - 85th N.Y. Vols.  
Anderson, J. S.  
Anderson, Major  
Andrus, Lieut. Wallace R. - Co. I  
Bauer, J. G. & Wife  
Beach, Col. Francis  
Bill, James A.  
Blakeslee, Lieut. Bernard F. - 16th Conn. Vols.  
Burnside, Major General Ambrose - 9th Army Corps  
Burnside, Gen. G - Co. A, 15th Conn. Vols. (2)  
Burroughs, Lt. J. E. - 3d Artillery  
Bushnell, Huber - Co. K  
Butler, C. C. - Co. B, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Butler, I. W. - Hospital Steward  
Carr, G. N.  
Case, L. H.  
Champlin, Andrew G.  
Churchill, Edward H.  
Clapp, John B. - Adjutant, 16th Conn. Vols. -(4)  
Crandall, Walter  
Curtis, Joshua - Co. E, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Darling, George W.  
Darling, 1st Lieut. M. O. - 5th R. I. Artillery  
Dickinson, Captain Leonard A. - Co. C, 12th Conn. Vols. (3)  
Dixon, Chaplain Chas. - 16th Conn. Vols.  
Fowler, W. H. - Co. B  
Gaylord, Seymour - 16th Regt.  
Gemmill, John; D. A. Denison & Will Turner  
Griswold, Sergeant Samuel J.  
Hawley, Joseph R. (Senator)  
Hemingway, Captain Leverett G. - Co. A, 1st Conn. Vols.  
Hendrick, Captain Albert C. - 2nd & 12th Conn. Vols. & New Haven Grays  
Holmes, Sergt. Ambrose N. - Co. H  
House, Marshall D.; James F. Shurtleff & Samuel B. Mettler  
Co. C, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Kellogg, Robert H. & Oscar Weil - Co. A, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Kirk, J. B.  
Landers, Lieut. - Co. F, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Leonard, Chas. B. - 16th Conn. Vols.  
Maxwell, Wm.  
Mayer, Nathan - Surgeon, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Merrill, Capt. Edward I. - 17th Me. Vols.  
Merrill, George S. - Co. G, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Mix, Capt. Edward H. - Co. B, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Morrow, James J. - Capt. 103d Penn. Vols.  
North, N.  
Olmsted, L. N.  
Pierce, Dwight  
Prentice, Charles H., Captain, Hartford City Guard

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS (cont.)

Rankin, Capt. E. E. - Co. C  
Ray, Benj. C. - Co. F  
Risley, Elisha - Private, Co. H., 16th Conn. Vols. (2)  
Robins, Gurdon, Jr., 1st Lieut. & Quarter Master, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Robinson, T. B., Capt., Co. K, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Sheridan, Phillip H., Maj. Gen.  
Smith, F. Webb; J. P. Stannard & Frederick G. Mandeville  
Spofford, E. Forest - 8th Conn. Vols.  
Sprague, Lieut. Co. A.B.R. - 2nd Mass. Artillery  
Stanton, Elias N. - Co. I, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Stedman, Griffin A., Jr. - Colonel, 11th Conn. Vols. (2)  
Strong, 1st Lieut. Edgar E.  
Tennant, Charles A., Capt., Co. D, 16th Conn. Vols. (2)  
Toy, Capt. Joseph R. - 12th Conn. Vols.  
Tucker, Dixon - Co. A, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Turner, Mark  
Tuttle, B. B. - Capt., Co. D, 1st Conn. & Cavalry  
Tyler, Robert O. - Brig. Gen. (2)  
Upham, Colonel Charles L. - 15th Conn. Vols. (3)  
Wait, M. O.  
Washburn, George A. - Major, 16th Conn. Vols.  
Williams, Henry C., Co. C  
Woodward, George

2 group pictures  
1 folder of unidentified photos

PHOTOGRAPHS

Box 11

Andersonville: Monument, National Cemetery, Old Stockade, etc.  
(10)

Andersonville: 12 photos taken in 1906

Andersonville Trip, 1906. (Album)

Antietam Monument and Burnside Bridge (6)

Ausable Chasm, N.Y. (8)

Battle of the Wilderness (10)

Boston & Suburbs (2)

Chelsea Ruins: Souvenir View Book of Burning of Chelsea, April 12, 1908

Civil War Album of Photographs

Civil War Views (14)

Encampment (?) (31 views)

Hartford (22) *Includes Round House & Bushnell Park. May be aftermath of blizzard of 1888.*

Hartford City Guard Encampment at Saybrook, Aug. 19-24, 1872 (13)

Montreal (?) (7)

Mt. Jefferson & Mt. Washington (6 views)

Philadelphia - Camp Israel Putnam, 1876 (1)

~~LARGE PICTURES IN BOX 11~~

Box 11

*Antietam*  
Photograph of monument at Andersonville inscribed "position of the 16th Conn. Vol. Infantry 5 p.m. Sept. 17, 1862" 12" x 19"

Colored picture, probably for church window, inscribed "In memoriam 16th Conn. Vols. 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. A.C." 11" x 19"

(also small photograph)

*Small black and white photograph is in Box 11. 11x19 framed color photograph was transferred to the Museum in January 1991.*

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ITEMS TRANSFERRED TO MUSEUM  
FROM GEORGE Q. WHITNEY COLLECTION

January 5, 1977

American Flag and Flag of 16th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers

Belt buckles (2) inscribed "E Pluribus Unum"

Belt buckles (2) inscribed "U S" (one large and one small)

Buttons (28 - gold) inscribed "New York Yacht Club," "Jersey City Police,"  
"Yonkers Police," "New York, New Haven and Hartford," etc.

Veteran City Guard, Hartford, Ribbon with 3 badges pinned on

Washington Monument Dedication Souvenir Medallion dated Feb. 21, 1885