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Finding Aid

➤ **Weber Family Papers, 1860-1878** ◀

MSS-126

Size: 7 items/.2 linear feet

Provenance: received from William Lee. The Weber Family papers were passed down to Mrs. Frances Schneider, the daughter of Frank E. and Edna Watts Weber.

Access: open

Collection Summary: Collection of Weber Family correspondence (in German), a diary, an account of a Civil War battle, and genealogical material.

Subjects: [War, Soldiers, and Veterans](#)

Related Collections: Cyrus Hussey Diaries, MSS-017 Donald D. Duhaime Collection, MSS-077, Maher Family Collection, MSS-047, Navarre-William Family Papers, MSS-042, Alvin M. Woolson, Grand Army of the Republic Scrapbook, MSS-038.

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Biographical Sketch

The Weber Family was originally from Switzerland. Due to poverty suffered by the family, Alexander Weber and his sister, Julia left behind several brothers and sisters to emigrate to Toledo, Ohio in 1853 to live with their aunt and uncle. He attended school until the age of twelve, when he took a job tending bar. On March 18, 1864, at the age of 15, Weber enlisted in the military and served as a member of Company E, 67th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. Weber was discharged from service on December 15, 1865, and returned to Toledo to work for his uncle and become a farmer. In 1868, Weber married Julia Gertz. He went on to become a successful potato farmer.

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Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Weber Family consist of correspondence, a diary, an account of a Civil War battle, and genealogical material.

The correspondence is divided into two groups. The first is a series of letters written by Alexander Weber to his parents. The letters are a typescript translation from the original German. They describe the events of Alexander's life on six occasions between April, 1860 and April, 1878. The years during the Civil War are notably absent from this group. The second group contains two letters written during the Civil War by "Geo. Weber," a soldier, to his brother.

The diary and the account of "The March after Gen. Lee" were both written by Alexander Weber during his service as a soldier with Company E, 67th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. The diary contains a daily outline of Weber's activities and challenges as a soldier in a unit that changed locations often, sometimes every day. Also of note is Weber's ongoing tally of confederate soldiers who joined the Company. The account is a manuscript containing a detailed description of Weber's participation (also recorded in the diary) in the retreat of General Lee from Petersburg to Appomattox Virginia ending with Lee's surrender on April 9, 1865.

Finally, the genealogical material relates primarily to families related to the Weber family by marriage with some materials relevant to the Weber family.

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Series List

S1 Family Papers

1860-1878, .2linear ft.

Arranged chronologically

Correspondence, diary, manuscript account of a Civil War battle, and genealogical material pertaining to the Weber Family and other families related by marriage.)

Folder List

Box	Folder	Item Description
		S1. Family Papers
1	1	Correspondence translated for the German, 1860-1878
	2	Correspondence, 1862, 1863
	3	"Daily Pocket Remembrances for 1865"
	4	"The March After Gen. Lee," 1865
	5	Genealogical material, n.d.