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### **Description**

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### **Keywords**

Civil War, Civil War Correspondence, Civil War Diary, Augusta, 6th Maine Light Artillery, McGilvery's Battery, Second Bull Run, Battle of Gettysburg, Battle of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Battle of Cedar Creek, Spotsylvania

### **Disciplines**

History | Military History | Public History | Social History | United States History

**Guide to**  
**Reuel Williams Waters, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Maine Light**  
**Artillery, 6th Maine Battery**



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(1 box, .27 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1862-1903

Bulk Dates: 1862-1865

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**Provenance:** Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum 2009

**Biography:**

Reuel Williams Waters of Augusta, Maine, was born October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1842, the fifth of six children to Cornelius Waters (1795-1880) and Abigail Irish (1806 – 1873). Waters had four sisters, Rebecca Irish Waters (1831 – 1882), Mary Louisa Waters (1833 – unknown), Abigail Cordelia Waters (1837 – 1877), Anna Gardner Waters (1851 – unknown), and one brother, James Cornelius Waters (1840 – 1870). Waters enlisted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Maine Light Artillery on November 11, 1862 at the age of 20, and was mustered out on June 17, 1865. The 6<sup>th</sup> Maine, also known as McGilvery's Battery, were engaged at 2<sup>nd</sup> Bull Run, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Opequan, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and Gettysburg. Waters married Emily A. Bentley (October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1844 – unknown) with whom he had one child, Herbert Bentley Waters (September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1870 – unknown).

**Series Description**

The Reuel W. Waters Collection is divided into six Series. **Series I:** Biographical Information; **Series II:** Correspondence; **Series III:** Diary Manuscript; **Series IV:** Family Correspondence; **Series V:** Newspaper Clippings; and **Series VI:** Family Genealogy.

**Scope and Content Notes:**

This collection consists of three letters and a twenty-two page diary penned by Reuel Williams Waters. The diary manuscript is a 22 page quarto, titled "Diary from August 29<sup>th</sup> 1863 [corrected in pencil to 62] (Time of Enlistment into the U.S. Service) to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1864. Per Reuel Williams Waters." The letters are written by Waters to his sisters. Additionally, a photograph of Reuel Waters, several newspaper clippings concerning members of Waters' family and reunions of the 6<sup>th</sup> Maine Battery, letters penned by Waters' mother and sister-in-law after the war, and notes concerning Waters and Bentley (Waters' wife Emily Bentley) family genealogy are included in this collection. A transcription produced by the processor is included with each letter as well as the diary manuscript.

## **Box 1**

### **Series I – Biographical Information**

**1-1** Biographical Information, Finding Aid, and Reuel Waters photograph

### **Series II – Correspondence**

**1-2** Correspondence from Reuel Waters to his sister Annie, February 6, 1865

**1-3** Correspondence from Reuel Waters to his sister Abbie, February 15, 1865

**1-4** Correspondence from Reuel Waters to his sisters R. and A., March 15, 1865

### **Series III – Diary Manuscript**

**1-5** Diary Manuscript

### **Series IV – Family Correspondence**

**1-6** Correspondence from Lizzie (Bentley) to sister Emily (Bentley) Waters, September 17, 1867

**1-7** Correspondence from Abigail (Irish) Waters to her son Reuel Waters, May 26, 1869

### **Series V – Newspaper Clippings**

**1-8** Newspaper clippings concerning family and the 6<sup>th</sup> Maine Battery

### **Series VI – Family Genealogy**

**1-9** Bentley Family Genealogy

**1-10** Miscellaneous family notes and information