

Guide to the John G. Chapman Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 891

CREATOR: Chapman, John Graves, b. 1838

TITLE: John Graves Chapman papers

DATES: 1866-1914

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of nine volumes, six of which contain records of claims for pensions made by Civil War veterans from Connecticut. The remaining volumes contain accounts related to John Graves Chapman's insurance business, a letterbook (ca. 1866-1879), and a collection of mounted postmarks.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased, 1945 and 1946.

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

John Chapman Graves Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of nine bound volumes belonging to John Graves Chapman (b. 1838), a feed and grain dealer and insurance agent of New Haven, Connecticut. There is also an undated photograph of Chapman in his office.

Six of the volumes record claims for pensions made by Connecticut Civil War Veterans between 1888 and 1914. Included are depositions by the claimants and notes as to which pensions were granted and for what amounts. It is unclear whether Chapman kept these records as a government employee or as part of a private agency. The first volume also contains a seventy-page cash account kept by Chapman, 1876-1877.

Two further volumes contain records of Chapman's insurance business for the years 1898-1913, including a "List of Members, Universal Identification and Recovery Company," and "Revised List of Members, United States Register Company." In the first of these volumes is mounted a collection of postmarks arranged by state.

The final volume is a letterbook, ca. 1866-1879, devoted to Chapman's feed and grain business and financial matters.

All nine of these volumes are in poor condition and must be handled with care.

Collection Contents

Records of claims for pensions made by Connecticut Civil War veterans

b. 1, f. 1 - 3	1888-1890	
b. 2, f. 4 - 6	1890-1897, 1907-1914	
	Cash account, New Haven [70 pages] See: Inventory Folder 1 - 3 ref11	1876-1877
b. 3, f. 7 - 8	Records of Chapman's insurance business	1898-1913
	Collection of postmarks See: Inventory Folder 7 - 8 ref15	1880-1889
b. 3, f. 9	Letterbook	[ca. 1866-1879]
b. 3, f. 10	Photograph	undated

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.

Subjects

Business
Businessmen
Feed industry
Insurance companies -- Connecticut -- New Haven
Military pensions -- United States -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Postmarks -- United States

Geographic Names

Connecticut
New Haven (Conn.) -- Commerce
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Genres / Formats

Account books

Names

Chapman, John Graves, b. 1838