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Guide to MS-227:

Theodore Schlack, Class of 1950 Civil War Artifact Collection



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## MS-227: Theodore Schlack '50 Civil War Artifact Collection

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### Size

1 box, 1 drawer and framed items

### Location

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### Dates

Inclusive Dates: 1861-1865, 1958, 1985, 1998-2002

Bulk Dates: 1861-1865

### Provenance

Donated by Rev. Dr. Theodore Schlack, Class of 1950 in memory of Marion (Jones) Schlack, Class of 1952.

### Biographical Note

Rev. Dr. Theodore Schlack graduated from Gettysburg College in 1950 with a degree in English. He went on to attend the Lutheran Theological Seminary and became a minister, serving as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. He became an avid collector of Civil War artifacts

### Scope and Content Note

This collection is made up of artifacts relating to the American Civil War. It includes both items from the Civil War era and postwar items. The wartime artifacts were collected by Rev. Dr. Schlack in order to reflect the items a Union soldier would have interacted with in their daily life. The collection of wartime artifacts includes items such as a Springfield rifled musket, a knapsack, and a dice cup with dice. The collection of postwar artifacts relates more broadly to war memory and commemoration, and includes items such as paper souvenir fans from the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and postwar lithographic prints. This collection provides excellent examples of Civil War related material culture, though the items are not specifically linked to one soldier or individual. The collection as a whole reflects the personal interests and efforts of Rev. Dr. Schlack as a collector over the course of many years.

### Series Description

This collection is divided into 4 Series. **Series I:** Collector Correspondence and Print Materials, **Series II:** Civil War Era Artifact Collection, **Series III:** Reunions and War Remembrance Artifact Collection, **Series IV:** Framed Documents and Prints.

## Box List

### Box 1

#### Series 1: Collector Correspondence and Print Materials

##### 1-0 Finding Aid and Biographical Information

Fuller, Claud E. *The Rifled Musket*. New York: Bonanza Books, 1958.

##### 1-1 Correspondence

- Letter from Bellinger to Schlack about acquiring rifle, bayonet, cap box, cartridge box, and belt, March 19, 1985
- Letter from Bellinger to Schlack regarding belt, April 23, 1985
- Letter from Bellinger to Mrs. Schlack regarding a refund, June 18, 1985
- Letter from Bellinger to Schlack regarding bayonet and scabbard, June 17, 1985
- Letter from Bellinger to Schlack regarding rifle, August 15, 1985

##### 1-2 Bellinger's Military Antiques Catalogues

- Catalogue numbers 124, 130-139

#### Series 2: Civil War Era Artifact Collection

Object Number	Title	Description	Location (If Different from Drawer)
MS-227-01	.69 Cal. Prussian Bullet	Imported .69 cal. Prussian bullet	
MS-227-02	Lincoln Spoon	Spoon commemorating Gettysburg Address. Has Address and portrait of Lincoln embossed on it.	
MS-227-03	Candle Holder	Brass candle holder	
MS-227-04	Tampion	Wooden stopper plug for muzzle of a rifle/ musket.	
MS-227-05	Field Tool (Musket Wrench)	Multi-tool used to perform maintenance on a rifle/musket.	
MS-227-06	Rifle Worm	Attachment for ramrod. Used to remove debris from gun barrel.	
MS-227-07	Cap Box	Leather pouch used to store percussion caps. Attaches to soldier's belt for easy access during battle.	
MS-227-08	Box of Percussion Caps	Round tin of percussion caps, which are small brass cylinders filled with shock sensitive explosive that would ignite when struck by the hammer of the rifle's	

		firing mechanism, allowing the gun to fire.	
MS-227-09 A,B	Percussion Caps	One spent cap, one cap supposedly found in trench at Bloody Angle, Spotsylvania.	
MS-227-10	Housewife	Sewing kit carried by a soldier.	
MS-227-11 MS-227-12 MS-227-13 MS-227-14	.58 Cal. Bullets (Minié Balls)	Most common type of bullet & caliber used during the Civil War by both sides.	
MS-227-15	Damaged Bullet	Misshapen bullet, likely caused by impact	
MS-227-16	Canister Ball	Supposedly found in the 1930s in a wooded area about ½ to ¾ of a mile east of Bragg's Headquarters on Missionary Ridge. May have been fired by Union troops at retreating Confederates using captured Confederate guns.	
MS-227-17 A,B,C	Dice and Dice cup	Wooden dice cup and 2 dice. Seemingly handmade.	
MS-227-18 MS-227-19	Artillery Shell Fragments	Fragments of exploded artillery shells.	
MS-227-20	Canteen	Union Smooth-side canteen, grey cloth cover.	
MS-227-21	Belt with Plate	Brown leather belt with US belt plate, arrow hooks on back.	
MS-227-22	Cartridge Box with Plate	Leather cartridge box with US plate. Has tin inserts.	
MS-227-23	Fork	3 tined fork; appears to have bone handle.	
MS-227-24	Knife	Appears to have bone handle.	
MS-227-25 MS-227-26	Cartridges	Rolled paper cartridges, filled with pre-measured black powder and lead ball.	
MS-227-27	Wrapped .69 Cal. Musket Ball	.69 caliber musket ball wrapped as a souvenir for tourists to purchase. Labeled as Confederate.	
MS-227-28	Wrapped Williams "Cleanout" Round	This appears to be a Type III Williams bullet. One round	

		in every 10 issued to Union troops were supposedly one of these rounds. These rounds have a zinc plate at the back of them, which were supposed to aid in cleaning out the grooves in the barrel of a rifle. Wrapped as a souvenir for tourists to purchase.	
MS-227-31	Knapsack	Model 1855 Federal "Double Bag" style knapsack.	
MS-227-34	US \$1 Bill		Folder in drawer
MS-227-35	CS \$20 Bill		Folder in drawer
MS-227-37	Bayonet and Scabbard	.58 cal. bayonet. Springfield style scabbard.	Reading Room artifact storage
MS-227-38	Model 1861 Springfield Rifled Musket	Contract weapon manufactured by Parkers, Snow, & Co. in Meriden CT. One of 15,000 made.	Reading Room artifact storage

### Series 3: Reunions and War Remembrance Artifact Collection

<b>Object Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location (If Different from Drawer)</b>
MS-227-29	Cigar Band	Cigar band commemorating Gettysburg battle. Reads: "High Water Mark Gettysburg Penna. July 1-2-3 1863.	Folder in drawer
MS-227-30 A,B	Commemorative Stamps	Stamps commemorating the Civil War and the notable leaders on both the Union and Confederate sides.	
MS-227-32	Grey Fan from Gettysburg 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Paper fan sold by Boy Scout Troop during 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Further information on sheet in folder in drawer.	
MS-227-33	Blue Fan from Gettysburg 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Paper fan sold by Boy Scout Troop during 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Further	

		information on sheet in folder in drawer.	
MS-227-36 A,B,C,D	Reproduction Confederate Bills	Reproduction Confederate bills of different denominations. Included are examples of 1, 10, 50, and 100 dollar notes.	Folder in drawer

Series 4: Framed Documents and Print

<b>Object Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location (If Different from Drawer)</b>
MS-227-39	Discharge Document for William Ziegler, 176 <sup>th</sup> PA	Document discharging William Ziegler from service with the 176 <sup>th</sup> PA Militia Regt. on Aug. 18, 1863.	Cage
MS-227-40	\$1,000 Confederate Bond	Confederate bond, has one coupon clipped	Cage
MS-227-41	Page 540 from <i>Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War</i>	Print captioned: 'Chattanooga from the North Bank of the Tennessee'	Cage
MS-227-42	Plate CXXIII from the <i>Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies</i>	Print features scenes of the war in Tennessee	Cage
MS-227-43	Pages 252 and 253 from <i>Pictorial Battles of the Civil War</i>	Print captioned: "At the Battle of Gettysburg, PA- A charge and repulse of the Louisiana Tiger Brigade on one of the Union Batteries on the last days fight July 3, 1863"	Cage
MS-227-44	Pages 268 and 269 from <i>Pictorial Battles of the Civil War</i>	Print captioned: "The Capture of Chattanooga- General Rosecrans's Army crossing the Tennessee River on its way to occupy the town, September 8, 1863- Sketched by Bill D. Travis"	Cage
MS-227-45	'The Vantage Point'	Color print by Alan Fearnley. Signed and numbered 700/950. Features Lee and other	Cage

		Confederates surveying the Gettysburg area from the Lutheran Seminary cupola.	
MS-227-46	'Rock of Chickamauga'	Color print by Dale Gallon from his 'Generals Series.' Signed and numbered 859/950. Captioned: "Major General George Thomas and his staff on Snodgrass Hill, trying to decide on the identity of an approaching column on September 20, 1863 during a crucial moment in the Battle of Chickamauga"	Cage

#### Related Collections

James Anthony Beran Civil War Artifact Collection

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