Guide to the Joseph D. Bishop Collection MS.071

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Summary Information

Repository:	Western Connecticut State University Archives and Special Collections
Creator:	Bishop, Joseph D., 1825-1863
Title:	Joseph D. Bishop Collection
ID:	MS.071
Date [inclusive]:	1862-2021
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection of Civil War letters of a Danburian, Joseph D. Bishop, in the 23rd Connecticut VI. Bishop was the chief musician in the regiment.

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Biographical / Historical

Joseph Dobbs Bishop was born in Danbury, one of the 13 children of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Dobbs Bishop. His grandfather was Captain William Dobbs who served in the Revolutionary War. He worked as a painter in Danbury and lived with his wife Sarah and 4 children (one child had died in 1859) on Foster Street. Joseph Bishop enlisted for nine-months' service in late 1862 at the age of 37. He was assigned to Company B of 23rd Connecticut which became part of General Banks' Louisianan operations in cooperation with General Grant's investment and capture of Vicksburg to the north. Through the term of his enlistment, Bishop corresponded with his wife frequently and was quite frank regarding his regret over their separation and his physical desires for her. Bishop was the chief musician/drummer and endured the boredom and homesickness of his assignment together with the dangers it entailed. Through his letters,

he has chronicled in some detail his geographic and social surroundings and he sheds some insight on the struggles his wife was enduring at home (i.e. his negative reaction to her taking on a male boarder). He, like many of his comrades, was not an abolitionist and he freely expressed views opposing the Emancipation Proclamation. There are instances where Bishop uses racial epithets to refer to enslaved persons. Apparently, based on Bishop's side of the correspondence, Sarah did not share the same opinion on emancipation.

Bishop was a witness to many of the peripheral operations (namely, the Battle of Bayou Teche, and the Battle of Lafourche Crossing at the end of June 1863) in support of the Port Hudson battles and siege which, after the capture of Vicksburg, achieved Federal control of the Mississippi river. Having fulfilled the terms of his enlistment, Bishop was on his way back to Danbury, but because of a case of dysentery, he was hospitalized in Bellefontaine, OH. After telegramming his wife to come to his side, he died in September of 1863, shortly after the death of their youngest child. Sarah remained in Danbury raising her three surviving children and working as a dressmaker. She died in 1918 and is buried next to Joseph Bishop in Wooster Cemetery in Danbury.

- much of this information is culled from the Franklin Brand Brockway Family Tree, Ancestry.com

- Regimental History of the 23rd CTVI- Compendium of the War of the Rebellion, pg 1015 (Google Books)

- Ancestry.com

- Brockway's notes in the Related Materials series

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Scope and Contents

The collection includes Joseph Bishop's correspondence with his wife at home in Danbury (with a small number of letters from his wife) during his service in the Civil War. Bishop's regiment was assigned to Bank's Army of the Gulf, or 19th Corps. The letters cover from the fall of 1862 until the fall of 1863. All the letters are housed with their transcriptions. Included in the collection are peripheral materials related to Bishop's service compiled by his descendents. Some of these peripheral documents are original, others are facsimiles presumably printed from microfilm by Bishop's great grandson, Walter Reid Brockway. After Bishop's death, Sarah Bishop pursued securing her widow's pension and some of those materials are also present in the series, Related Materials. Also in Related Materials are photographic portraits of Sarah and Joseph Bishop. Of particular interest is Bishop's notebook containing music and a list of the other musicians presumably from the 23rd.

There are two publications of the letters, the most recent being: Noble Sentiments of the Soul: The Civil War Letters of Joseph Dobbs Bishop, Chief Musician, 23rd Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, 1862-1863 - It is available for reference in the CT Room.

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Arrangement

Arranged into two series. Correspondence and Related Materials. Correspondence is arranged chronologically and Related Materials by topic.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Materials were passed from Sarah Bishop to her daughter Catherine (Kate) Reid. She then passed them to her daughter, Annabell Brockway, who passed them to her son Walter who passed them to his daughter Carol Lieto who gifted them to WCSU in 2021.

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Controlled Access Headings

- American Civil War (1861-1865)
- United States. Army. Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 23rd (1862-1863)
- Danbury (Conn.)
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Bishop, Sarah A., 1830-1918

Collection Inventory

Correspondence

Language of the Material: English

Title/Description	Instances		
Letter from: New Haven, Connecticut, September 2, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: New Haven, Connecticut: New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 1	item 1
Letter from: Danbury - A.E. Tweety, R. Averill, September 8, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury - A.E. Tweety, R. Averill	box 1	folder 1	item 2
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, October 10, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 2	item 1
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, October 16, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 2	item 2
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, October 17, 1862	box 1	folder 2	item 3

Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut			
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, October 22, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 2	item 4
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, October 24, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 2	item 5
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, October 26, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 2	item 6
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, October 29, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 2	item 7
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, November 8, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 3	item 1
Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut, November 10, 1862-November 13, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Terry, New Haven, Connecticut	box 1	folder 3	item 2
Letter from: Camp Buckingham, Jamaica, New York, November 18, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Buckingham, Jamaica, New York	box 1	folder 3	item 3
Letter from: Camp Buckingham, Jamaica, New York, November 20, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Buckingham, Jamaica, New York	box 1	folder 3	item 4
Letter from: Camp Buckingham, Jamaica, New York, November 21, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Buckingham, Jamaica, New York	box 1	folder 3	item 5
Letter from: Camp Buckingham (2), November 21, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Buckingham (2)	box 1	folder 3	item 6
Letter from: Camp Buckingham, November 22, 1862	box 1	folder 3	item 7

Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Buckingham

Letter from: unknown, fragment, November 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: unknown, fragment [Camp Buckingham, NY]	box 1	folder 3	item 8
Letter from: Aboard Ship, November 28, 1862-December 8, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Aboard Ship	box 1	folder 3	item 9
Letter from: Ship Island, Mississippi, December 12, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Ship Island, Mississippi	box 1	folder 4	item 1
Letter from: Ship Island, Mississippi, December 14, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Ship Island, Mississippi	box 1	folder 4	item 2
Letter from: Mississippi River, December 26, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Mississippi River	box 1	folder 4	item 3
Letter from: Camp Parapet, Louisiana, December 31, 1862 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Parapet, Louisiana	box 1	folder 4	item 4
Letter from: Camp Parapet, January 4, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Parapet	box 1	folder 5	item 1
Letter from: Camp Parapet, January 5, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Parapet	box 1	folder 5	item 2b

General

A transcription exists for a second letter from January 5th that appears to be missing. The transcription:

[Camp Parapet, LA]

Monday morning, January 5th 1863

Dear Wife

this is a fine morning with the sun shining brightly and as warm as a fine May day in Connecticut I was in hopes that we should have had some letters from home before this but none have arrived

My dear Wife I try to pass the time as contentedly as possible but still it is quite a long time to look forward to, 5 months! I hope to feel that is has passed pleasantly. My dear I feel that there is no place like home and wifsy. I feel that there is no one but you that can give me the satisfaction that loved society can give. My dear there is no use in talking nor is there any use in fretting I must wait patiently the lapse of time and strive for a contented mind. I think that I shall be better contented when I can receive some letters from you. I have one or 2 letters that I received

from you at Camp Buckingham and I take pleasure in reading them over once in awhile. Hoping I shall have the pleasure in reading many of your letters fresh from home I subscribe myself your loving Husband.

J. Bishop

Letter from: Camp Parapet, January 8, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Parapet	box 1	folder 5	item 3
Letter from: Berwick Bay, Louisiana, January 12, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Berwick Bay, Louisiana	box 1	folder 5	item 4
Letter from: Berwick Bay, Louisiana, January 19, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Berwick Bay, Louisiana	box 1	folder 5	item 5
Letter from Brashear City, Louisiana, January 21, 1863 **General** Item moved to Related Items, Military papers and ephemera, 1862-1863, Folder 18,	box 1	folder 5	item 6
Letter from: Berwick Bay, Louisiana, January 23, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Berwick Bay, Louisiana	box 1	folder 5	item 7
Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana, January 26, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana	box 1	folder 5	item 8
Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana, January 28, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana	box 1	folder 5	item 9
Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana, January 30, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana	box 1	folder 5	item 10
Letter from: Berwick Bay, Louisiana, February 1, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Berwick Bay, Louisiana	box 1	folder 6	item 1
Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana, February 4, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana	box 1	folder 6	item 2
Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana, February 6, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Brashear City, Louisiana	box 1	folder 6	item 3
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana, February 11, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana	box 1	folder 6	item 4
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana, February 16, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana	box 1	folder 6	item 5
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana, February 18, 1863	box 1	folder 6	item 6

Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana			
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana, February 23, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana	box 1	folder 6	item 7
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana, February 27, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, Louisiana **General** Partial Letter	box 1	folder 6	item 8
Letter from: Lafourche Station, March 1, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Station	box 1	folder 7	item 1
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 2, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 2
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 3, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 3
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 5, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 4
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 8, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 5
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 10, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 6
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 11, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 7
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 11, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 8
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 12, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 9
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 13, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 10
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 17, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 11
Letter from: Lafourche Bayou, March 20, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Bayou	box 1	folder 7	item 12
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, March 23, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing	box 1	folder 7	item 13
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, March 23, 1863	box 1	folder 7	item 14

Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing			
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, March 26, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing	box 1	folder 7	item 15
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, March 28, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing	box 1	folder 7	item 16
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, April 1, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing	box 1	folder 8	item 1
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, April 2, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing	box 1	folder 8	item 2
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, April 3, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing	box 1	folder 8	item 3
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, April 3, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing	box 1	folder 8	item 3a
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 6, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 8	item 4
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 7, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 8	item 5
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 10, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 8	item 6
Letter from Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 10, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 8	item 6a
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 13, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 8	item 7
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 16, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 1
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 18, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 2
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 19, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 3
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 22, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 4
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 22, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 5
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 24, 1863	box 1	folder 9	item 6

Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana			
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 25, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 7
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 26, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 8
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 27, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 9
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, April 28, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 9	item 10
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 3, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 1
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 3, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 2
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 5, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 3
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 7, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 4
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 9, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 5
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 9, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 6
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 12, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 7
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 12, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 8
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 15, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 9
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 17, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 10
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 19, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 11
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 22, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 12
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 24, 1863	box 1	folder 10	item 13

Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana			
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Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 29, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 17
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, May 31, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 10	item 18
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Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana, June 4, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 3
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana, June 8, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 4
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana, June 9, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 5
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana, June 11, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 6
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana, June 12, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 7
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana, June 15, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 8
Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana, June 16, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Lafourche Crossing, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 9
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, June 16, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 10
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, June 18, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 11
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, June 23 1863	box 1	folder 11	item 12

Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana			
Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana, June 26, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Napoleonville, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 13
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, June 28, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana	box 1	folder 11	item 14
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, June 28, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 11	item 15
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, July 1, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana	box 1	folder 12	item 1
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, July 1, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 12	item 2
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, July 5, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 12	item 3
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, July 7, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana	box 1	folder 12	item 4
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, July 7, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana	box 1	folder 12	item 5
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, July 9, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana	box 1	folder 12	item 6
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, July 9, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 12	item 7
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, July 12, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 12	item 8
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, July 15, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 12	item 9
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, July 16, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana	box 1	folder 12	item 10
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, July 18, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana	box 1	folder 12	item 11
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, July 19, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 12	item 12
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, July 22, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana	box 1	folder 12	item 13
Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana, July 24, 1863	box 1	folder 12	item 14

Digital Object: Letter from: New Orleans, Louisiana			
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, July 26, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 12	item 15
Letter from: Camp Bonnet Carre, Louisiana, August 3, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Bonnet Carre, Louisiana	box 1	folder 13	item 1
Letter from: Camp Bonnet Carre, Louisiana, August 4, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Camp Bonnet Carre, Louisiana	box 1	folder 13	item 2
Letter from: Bellefontaine, Ohio, August 24, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Bellefontaine, Ohio	box 1	folder 13	item 3
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut, August 30, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 13	item 4
Letter from: Bellefontaine, Ohio, September 1, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Bellefontaine, Ohio	box 1	folder 14	item 1
Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut ·, September 3, 1863 Digital Object: Letter from: Danbury, Connecticut	box 1	folder 14	item 2
Telegram from: Bellefontaine, Ohio, September 8, 1863 Digital Object: Telegram from: Bellefontaine, Ohio **General** Summoning Sarah to come to Bellefontaine	box 1	folder 14	item 3
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Related Materials

Language of the Material: English

Title/Description	Instances		
Photographs, 1862-1990s Digital Object: Photographs **General** A cdv of Joseph, from a Danbury studio (the digital object also contains his obituary from the Danbury Times).	box 1	folder 16	item 1
Photographs, 1861-1900 Digital Object: Photographs	box 1	folder 16	item 2

General

Albumen on paper image of Sarah. Copy of a later photograph of Sarah and snapshot of Bishop's marker in Wooster Cemetery.

Family Ephemera, 1861-1900 — box 1 — folder 17

General

Accounting and expenditure tables, register of births, marriages and deaths, Joseph's ledger for painting work.

Military papers and ephemera, 1862-1863 — box 1 — folder 18

Digital Object: Music notebook from the23rd CTVI

Digital Object: Discharge Papers

Digital Object: Sarah Bishop's pension claim for a widow with minor children

Digital Object: Order of daily exercise

Digital Object: Military Passes

Digital Object: Roll of drum band

Digital Object: Letter of appointment as chief of the drum corps

General

Enlistment papers, music book, daily passes, schedules of daily musician routine, appointment to chief of the drum corp, orders for musicians and a brass name plate with facsimile of Bishop's enlistment papers. Includes "The Soldier's Pocket Book" (https://archive.org/details/soldiers00pres/page/4/mode/2up).

Sarah Bishop's widow's pension documents, 1863-1918 — box 1 — folder 19

General

Mostly facsimiles

Background research, 1990-2021 — box 1 — folder 20

General

Materials include Walter Brockway's research materials regarding the family and the 23rd CT and inventories of the letters for the first publication.

There is also the transcription and facsimile of a letter from another soldier (Henry Bronson) in the 23rd CT.

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