AN INVENTORY TO THE

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INTRODUCTION

In July of 1973 Bernard Geary of Scituate, Rhode Island, donated the papers of his grandfather, Allen F. Cameron, to the Providence College Archives.

Mr. Carmeron, born in 1836, in Quebec, Canada, was one of four brothers who served in the Union Army. He enrolled as a sergeant in the Rhode Island Colored Artillery (Heavy) Fifth Regiment in October of 1861. Among the engagements he participated in was the Burnside Expedition. By the time of his mustering out in October, 1865, Mr. Cameron had attained the rank of first lieutenant of the Rhode Island United States Colored Artillery (Heavy) Eleventh Regiment (originally, the Fourteenth Regiment), and had acted as aide-de-camp at post headquarters.

Upon retiring from the army, Mr. Cameron returned to his previous employment as a weave room overseer in Rockland (Scituate), Rhode Island, for approximately one year. He then became a weapons inspector and worked for companies in Springfield, Massachusetts, and New Haven, Connecticut.

This gift of approximately five hundred (500) pieces includes Mr. Cameron's personal and official correspondence, the latter consisting of material such as regimental reports, orders, rosters and courts-martial records detailing the progress of the Civil War, life in the Union Army and treatment of black troops by white officers.

The Collection has been divided into the following nine (9) record groups:

CIRCULARS—"Circulars," usually from the Adjutant General's Office, distribute official correspondence (except combat orders) on personnel and other administrative records.

CLIPPINGS--Included here are two newspaper clippings of personal interest to Mr. Cameron.

CORRESPONDENCE--This record group contains much Cameron family correspondence. It is of particular historical value for the War period from the "off-the-record," human interest viewpoint.

EQUIPAGE--This broad grouping relates to the files on pay, rations, ordnance and other miscellaneous supplies.

GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL--This section consists of the charges, specifications and verdicts of several trials of military personnel.

GENERAL ORDERS--"General Orders," permanent instructions to all members of a command, concern policy as well as administrative matters.

MISCELLANEOUS--This folder is a catch-all for various notes and business cards.

SOLDIERS--Lists of and forms regarding deceased, deserted and discharged soldiers are enclosed in this file.

SPECIAL ORDERS--"Special Orders," as compared to "General Orders," affect primarily individuals or small groups.

CIRCULARS

Headquarters, Carrollton District
includes: January, 1865

Headquarters, Gulf, Department of
includes: May, 1865-June, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana, Department of
includes: August, 1865-September, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana, Southern Division of
includes: May, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana and Texas, Department of
includes: August, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Colored Troops
includes: September, 1864-January, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Forces
includes: March, 1864-August, 1865

Headquarters, West Mississippi, Military Division of
includes: October, 1864-February, 1865

War Department
includes: August, 1864

War Department, Ordnance Office
includes: November, 1863-March, 1865

CLIPPINGS

October, 1868--oversize

October, 1913--oversize

CORRESPONDENCE

November, 1853

March, 1854

March, 1857

July, 1857

April, 1859

September, 1859

November, 1859

September, 1860

July, 1861

March, 1863

May, 1863

November, 1863

June, 1864

March, 1865

April, 1865

September, 1865

October, 1865

November, 1865

December, 1865

February, 1866

April, 1866

May, 1866

July, 1866

August, 1866

September, 1866

October, 1866

December, 1866

March, 1868

June, 1868

April, 1875

March, 1910

undated

EQUIPAGE

Dated some oversize

includes: April, 1864-December, 1865

Undated some oversize

Blank some oversize

GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL

Adams, Charles

Field, John A.

Fields, John

Folley

Henderson, George

Horan, Timothy

Lee, Jerome Also see Horan; Van Dusen

Loup, Constant

Maher, Patrick Also see Horan

McDonald, William H.

Peters, William See Horan

Rine, William B. See Field

Rottaken, H. H.

Smith, Jacob

Sprauer, Heromnus

Van Dusen, Orias

Webster, George H. See McDonald

GENERAL ORDERS

Headquarters, Gulf, Department of
includes: May, 1865-July, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana, Department of
includes: August, 1865-September, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana, Eastern District of
includes: July, 1865-September, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana, Southern Division of
includes: February, 1865-July, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana and Texas, Department of
includes: July, 1865-August, 1865

Headquarters, New Orleans, Defences of
includes: July, 1864-February, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Colored Artillery (Heavy) 11th Regiment
includes: September, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Colored Artillery (Heavy) 11th Regiment 3rd Battalion
includes: November, 1864-August, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Colored Troops
includes: October, 1864-January, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Colored Troops, 3rd Division
includes: November, 1864

Headquarters, U. S. Forces
includes: March, 1864

Headquarters, West Mississippi, Military Division of
includes: September, 1864-June, 1965

War Department
includes: November, 1864-December, 1864

MISCELLANEOUS

Undated

includes: notes and business cards

SOLDIERS

Deceased some oversize
includes: June, 1864-June, 1866, and undated lists and forms

Deserted
includes: November, 1863-December, 1863, and blank forms

Discharged
includes: December, 1864-September, 1865,and blank statements

General some oversize
includes: blank forms

SPECIAL ORDERS

Headquarters, Carrollton District
includes: January, 1865-March, 1865

Headquarters, Gulf, Department of
includes: January, 1865-March, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana, Southern Division of
includes: May, 1865-June, 1865

Headquarters, Louisiana and Texas, Department of
includes: July, 1865

Headquarters, New Orleans, Defences of
includes: February, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Colored Artillery (Heavy) 8th Regiment
includes: August, 1864

Headquarters, U. S. Colored Artillery (Heavy) 11th Regiment
includes: May, 1865-October, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Colored Artillery (Heavy) 11th Regiment 3rd Battalion
includes: January, 1865-September, 1865

Headquarters, U. S. Forces
includes: June, 1865-July, 1865