

# Guide to the Daniel Webster Buck Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-3907

**CREATOR:** Buck, Daniel Webster, 1840-1892 , author

**TITLE:** Daniel Webster Buck papers

**DATES:** 1861-1892

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.42 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Letters and business papers documenting Daniel Webster Buck's service with the United States Army 8th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, Company E, from 1861 to 1864; position as U.S. Deputy Marshal in Montana from circa 1866 to 1874; and role as acting agent for the Blackfeet Indian Agency in Montana from 1873 to 1876. Included is a tintype photograph of Buck by an unidentified photographer, circa 1880, and a cabinet card photograph of "Hamillin" by studio photographer James Presley Ball, circa 1888.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Vincent Goebel on the Walter McClintock Memorial Fund, 2010.

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## Conditions Governing Access

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## Biographical / Historical

Daniel Webster Buck (1840-1892) of Lancaster, New York, enlisted in the United States Army 8th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, Company E, on 1861 September 5, and was mustered into service as first sergeant on 1861 September 18. Buck joined the Army of the Potomac with his regiment on 1861 October 17 and became first lieutenant of his company on 1862 July 17. He received his captain's commission in 1862 December and was placed upon recruiting service in Illinois circa 1863 October, after receiving a saber wound to the head and bullet wound to the leg. Buck continued to serve until 1864 October 10, when he was mustered out of service on account of his injuries. Following his military service, Buck resided in Helena, Montana, where he was U.S. Deputy Marshal circa 1866 to 1874, and acting agent for the Blackfeet Indian Agency from 1873 to 1876.

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## Scope and Contents

Letters and business papers documenting Daniel Webster Buck's service with the United States Army 8th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, Company E, from 1861 to 1864; position as U.S. Deputy Marshal in Montana from circa 1866 to 1874; and role as acting agent for the Blackfeet Indian Agency in Montana from 1873 to 1876. Included is a tintype photograph of Buck by an unidentified photographer, circa 1880, and a cabinet card photograph of "Hamillin" by studio photographer James Presley Ball, circa 1888.

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## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Washington, D.C., to "Sister Julia"	1861 October 21
b. 1, f. 2	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Camp California, Virginia, to "Dear Mother"	1861 December 28
b. 1, f. 3	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Harrison Landing, Virginia, to "Dear Sister"	1862 July 25
b. 1, f. 4	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Knoxville, Tennessee, to "Dear Mother"	1862 October 16
b. 1, f. 5	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Belle Plain, Virginia, to "Dear Mother"	1862 December 1
b. 1, f. 6	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Port Conway, Virginia, to "Dear Sister Julia"	1863 February 15
b. 1, f. 7	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Potomac Creek Station, Virginia, to "Bro David"	1863 May 13
b. 1, f. 8	Andrew Jonathan Alexander special orders no. 83 (leave of absence)	1863 June 2
b. 1, f. 9	Daniel Webster Buck letter to "Bro David"	1863 August 10
b. 1, f. 10	Daniel Webster Buck letter to "Dear Mother"	1863? October 19
b. 1, f. 11	Charles C. Suydam special orders no. 278 (recruitment)	1863 October 26-28
b. 1, f. 12	James Oakes special orders no. 27 (recruitment)	1863 November 2
b. 1, f. 13-15	Daniel Webster Buck contracts with Hilton Clary (3 folders)	1863 November 3
b. 1, f. 16	James Oakes blank order for transportation	circa 1863
b. 1, f. 17	Enlistment certifications signed by Daniel Webster Buck and David Ramsay Clendenin	1864 January 12-December 29
b. 1, f. 18	Thomas G. Barnes special orders no. 140 (recruitment)	1864 February 9
b. 1, f. 19	Thomas G. Barnes special orders no. 126 (recruitment)	1864 February 12
b. 1, f. 20	8th Illinois Cavalry Regiment letter, Chicago, Illinois, to Galena and Chicago Union Railroad	1864 February 23
b. 1, f. 21	William Gamble roll of volunteers enlisted	1864 February 28
b. 1, f. 22	John M. Waite letter, Saint Charles, Illinois, to Daniel Webster Buck	1864 March 14
b. 1, f. 23	Chas. Edw. Hays letter, Springfield, Illinois, to Daniel Webster Buck	1864 May 26
b. 1, f. 24	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Muddy Branch, Maryland, to "Dear Mother"	1864 August 15
b. 1, f. 25	Daniel Webster Buck note about promotions and service	circa 1864
b. 1, f. 26	Snake River District, Colorado, pre-emption mining claims signed by Daniel Webster Buck	1865 July 22

b. 1, f. 27	Carte de visite photograph of Ulysses S. Grant, Philip Sheridan, William Tecumseh Sherman, Andrew Johnson, David Farragut, George Henry Thomas, and David Dixon Porter	circa 1865
b. 1, f. 28	"Bill" letter to "Dear Manly"	186? March 9
b. 1, f. 29	Daniel Webster Buck roll of tribal leaders	1873 October 9
b. 1, f. 30	H. A. Kennedy memorandum of ammunition turned over to William F. Ensign	circa 1873 October
b. 1, f. 31	Inventory property at the Blackfeet Indian Agency	1873 November 13
b. 1, f. 32	Letter, Blackfeet Indian Agency, Montana, to Henry A. Kennedy	1873 November 22
b. 1, f. 33	Daniel Webster Buck statement of public funds	1873 November 23
b. 1, f. 34	Daniel Webster Buck voucher no. 1 for reimbursement of expenses	1873 November 24
b. 1, f. 35	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Blackfeet Indian Agency, Montana, to William Goodyer	1873 November 24
b. 1, f. 36	Daniel Webster Buck vouchers for services	1873 November 24-1874 January 12
b. 1, f. 37	Henry R. Clum letter, Washington, D.C., to Daniel Webster Buck	1873 December 10
b. 1, f. 38	Henry R. Clum letter, Washington, D.C., to Daniel Webster Buck	1873 December 16
b. 1, f. 39	Daniel Webster Buck voucher no. 1 outlining property distributed to the Blackfeet people	1873 December 18
b. 1, f. 40	Daniel Webster Buck voucher no. 2 outlining property distributed to the Blackfeet people	1873 December 23
b. 1, f. 41	Daniel Webster Buck abstract of disbursements	1873 December 31
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 105	Daniel Webster Buck account of the inventory property at the Blackfeet Indian Agency	1873 December 31
b. 1, f. 42	William F. Ensign voucher for reimbursement of expenses	1873 December 31
b. 1, f. 43	Daniel Webster Buck receipt for goods received	1873 December
b. 1, f. 44	Daniel Webster Buck report for missing annuities	circa 1873 December
b. 1, f. 45	Daniel Webster Buck note with names of Blackfeet Indians	circa 1873 December

b. 1, f. 46	Daniel Webster Buck audit of Blackfeet Etc Annuity Good	circa 1873 December
b. 1, f. 47	Chicago, Burlington, & Quincy Railroad tickets	circa 1873
b. 1, f. 48	Richard F. May receipt for funds received from Daniel Webster Buck	1874 January 12
b. 1, f. 49	Richard F. May letter, Blackfeet Indian Agency, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1874 February 2
b. 1, f. 50	Edward Parmelee Smith letter, Washington, D.C., to Daniel Webster Buck	1874 February 18
b. 1, f. 51	Edward Parmelee Smith letter, Washington, D.C., to Daniel Webster Buck	1874 April 1
b. 1, f. 52	William Fletcher Wheeler appointment letter of Daniel Webster Buck as deputy marshal	1874 May 30
b. 1, f. 53	Richard F. May letter, Blackfeet Indian Agency, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1874 October 2
b. 1, f. 54	Edward Parmelee Smith letter, Washington, D.C., to Daniel Webster Buck	1874 October 13
b. 1, f. 55	"Old Man" letter, Fort Benton, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1874 November 5
b. 1, f. 56	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Fort Peck, Montana, to Susan Buck	1875 March 15
b. 1, f. 57	Daniel Webster Buck voucher for reimbursement of expenses	circa 1875 June 30
b. 1, f. 58	Andrew J. Simmons letter, Oakland, California, to Daniel Webster Buck	1875 September 14
b. 1, f. 59	Thomas J. Mitchell letter, Fort Peck, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1875 September 26
b. 1, f. 60	Erwin C. Watkins letter, Rockford, Michigan, to Daniel Webster Buck	1875 November 13
b. 1, f. 61	Daniel Webster Buck payment for service	circa 1876 September 30
b. 1, f. 62	Myron C. Thum letter, Leavenworth, Kansas, to Daniel Webster Buck	1876 December 28
b. 1, f. 63	Letter, Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Daniel Webster Buck	1877 March 28
b. 1, f. 64	Joseph Leighton letter, Fort Benton, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1877 April 16
b. 1, f. 65	Daniel Webster Buck voucher for reimbursement of expenses	circa 1877 April 20
b. 1, f. 66	Joseph Leighton letter, Tongue River, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1877 June 8
b. 1, f. 67	"Lem" letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1878 February 2
b. 1, f. 68	"Phil" letter, Fort Shaw, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1878 June 29
b. 1, f. 69	E. G. Maclay letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1878 August 9
b. 1, f. 70	"Theodor" letter, Fort Custer, Montana, to "Marcus"	1878 August 17

b. 1, f. 71	Alexander C. Botkin letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1878 August 23
b. 1, f. 72	E. G. Maclay letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1878 August 27
b. 1, f. 73	E. G. Maclay letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1878 October 1
b. 1, f. 74	Standard by-laws of the Subordinate Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana	1878
b. 1, f. 75	Joseph Leighton letter, Saint Paul, Minnesota, to Daniel Webster Buck	1879 January 14
b. 1, f. 76	George Boyd letter, Poplar Creek, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1879 April 26
b. 1, f. 77	Missouri River Transportation Company receipt for transportation of goods	1879 May 6
b. 1, f. 78	Daniel Webster Buck letter, Fort Benton, Montana, to Susan Buck	1879 May 18
b. 1, f. 79	Wyman L. Lincoln letter, Fort Belknap Agency, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1879 June 11
b. 1, f. 80	Wyman L. Lincoln letter, Fort Belknap Agency, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1879 June 20
b. 1, f. 81	Matthew Carroll letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1879 July 13
b. 1, f. 82	Matthew Carroll letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1879 August 5
b. 1, f. 83	Matthew Carroll letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1879 November 3
b. 1, f. 84	Daniel Webster Buck note about Wellington Bird trading ammunition	circa 1879
b. 1, f. 85	R. L. McCollough letter Fort Assinniboine, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1880 May 7
b. 1, f. 86	Matthew Carroll letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1880 June 11
b. 1, f. 87	William Rowe letter, Fort Benton, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1880 October 22
b. 1, f. 88	Matthew Carroll letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	circa 1880
b. 1, f. 89	Tintype portrait of Daniel Webster Buck	circa 1880
b. 1, f. 90	James E. Boyd letter, San Francisco, California, to "Leighton and Jordan"	1881 January 25
b. 1, f. 91	W. P. Clark letter, Fort Shaw, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1881 July 8
b. 1, f. 92	Matthew Carroll letter, Helena, Montana, to Daniel Webster Buck	1881 December 29
b. 1, f. 93	Helena Business College and English Training School leaflet	circa 1883
b. 1, f. 94	Alexander Beattie letter, Chicago, Illinois, to Daniel Webster Buck	1884 May 20
b. 1, f. 95	Daniel Webster Buck pass to inspect the Janauschk railway car	1884 May 27
b. 1, f. 96	James Wells for the Montana Club bill for dues	1885 January 1
b. 1, f. 97	Mary Ann Eckert studio portrait of Daniel Webster Buck (photocopy)	undated
b. 1, f. 98	Duke Dutrineille leaflet advertising Dr. Conant's Celebrated Compound Vapor Baths	1886 August 21



b. 1, f. 99	Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States candidates for membership	1886 October 22
b. 1, f. 100	Montana National Bank advertising card	1886 December 28
b. 1, f. 101	Stadler & Kaufmann envelope	1888
b. 1, f. 102	James Presley Ball (as J. P. Ball and Son) cabinet photograph of "Hamillin"	circa 1888
b. 1, f. 103	Photograph of the Broadwater Hotel	circa 1890
b. 1, f. 104	Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States In memoriam for Daniel Webster Buck (photocopy)	1892 February 9

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## **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.

### **Occupations**

Indian agents -- Montana -- 19th century  
Soldiers -- United States -- 19th century  
United States marshals -- Montana -- 19th century

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographs  
Tintypes (prints)

### **Subjects**

Indians of North America -- Montana  
Siksika Indians -- Montana

### **Geographic Names**

Blackfeet Indian Reservation (Mont.)  
Montana -- Officials and employees  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

### **Corporate Bodies**

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United States. Office of Indian Affairs.  
Blackfeet Agency

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