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Description

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Keywords

Civil War, 147th New York, Battle of the Wilderness, G.A.R., Grand Army of the Republic, 50th Reunion, Battle of Gettysburg

Disciplines

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**Guide to the
Lewis W. Tway Collection**



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Provenance:

Donated to Gettysburg College by descendants of Lewis Tway (from the Estate of Helda V. Dean Austin by Mrs. Virginia Branston, executor), through the efforts of Grace C. Kenney, Emeritus Professor of Health and Physical Education.

Biography:

Lewis W. Tway (1842-1923) was born in Brooklyn, New York where he worked as a farmer before enlisting in Company K of the 147th N.Y. Volunteers on July 15, 1863 for a term of three years. He received a leg wound on May 6, 1864 at the Battle of the Wilderness and was granted furlough May 18 - June 18, 1864. He was discharged July 14, 1865 in Philadelphia at the age of 21. He married Emma V. Doughty of Brooklyn on May 6, 1866 and with her raised one daughter, Nellie. Tway was active in the Stella Lodge between 1874 and 1885 and was a member of the G.A.R. He returned to Gettysburg for the 50th Reunion in July 1913 and died in 1923.

Scope and Content Notes:

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Box 1: Manuscripts

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| 1-1 | Diary | September 6, 1863 |
| 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 transcript
- 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: Artifacts

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

In metal flat file, drawer 6:

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"