

*A Finding Aid to the **George Warren Andrews Collection***

Date Range: 1833-1919

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Summary

Creator: The Easton Historical Society and Museum

Title: George Warren Andrews Collection

Dates: 1833-1919

Extent: 1 linear foot, including: 5 diaries, 1 autograph book, 1 Bible, 1 Book of Poetry, 1 Pocket Watch, 1 Bakelite Bottle, 1 Corps Pin and 1 Leather Wallet

Abstract: The papers of the George Warren Andrews family date from 1833 to 1919. Found within them are: correspondence, printed materials, photographs, diaries, deeds, receipts, genealogical materials, speeches and official government materials. The most notable items in the collection are letters written by George Warren Andrews during his service in the Civil War.

Language: English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: This collection was donated by a descendant of the Andrews Family, Mr. Forrestrom to the Society four years ago.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

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Biographical Note

The Andrews family originated from Claremont, New Hampshire with William George Andrews (1785-1828) moving to Easton to invest in cotton manufacturing and local water rights. While in Easton, he met and married Sally Stone (1789). They had William S. Andrews (1811-1894), who worked in both shovel and shoe manufacturing. He was wealthy for his time and owned two houses and one barn. He married Laura Edson (1812-1862) and had George Warren Andrews (1834-1892), who followed in his Father's footsteps working first with shovels and then with shoes. The houses that the Andrews family built are still standing and are currently occupied. George W. Andrews wife, Arietta Francina Sampson (1845-1936) was the last of the family to live in Easton until her death. Even though their descendants now live in the southern part of the United States, their impact on Easton can still be seen in the buildings they left behind and their historical involvement with local commerce.

George Warren Andrews started out living with his parents and working at the shovel shops. He later moved next door to his parents with his wife and Helen Sampson Andrews (1866-1928), his daughter. At this point, he was crafting boots. In 1861 George W. Andrews joined the Civil War effort as First Sergeant of Company G, the Seventh Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers with Ward L. Foster as his Captain. He rose to the rank of First Lieutenant of Company I by 1863. However, later that year he applied as an invalid and would prematurely end his service after the Battle of Maryes Heights. It is possible that he was injured in that battle, but there is no concrete record of him suffering an injury. It is speculated that he was unable to complete his term of service due to dysentery and lead poisoning from the medicine he was prescribed. Both conditions would eventually lead to his death.

Arietta Francina Sampson's father Joel Sampson (1810-1895), worked as one of the chief farmers and teamsters for the Ames family. Until her marriage, she lived with her family in one of the still standing Ames Tenement Homes. She became a teacher for the local schools and continued with her career long after her husband's death. In 1892 she made a point to apply for her husband's pension and it was later awarded to her, as can be seen in the documents in this collection. In 1930, she was still living in the same house gifted to her and her husband by his family, with her granddaughter Helen. She remained in that house until her death and was the last member of the Andrews family to live in Easton.

Helen Sampson Andrews was born in Easton and married Minot Jackson Lincoln (1857-1930). They resided in Raynham on the Lincoln family farm and had their six children there. It is estimated that his grandmother had connections with the Hayward and Dean families in Easton, therefore explaining his connection to the area.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the George Warren Andrews Family date from 1833 to 1919. Found within them are: correspondence, printed materials, photographs, diaries, deeds, receipts, speeches, genealogical materials and official government materials. There are twelve series in this collection arranged by document genre or function and presented in alphabetical order. Subsequent organization of subseries and file levels are arranged chronologically or alphabetically, as will be specified below. The primary topics covered in the bulk of the materials relate to the Civil War and the daily life of the family. Notable materials include: letters written by George W. Andrews during the Civil War, his Account Ledger and Diary, photographs of the G.A.R. building and the Andrews Family, speeches written by George W. Andrews and his leave of absence and pension paperwork.

Series 1: Advertisement Cards, Tickets and Postcards. The materials in this series date from 1864 to 1919. Subseries are arranged by document genre and presented alphabetically. Materials within each subseries are arranged chronologically. All postcards were sent to Arietta F. Sampson from friends and family. The most significant materials are almshouse tickets dated Christmas Eve of 1890.

Series 2: Deeds and Certificates. The materials in this series date from 1833 to 1899. The subseries arrangement is by document function and organized alphabetically. All subsequent materials are ordered chronologically to provide a sense of the original order. Notable materials include: Arietta F. Sampson's teaching certifications, a deed of land purchased by George W. Andrews from The Village Cemetery and a mortgage loaned out by Arietta F. Sampson.

Series 3: Diaries. The materials in this series date from 1883 to 1895. Subseries are arranged by document form and presented alphabetically. All materials are ordered chronologically. The main topics covered are: daily life, travel, weather and officers meetings. There are five diaries in total and they were written by George W. Andrews and Helen Sampson Andrews. George W. Andrews diary discusses G.A.R. meetings and conventions, while those written by Helen Sampson Andrews details her daily life.

Series 4: Notes, Writings and Speeches by George W. Andrews. The materials in this series are undated. There are no subseries and the materials are arranged by document genre. Much of the content relates to G.A.R. meetings and conventions. This series features the speech given by George W. Andrews, when he presented an American Flag to Easton High School in honor of Memorial Day and a rough draft of his will.

Series 5: Historical and Genealogical Writings. The materials in this series are undated. There are no subseries and all materials are arranged by document genre. This entire series amounts to four individual items, with the most significant being an early printing of Mary Ames Frothingham's *History of Unity Church*.

Series 6: Personal Correspondence. The materials in this series date from 1861 to 1896. Subseries are arranged by the creator or document function where appropriate. All subsequent materials are ordered chronologically or geographically depending on the prevalence of dates. The topics covered in these letters range from romance and accounts of Civil War camps to condolences for the death of George W. Andrews. The most notable items are the letters written by George W. Andrews during his service in the Civil War.

Series 7: Newspaper Clippings. The materials in this series date from 1891 to 1892. Subseries are arranged chronologically and file level groupings by document content. All materials are ordered by their content as well. Most of the newspaper clippings focus on obituaries, monuments, pension regulations and other various war related topics. The most significant article discusses the first observance of President Lincoln's birthday as a holiday in the state of Illinois.

Series 8: Official Government Documents. The materials in this series date from 1861 to 1891. Subseries are arranged by document genre and presented alphabetically. All materials are ordered chronologically. Notable materials include: George W. Andrews discharge notice and G.A.R. rosters for South Easton.

Series 9: Pension and Leave of Absence Paperwork. The materials in this series date from 1862 to 1892. Subseries are arranged by document function and ordered alphabetically. Subsequent materials have been organized chronologically. Notable materials include: George W. Andrews request for leave, letters certifying that leave and his certificate to obtain a pension.

Series 10: Photographs. The materials in this series are undated. The subseries arrangement is by the subject of each photograph and ordered alphabetically. Materials in each subseries follow the same arrangement and order. Notable items in this series are portraits of George W. Andrews, his wife and daughter, and the G.A.R. Hall.

Series 11: Receipts. The materials in this series date from 1868 to 1914. Subseries are arranged by creator and ordered alphabetically. All subsequent materials are organized chronologically. The items in this series relate to the purchase of common household goods and there are no particularly noteworthy materials to be mentioned.

Series 12: Miscellaneous. The materials in this series date from 1856 to 1891. Subseries are arranged by document form and ordered alphabetically. Materials are organized chronologically where possible and alphabetically otherwise. There are various books, poetry and medicinal recipes. Notable items include: Arietta F. Sampson's school autograph book, a book of poetry and George W. Andrews pocket watch and Corps pin.

Series Outline

The George Warren Andrews Collection is arranged into 12 series, most of which have been further arranged into subseries and folder groupings. The series, subseries and file level groupings are as follows:

Series 1: Advertisement Cards, Tickets and Postcards, 1864-1919

Subseries 1.1: Advertisement Cards and Tickets, 1864-1883

Subseries 1.2: Postcards, 1913-1919

Series 2: Deeds and Certificates, 1833-1899

Subseries 2.1: Certificates, 1852-1890

Subseries 2.2: Deeds and Mortgages, 1833-1899

Series 3: Diaries, 1883-1895

Subseries 3.1: Books, 1883-1895

Subseries 3.2: George W. Andrews Diary, 1861-1891

Series 4: Notes, Writings and Speeches by George W. Andrews, Undated

Subseries 4.1: George W. Andrews Notes and Speeches, Undated

Series 5: Historical and Genealogical Writings, Undated

Subseries 5.1: Historical Accounts and Genealogy, Undated

Series 6: Personal Correspondence, 1861-1896

Subseries 6.1: Letters to Arietta F. Andrews, 1862-1892

Subseries 6.2: George W. Andrews Letters, 1864-1892

Subseries 6.3: George W. Andrews War Camp Letters, 1861-1863

Subseries 6.4: To Helen Andrews Lincoln from Minot Lincoln, 1884-1888

Subseries 6.5: Miscellaneous Letters, 1861-1896

Series 7: Newspaper Clippings, 1891-1892

Subseries 7.1: 1891 Clippings, 1891

File Grouping 7.1.1: Obituaries, 1891

File Grouping 7.1.2: War Clippings, 1891

File Grouping 7.1.3: Miscellaneous Clippings, 1891

Subseries 7.2: 1892 Clippings, 1892

File Grouping 7.2.1: War Clippings, 1892

File Grouping 7.2.2: Miscellaneous Clippings, 1892

Series 8: Official Government Documents, 1861-1891

Subseries 8.1: Reunion Notices, 1884-1889

Subseries 8.2: Rules and Rosters, 1861-1889

Subseries 8.3: Miscellaneous Documents, 1861-1889

Series 9: Pension and Leave of Absence Paperwork, 1862-1892

Subseries 9.1: Leave of Absence Paperwork, 1862-1863

Subseries 9.2: Pension Papers, 1863-1892

Series 10: Photographs, Undated

Subseries 10.1: Andrews Family Photographs, Undated

Subseries 10.2: G.A.R. and Andrews Family Buildings Photographs, Undated

Subseries 10.3: Portraits of the Andrews Family, Undated

Subseries 10.4: Tintype Photographs, Undated

Series 11: Receipts, 1868-1914

Subseries 11.1: Arietta F. Andrews Receipts, 1895-1898

Subseries 11.2: George W. Andrews Receipts, 1865-1891

Subseries 11.3: Miscellaneous Receipts, 1868-1914

Series 12: Miscellaneous, 1856-1891

Subseries 12.1: Books, 1856-1891

Subseries 12.2: Papers, Undated

Related Materials

Series 4, 5 and 9 have been digitized in their entirety. Series 2, 3, 6, 8 and 10 have select materials digitized. These materials include: George W. Andrews account book and diary, all letters except those sent to Helen Sampson Andrews, Camp Rules and Rosters and photographs of the Andrews Family (including portraits) and buildings. All digitized materials are available at the Easton Historical Society and Museum's webpage at: <https://www.eastonmahistoricalociety.org/#/>.

Container List**Series 1: Advertisement Cards, Tickets and Postcards, 1864-1919**

Subseries 1.1: Advertisement Cards and Tickets, 1864-1883

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Advertisement Cards and Tickets, 1864-1883

Subseries 1.2: Postcards, 1913-1919

Box	Folder	Description
1	2	Postcards, 1913-1919

Series 2: Deeds and Certificates, 1833-1899

Subseries 2.1: Certificates, 1852-1890

Box	Folder	Description
1	3	Certificates, 1852-1890

Subseries 2.2: Deeds and Mortgages, 1833-1899

Box	Folder	Description
1	4	Deeds and Mortgages, 1833-1899

Series 3: Diaries, 1883-1895

Subseries 3.1: Books, 1883-1895

Box	Folder	Description
1	5	Physically Bound Diaries, 1883-1895

Subseries 3.2: George W. Andrews Diary, 1861-1891

Box	Folder	Description
1	6	George W. Andrews Unbound Paper Diary, 1861-1891

Series 4: Notes, Writings and Speeches by George W. Andrews, Undated

Subseries 4.1: George W. Andrews Notes and Speeches, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	7	George W. Andrews Notes, Speeches and Writings, Undated

Series 5: Historical and Genealogical Writings, Undated

Subseries 5.1: Historical Accounts and Genealogy, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	8	Historical Accounts and Genealogy, Undated

Series 6: Personal Correspondence, 1861-1896

Subseries 6.1: Letters to Arietta F. Sampson, 1862-1892

Box	Folder	Description
1	9	Letters to Arietta F. Sampson, 1862-1930

Subseries 6.2: George W. Andrews Letters, 1864-1892

Box	Folder	Description
1	10	George W. Andrews Letters, 1864-1892

Subseries 6.3: George W. Andrews War Camp Letters, 1861-1863

Box	Folder	Description
1	11	George W. Andrews War Camp Letters, 1861-1863

Subseries 6.4: To Helen Sampson Andrews from Minot Jackson Lincoln, 1884-1888

Box	Folder	Description
1	12	To Helen Sampson Andrews from Minot Jackson Lincoln, 1884-1888

Subseries 6.5: Miscellaneous Letters, 1861-1896

Box	Folder	Description
1	13	Miscellaneous Letters, 1861-1896

Series 7: Newspaper Clippings, 1891-1892

Subseries 7.1: 1891 Clippings, 1891

Box	Folder	Description
1	14	Obituaries, 1891
1	15	War Clippings, 1891
1	16	Miscellaneous Clippings, 1891

Subseries 7.2: 1892 Clippings, 1892

Box	Folder	Descriptions
1	17	War Clippings, 1892
1	18	Miscellaneous Clippings, 1892

Series 8: Official Government Documents, 1861-1891

Subseries 8.1: Reunion Notices, 1884-1889

Box	Folder	Description
1	19	Reunion Notices, 1884-1889

Subseries 8.2: Rules and Rosters, 1861-1889

Box	Folder	Description
1	20	Rules and Rosters for Camp, 1861-1889

Subseries 8.3: Miscellaneous Documents, 1861-1889

Box	Folder	Description
1	21	Miscellaneous Documents, 186-1889

Series 9: Pension and Leave of Absence Paperwork, 1862-1892

Subseries 9.1: Leave of Absence Paperwork, 1862-1863

Box	Folder	Description
1	22	Leave of Absence Paperwork, 1862-1863

Subseries 9.2: Pension Papers, 1863-1892

Box	Folder	Description
1	23	Pension Papers, 1863-1892

Series 10: Photographs, Undated

Subseries 10.1: Andrews Family Photographs, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	24	Andrews Family Photographs, Undated

Subseries 10.2: G.A.R. and Andrews Family Buildings Photographs, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	25	G.A.R. and Andrews Family Buildings Photographs, Undated

Subseries 10.3: Portraits of the Andrews Family, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	26	Portraits of the Andrews Family, Undated

Subseries 10.4: Tintype Photographs, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	27	Tintype Photographs, Undated

Series 11: Receipts, 1868-1914

Subseries 11.1: Arietta F. Sampson Receipts, 1895-1898

Box	Folder	Description
1	28	Arietta F. Sampson Receipts, 1895-1898

Subseries 11.2: George W. Andrews Receipts, 1865-1891

Box	Folder	Description
1	29	George W. Andrews Receipts, 1865-1891

Subseries 11.3: Miscellaneous Receipts, 1868-1914

Box	Folder	Description
1	30	Miscellaneous Receipts, 1868-1914

Series 12: Miscellaneous, 1856-1891

Subseries 12.1: Books, 1856-1891

Box	Folder	Description
1	31	Books, 1856-1891

Subseries 12.2: Papers, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	32	Papers, Notes, Documents, Undated