

NUCMC Catalog Record

Creator: Webster, Timothy O., approximately 1833-1864

Title: Timothy O. Webster papers.

Date Created: 1857-1871

Extent: 167 items.

Biographical Note: Union soldier; born in New York; mustered (1862) into the Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry, Company F; killed in the battle at Petersburg, Va., on 18 July 1864.

Summary: One hundred-fifty-four letters (1857-1871), one guardianship document (1869), eight payment receipts (1864-1869), 59 empty envelopes, one official county repentance document (1857), two newspaper clippings, thirteen photocopies of military records, widow's pension, four government pension problem letters, and his son's official good work conduct letter (1867). Two letters (1864) are from Lt. Geo. W. Ross explaining the circumstances of T.O. Webster's death. T.O. Webster wrote 64 letters (1861-1864) to his wife Harriet describing army life and expressing concern for her and their two children. Two letters (1862) are from his brother, Joseph R. Webster, explaining army life and the Indian uprisings in Minnesota. Sixty-six letters (1858-1871) are written mostly from relatives and friends offering support. The letters (1862-1864) from T.O. Webster to his wife cover the years Webster was in the army. However, there are significant time gaps between the letters starting in 1863. Up until 1863, Webster wrote to his wife several times a month. In October of 1863 Webster only wrote once and not at all in February of 1864. The collection is possibly incomplete.

Subjects:

Soldiers -- Michigan -- Correspondence

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