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NAME OF COLLECTION:

Green Family (of Worcester, Mass.), Additional Papers, 1826-1919

LOCATION(S):

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SIZE OF COLLECTION:

seven manuscript boxes; twenty-four octavo volumes

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

Ellery Crane, *History of Worcester County*, p. 426-427.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wolcott, 1984

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

William Nelson Green (1804-1870), the son of William Elijah Green (1777-1863) and Abigail Nelson Green (1780-1804), was a lawyer and judge of the Worcester Police Court during the twenty years of its existence, 1848 to 1868. He was also a surveyor, and an elected member of the school committee of Worcester, Mass., as well as an ardent huntsman, fisherman, and orchardist. In 1840, he married Sarah Ball Staples (-) of Northborough, Mass., a widow with a young daughter, Sarah. They lived on Summer Street until moving to property (presumably the Crawford Farm) that he owned on Green Hill near the Millstone Quarry.

William Nelson Green (1843-1864), the son of William Nelson and Sarah Ball Staples Green, enlisted in the fall of 1861 in the 25th Massachusetts Regiment. In March of 1862, he was appointed second lieutenant in the 102nd New York Regiment. During the battle of Cedar Mountain, Va., in August 1862, he was captured and sent to Libby Prison in Richmond, Va. He remained there until September 1862, when he was paroled. After his release from Libby Prison, he was commissioned as a lieutenant colonel in the 173rd New York Regiment. During the battle of Pleasant Hill in Louisiana on 9 April 1864 he was wounded. Green was transported to St. James Hospital in New Orleans, where he died on 13 May 1864.

Timothy Ruggles Green (1844-1932), the son of William Nelson and Sarah Ball Staples Green, was for a time a bank clerk in New York City, but returned to Worcester, Mass., after 1903. He died, unmarried, in Worcester in 1932.

William Nelson Green, Sr.'s papers include thirteen diaries and many receipted bills and promissory notes from both his professional and personal life. The first eleven diaries written between 1832 and 1846 reveal a young man bent on self-improvement and achieving for himself a place in the community and an appropriate spouse. Some of his musings on this subject are written in a shorthand-like code. The last two diaries from 1869 and 1870 concern the writer's deteriorating health and the activities of his family and friends. Some of the diaries include a summary of the year's hunting (e.g., number and type of bird shot, as well as locale).

William Nelson Green, Jr.'s papers, except for the twenty-five letters written between September 1859 and June 1860 from Phillips Academy in Andover, relate chiefly to his military career: his experiences; his attempts (with the help of his uncle, Andrew Haswell Green) to gain advancement; and the efforts to obtain for him a posthumous commission as brevet brigadier general. The many letters written by him are preserved. The collection of those written to him include those from family members and eight letters from a young woman named "Sallie" (whom he had met in Annapolis, Md., in 1862). Several personal letters taken from Confederate soldiers captured at Chancellorsville, Va., are among his "mementos of Dixie." Young William's wounding and subsequent death are the occasion for many expressions of grief and solicitude from correspondents among whom are Mrs. Maud Conant, who nursed him in New Orleans; a cousin who visited him; as well as the chaplain and several doctors. There are also two diaries written during 1860 and 1864, a scrapbook of twelve "Private Letters &c. ...," and a biography prepared in 1901 by E. H. H. (probably Edward Hagaman Hall). Original material was pasted onto sheets of paper in preparing this biography.

The legacy left to the heirs of Andrew Haswell Green (1820-1903) on his death accounts for most of the Timothy Ruggles Green material. His correspondence is mainly with the other heirs, banks, lawyers, and trustees.

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22	Wm. C. Sheldon & Co., 1902-1904
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