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Finding Aid for the HALLOWELL FAMILY PAPERS,
1858-1933

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RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions

ABSTRACT

This collection contains the letters of Edward Needles Hallowell, a Quaker who fought in the Civil War, primarily to family members, mostly from the battlefield.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edward Needles Hallowell (1837-1871) was a Quaker moved by conscience to participate in the Civil War to help eradicate slavery. He rose to the level of Brevet Brigadier General in the Union Army.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

[Quaker abolitionists -- United States](#)
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[Holmes, Amelia](#)
[Hallowell, Edward Needles, 1837-1871](#)
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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This collection contains the letters of Edward Needles Hallowell, primarily to family members, mostly from the Civil War battlefield. There are also letters of Amelia Holmes (mother of Supreme Court Justice, Oliver Wendell Holmes) to Emily Hallowell, sister of Edward N. Hallowell; a photograph of Gen. Hallowell; a pencil drawing of The Old Haverford Meeting House by E. Nelson Edwards; and a biographical account of Edward N. Hallowell.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Letters of Edward Needles Hallowell (1837-1871), 1858-69. 32 items.

These letters discuss slavery, civil war campaigns or skirmishes in which he was engaged, recovery at home in Philadelphia after being wounded, promotion to Brevet Brigadier General and family information.

Included are:

to Gov. John A. Andrew. 1863 11/23. [re equitable pay for African American troops in his regiment]

to Norwood P. ("Norp") Hallowell. 1863 12/10. [Secretary Stanton's instructions about black troops and war news]

to sister. 1865 3/22. [Blacks know they are free wherever Union soldiers come on missions of property destruction in the South]

to father. Charleston, S.C., 1865 8/12. [even though the war is over, Hallowell was requested by General Saxton to remain in the army to assist the Freedman's Bureau]

to Norwood P. Hallowell. 1869 3/25. [encourages his brother to get into wool merchant business in which he (E.N.H.) is engaged]

Letters of Amelia Holmes to Emily (Aurora) Hallowell. 1863, 1884 & n.d. 5 items.

These are letters of general news, including:

1863 2/1. [despises war, but hates slavery more]

Albumen photograph of Edward Needles Hallowell in Union army outfit.

MATERIALS REMOVED

to 988 F: Pencil drawing of "The Old Haverford Meetinghouse. Signed by the artist, E. Nelson Edwards and with Haverford logo drawn on it. [1933?]

to PG: "Edward Needles Hallowell, 1837-1871, Col. 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers". By Susan M. Hallowell Brooks. n.d.

Note: Paper on Morris Hallowell (father of Edward Needles Hallowell) and other Hallowell family members and the Calhoun School / by Dan Proctor added to PG 11/1999.

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