Wetherell Family Papers, 1830-1900
Mss. Collection # 93
7.5 linear ft

Biographical
The Wetheralls moved from Vermont to Russell, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. in the early 1800's. Some family members moved west to Illinois, Kansas, and Wisconsin. Two sons, Willard and Darius enlisted in the 60th N.Y. Volunteers and fought in the civil war.

Scope & Content
The Wetherall Family Papers consist of approximately 1200 letters, 1 civil war diary by Willard Wetherall, 100 photographs and dozens of printed ephemera spanning the period 1790-1930; with the bulk of the collection from 1830-1900. This collection documents the lives of several St. Lawrence County families including the Coltons, Hatchs, and Randalls, the social and cultural history of the county, as well as the ethnic history of the settlers responsible for the westward expansion of the United States.

Included in these papers is a civil war diary and 20 letters written by Willard Wetherall who, with his brother Darius, enlisted in the 60th NY Volunteers at Ogdensburg in 1861 and were stationed in Baltimore and Harper’s Ferry guarding rail lines. The letters detail camp life in the Union Army: foods served, company morale, names of local boys killed or deserting, “sesh” in Maryland, Confederate prisoners and many colorful stories. These are the writings of a literate, well-traveled young man.

Provenance
Purchased with a generous gift from Eloise H. De Falco from Tom Jenison, bookseller.

Box / Folder

1. To/From Sophrina
   1848, 1849, 1854, 1859, 1862, 1864, 1868, 1871-1878, 1880-1892, 1895,
   Questionable Dates

2. To Bradford Wetherell
   1870, 1875-1878, 1881-1884, 1886, 1887, Questionable Dates
   To/From Charles A. Wetherell
   1841, 1853, 1866, 1868, 1870-1878, Questionable Dates
   To/From R Frost
   1854, 1858, 1858, 1861, 1869, Questionable Dates
   To/From Aurelia
   1841, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1862, 1863, 1886, 1893
   To/From Mr. and Mrs. Colton
   1855, 1856, 1864, 1866
   To/From Hanna Jane
   1839, 1844, 1854, 1856, 1859-1862, 1864-1866, 1869-1872, 1874, 1876, 1878-1881, 1883-1891, 1893, 1899, 1907, 1909, Questionable Dates

3. To/From Willard
   1849, 1852-1861, 1873, 1884, Civil War Diary, Questionable Dates
   To/From Alvin
   1864, 1873, 1883. Questionable Dates
   To/From Darius
   1827, 1834, 1841, 1842, 1847, 1859-1861, 1863, 1869, 1874, Questionable Dates
   To/From Loretta
   1852, 1861-1862, 1868-1871, 1873-1878, 1881-1884, 1887-1890, 1893, 1894, 1896,
   Questionable Dates
4  To/ From Truman
   1860, 1866-1877, 1879, 1883, 1884, 1887, 1890, 1892, 1893, 1902, 1914, 1916, Questionable Dates
To/From Mabel Wetherell, Mrs. Mable Hatch
   1901, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914-1919, 1921, 1925, 1927-1930, Questionable Dates

5  To/From Herbert Hatch
   1907, 1910, 1914, 1916, 1924, Questionable Dates
Postcards
   1925-1930, Questionable Dates
Unknown People
   1799, 1826, 1839, 1847-1849, 1851, 1854-1863, 1865-1868, 1871-1879, 1882, 1885-1886, 1889, 1893, 1894, Questionable Dates

6  Miscellaneous Papers
   1814, 1854, 1861, 1863-1865, 1873-1877, 1881-1883, 1886-1887, 1894, 1895, 1910, Questionable Dates
Business Correspondence, Business Ephemera, Health Ephemera, Personal Ephemera
Personal Manuscript Writings, Genealogy

7  Photographs