

John Carvel Arnold Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: John Carvel Arnold Papers

Span Dates: 1856-1937

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1864-1875)

ID No.: MSS11205

Creator: Arnold, John Carvel, 1833-1865

Extent: 190 items ; 1 container ; .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Laborer and Union soldier. Principally correspondence of Arnold with his wife, Mary Ann, while he served in the 49th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment during the Civil War, and Mrs. Arnold's postwar correspondence with their children.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Arnold family--Correspondence.

Arnold family.

Arnold, Carrie E. (Carrie Emillia), 1863-1945--Correspondence.

Arnold, Edwin S., 1856-1923--Correspondence.

Arnold, Grant S. (Grant Snoke), 1860-1905--Correspondence.

Arnold, Idabell, 1858- --Correspondence.

Arnold, John Carvel, 1833-1865.

Arnold, John S. (John Sheridan), 1865- --Correspondence.

Arnold, Mary Ann, 1833-1911--Correspondence.

Arnold, Mary Ann, 1833-1911.

Arnold, Mary M. (Mary Mildred), 1862-1921--Correspondence.

Organizations

Confederate States of America. Army.

McAlisterville Soldiers' Orphan School.

United States. Army

United States. Army--Pay, allowances, etc.

United States. Army. Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)

Subjects

Copperhead movement.

Education--Pennsylvania.

Peace movements--United States.

Schools--Pennsylvania--McAlisterville.

Places

Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

McAlisterville (Pa.)--History.

Pennsylvania--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Pennsylvania--Social life and customs.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Protest movements.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Women.

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations

Laborers.
Soldiers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of John Carvel Arnold, laborer and Union soldier, were given to the Library of Congress by J. R. Arnold in 1937.

Processing History

The John Carvel Arnold Papers were processed circa 1970. The finding aid was created in 2014.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1833	Born, Union County (later part of Snyder County), Pa.
1856, Aug. 3	Married Mary Ann Snoke (1833-1911)
1856, Nov. 12	Son Edwin Arnold born (died 1923)
1858, Aug. 23	Daughter Idabell Arnold born
1860, Mar. 18	Son Grant Arnold born
1862, Jan. 3	Daughter Mary Arnold born
1863, Nov. 8	Daughter Carrie Arnold born
1864, Feb.	Enlisted as a private, Company I, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry
1865, Mar. 10	Promoted to corporal
1865, Apr. 6	Killed in action at Sailors Creek, Va.
1865, Dec. 4	Son John S. Arnold born

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Carvel Arnold (1831-1865) span the years 1856-1937, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1864-1875. The collection consists principally of correspondence of Arnold with his wife, Mary Ann, while he served in Company I, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, and in which he records his views on the military situation in Virginia and Maryland (1864-1865), the Copperheads, the rebels, army rations and pay, family finances, and her problems of maintaining a home and educating the children. The correspondence between Mary Ann Arnold and her children dates primarily from the time of the children's attendance at the McAlisterville Soldiers' Orphan School after the Civil War. Mary Ann Arnold was unable to write, thus none of the correspondence in the collection is in her own handwriting.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Family correspondence
BOX 1	Originals
BOX 1	John C. Arnold to Mary Ann Arnold, 1864-1865, undated
BOX 1	Mary Ann Arnold to John C. Arnold, 1864-1865
BOX 1	Mary Ann Arnold and children, 1866-1877, 1889, 1895, undated
BOX 1	Typed copies, 1864-1865, 1937, undated
BOX 1	General correspondence, 1864-1873, 1884, 1889, 1892, 1937
BOX 1	Miscellaneous canal receipts, 1856-1864, undated
BOX 1	Miscellaneous fragments and envelopes
BOX 1	Printed matter, 1864, undated