

CW/VFM-106: *Edward Woodward*

Woodward is described as an “eccentric” Civil War veteran by Stanley Billheimer, a man who had the privilege of knowing him during his time at Gettysburg College. He wrote poetry, and two of his poems are contained in the file.

Untitled:

This poem deals with the importance of Memorial Day to Civil War veterans. He specifically mentions the battle of Gettysburg, which he was present at and cared for the wounded during the aftermath.

Original document: 1pp

Woman’s Sin was a Blessing:

This poem deals with the Fall, and how Eve should not be blamed for her sin. He argues that she should be revered as good, gentle, full of wisdom, and intelligent.

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Letter to Gettysburg College Library from Stanley Billheimer:

11/28/1945: simply bequeathing the poems to the college, and providing a little background information into who Woodward was.

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Location: Civil War Vertical File Manuscripts, Special Collections & College Archives,
Musselman Library at Gettysburg College.

See also: [Civil War Sources in Special Collections](#)