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W. Ward Smith genealogical research papers

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Summary

Creator: Smith, W. Ward (William Ward), 1893-1968

Title: W. Ward Smith genealogical research papers

Date: 1834-1940

Size: 1 linear foot (3 boxes, 1 oversized folder)

Abstract: The W. Ward Smith genealogical research papers contains William Ward Smith's genealogical notes, essays, clippings, charts, correspondence, ca. 1920s-1940s; original family letters and documents; and photographs relating to Smith's genealogical research on the Smith family of New York and New England, including the Smiths of Lyme, Conn., and the related Berrien, Cowenhoven, Eliot, Elwes, Leverich, Mather, Riker, Suydam, Trowbridge, Vandervoort, and Ward families. Notable content includes letters, 1816-1851, of Henry Elwes, a Catholic priest, including letters, 1834-1839, while at the English College, Rome, Italy, to his brother Alfred Elwes, a U.S. Army doctor at Fort Hamilton, Long Island, N.Y. (great-grandfather of W. Ward Smith) concerning family, health, personal, and political matters, as well as Elwes' work and training in the priesthood, and from the 1840s-1850s, when he was at Cossey Hall, Norwich, England, written to other family members. The collection also contain letters, 1886-1910, to Smith's grandfather, Albert Mather Smith, Engineer of Distribution for the Consolidated Gas Company of New York City concerning aspects of the gas, lighting, and power business. Photographs includes images of W. Ward Smith as a child, and his parents, Eliza Palmer Ward Smith, and Charles Albert Smith, in Garrison, N.Y. and elsewhere; also, a carte-de-visite of Captain Albert M. Smith, Baltimore, 1862, and two stereoscopic views, one of men of Co. D, 7th N.Y.N.G. at Camp Cameron, Washington D.C., 1861; and of officers of the 37th N.Y.S.M. at Capt. Albert M. Smith's tent, Camp Belger, Baltimore, Md., 1862.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Custodial History

Gift of William Ward Smith to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

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Key Terms

Occupations

Engineers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Genealogies

Photographs

Titles

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Geographic Names

Lyme (Conn.) -- Genealogy

New England -- Genealogy

New York (State) -- Genealogy

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Names

Smith, W. Ward (William Ward), 1893-1968

Elwes family

Mather family

Smith family

Ward family

Catholic Church

New York (State). Militia. Regiment, 37th

New York (State). Militia. Regiment, 7th

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