

Guide to MS-011:
Lewis W. Tway Collection



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Size

3 boxes, 0.75 cubic feet

Dates

Inclusive: 1860-1920

Provenance

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Biographical Note

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Scope and Content Note

The Lewis W. Tway Collection consists of three boxes of Civil War mementos. Box 1 contains manuscripts, box 2 contains artifacts and box 3 contains a lithographed muster roll of Company K. Items carried by Tway during the war include a "housewife", bible, inkwell, diary, currency (fractional and postage) and photographs (of himself and another soldier). The collection contains a letter written to his sister soon after he was wounded, the torn swatch of pants through which the bullet entered his leg, and two letters from a young lady whose comfort package he received in 1865. Also included in the collection are Tway's official papers from the war: his furlough, discharge and pension certificates.

Items from the 50th reunion of the 147th N.Y.V. at Gettysburg include a photograph of the surviving members, the lithographed muster roll, and a tip cup. Other personal items in the collection are Tway's marriage certificate, obituary, a book presented to his wife on their wedding day, certificates of membership to Stella Lodge and three G.A.R badges. The collection also contains a number of photographs of Tway, his wife, and his daughter from the period 1860-1920, as well as artifacts.

Series Description

This collection is divided into three series. **Series 1:** Manuscripts, **Series 2:** Artifacts, **Series 3:** Broadside.

Box List

Box 1

Series 1: Manuscripts

- 1-1 Diary
 - September 6, 1862
- 1-2 Letters
 - May 13, 1864 - Alexandria: "My dear Sister" From "Brother Lew"
 - March 29, 1865 - South Hampton: "Dear Soldier" from "Elarny A. Brown"
 - June 12, 1865 - South Hampton, N.H.: "Dear Friend" from Elarny
- 1-3 Documents
 - Pension Certificate, June 19, 1913 with attachments dated
 - May 4, 1913; May 1, 1920; June 23, 1922
 - Newspaper Clipping "Vet. Writes Own Obit."
 - Certificate of membership to Stella Lodge No. 485 F.&A.M., Brooklyn
- 1-4 Diary Photocopy
- 1-5 Diary Transcripts
- 1-6 Letter Photocopies and Transcripts
- 1-7 Miscellaneous – container lists (2) November 30, 1990, photocopy "Report of the Reunion of 147th Regiment Reunion Association Held at Gettysburg Pa. July 2, 1913"

Box 2

Series 2: Artifacts (MS oversized)

Badge: "G.A.R. Morgans Post No. 293 Rockland, N.Y."

Badge: "In Memoriam Capt. Wm. A. Jackson Post, No. 301 Dept. N.Y. G.A.R."

Fractional currency \$.25 (2, one badly worn)

Fractional currency \$.10 (2, one badly worn)

Postage currency \$.25

Postage currency \$.05

Tin cup and lid with "1863 Gettysburg July 1st to 4th 1913" etched on bottom

Metal badge: "GAR"

The New Testament of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, New York: American Bible Society, 1862, 368p., bound with The Book of Psalms, New York: American Bible Society, 1862, 69p. (with autograph: Lewis W. Tway Company K 147th N.Y. Vols)

Ink bottle (wood) with glass liner and screw top lid; remnants of ink in bottle. In ink on side of bottle "LWT carried through war"

"Housewife", contained 3 photographs (noted below by a *)

Photographs

Unidentified girl @ age 6 (Daguerreotype in case, ca. 1850s)

Lewis W. Tway (ambrotype in case, ca. early 1860s)

Dudley Laster in uniform (ca. 1860s)*

Lewis W. Tway (tintype, ca. 1863)*

Lewis W. Tway (tintype, framed, ca. 1864)*

Nellie Tway (Mrs. Lewis Tway) (ca. 1870s)

Lewis W. Tway (tintype, ca. 1880s)

Emma V. Tway (ca. 1890s)

Lewis W. Tway (ca. 1890s)

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Tway and daughter Nellie (ca. 1890s)

Lewis W. Tway (ca. 1910s)

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Tway (ca. 1920s)

Certificate: Stella Lodge No. 485 F. & A.M. - he ceased to be a member January 27, 1885

Photograph: 147th Regiment Reunion at Gettysburg (July 2, 1913), mounted on stiff board 10" x 12", with "Report of the Reunion of 147th Regiment Reunion Association" on back

Furlough to Louis W. Tway, granted for May 18 - June 18, 1864, framed, included is piece of uniform cloth with a bullet hole

Discharge certificate - July 14, 1865, framed

Marriage certificate - Lewis W. Tway and Emma V. Doughty, both of Brooklyn, married May 10, 1866, framed

Lady thy marriage bells are ringing/Bridal Greetings: a Marriage Gift...by Rev. Daniel Wise, New York: Carlton & Porter, 1850. (with marriage record of Lewis W. Tway and Emma V. Doughty)

Exhibit labels (6) from July-August 1991 exhibit

Box 3

Series 3: Broadside (MS oversized)

Broadside: "Military Register Company K, 147th Regiment N. Y. Vols." Lithographed by A. Hoen & Co. Balto. 18" x 23"; framed to 23 3/8" x 26 1/8"

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