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Bartlett Family Papers, 1860-1957

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DONOR INFORMATION

The bulk of the collection was donated by Mrs. Willard Bartlett, August 17, 1955.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Aurelius T. Bartlett was born December 4, 1831, in Maine. He came to Illinois at the age of 20, settling in Jersey County. In the Civil War he served as a surgeon in the 3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry from April 1862 to February 1863 and with the 33rd Missouri Infantry (Union) from April 1863 to the close of the war. He died July 22, 1918, in Jacksonville, Illinois. One of his children was Dr. Willard Bartlett (1868-1950), who settled in St. Louis, Missouri.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains an 1860 diary to the Pikes Peak gold rush region; memoirs of Aurelius T. Bartlett, dated March 20, 1890, describing his Civil War service; official papers relating to Bartlett's Civil War service; and other Bartlett family papers.

Background Information

1918 July 26 Obituary of Dr. Aurelius T. Bartlett, *Reporter* (Virden, Illinois).

Folder 1

1860 Diary dated April 17–October 5, 1860, contains account of a trip from Jerseyville, Illinois, to the Pikes Peak gold rush region, via St. Joseph, Missouri, Denver, and Golden City. Notation in front of diary reads, “A.T. Bartlett of Jerseyville, Illi By Dr. J.C. Hamilton April 17, 1860” (120 pages). Among the travel company who departed Jerseyville were S.W. Davis, Ed Van Dyke, R. Newton, Fry, Vorhes, and Page. Mentions several graves they passed along the overland route, including Wm. Kirk of Franklin County, Illinois, who died October 15, 1859 (original diary, page 17; typescript copy, page 4); T.J. Asher who died April 16, 1860 (original diary, page 28; typescript copy, page 6); C.W. Shermer (original diary, page 28; typescript copy, pages 6-7); Mrs. Susan C. Hale, age 34, of Lafayette County, Missouri, who died June 1852 (original diary, page 35; typescript copy, page 8); T. Rice of Niles, Michigan, who was accidentally shot March 25, 1860 (original diary, page 47; typescript copy, page 10); Mr. Painter, age 19, of Lewis town, Cass County, Iowa, who died May 9, 1860 (original diary, page 49; typescript copy, page 11); and D. Thompson, Q. Stanley, and D.W. Brown of Jefferson County, Iowa, who were killed by lightning July 10, 1860 (original diary, page 109; typescript copy, page 25). Also mentions inquest on the body of Jas. McConahae, formerly of Indiana, which took place at California Gulch, August 13, 1860 (original diary, page 100; typescript copy, page 22). B.S. Osborn is mentioned (original diary, pages 24-25 and 71; typescript copy, pages 6 and 15).

Folder 2

1860 Typescript copy of diary dated April 17–October 5, 1860 (28 pages)

Folder 3

1862-1863 Letter and order book of the 3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry, dated April 1862 to February 1863. (33 pages)

Folder 4

1861-1885 Civil War general orders, special orders, correspondence, and other military papers of Dr. Aurelius T. Bartlett. Includes some postwar correspondence with the Army Medical Museum.

Folder 5

1890 Mar 20 Typescript memoirs of Aurelius Bartlett, which describe the affairs of the 33rd Missouri Infantry in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Missouri. Memoirs include detailed descriptions of regimental casualties and of medical care provided at field hospitals

during the following battles and campaigns: attack on Helena, Ark.; Red River campaign; engagement at Old River Lake, Ark.; Tupelo and Oxford, Miss., expeditions; pursuit of General Sterling Price through Arkansas and Missouri; Battle of Nashville; pursuit of General Hood through Tennessee; and the Mobile campaign, including the Siege of Spanish Fort. Also includes information on camp life, marches, depredations (pp. 35 and 37), and transportation of troops on steamboats; and descriptions of Helena, and Montgomery and Selma, Ala. (68 pages)

Folder 6

1890 Mar 20 Preservation photocopy of typescript memoirs of Aurelius Bartlett.

Folder 7

1896 Sept 4 United States passport of A.T. Bartlett. (**oversize**)

[1920?] Mar 22-27 Y.W.C.A.–Letmar Club circular promoting the St. Louis Housing Campaign: “She was just a young girl. She came to St. Louis for work; she had money to pay a reasonable price for a room; and there wasn’t a room in St. Louis for her, so she rode all night on a trolley car. 134,000 Employed girls in St. Louis; 27,000 of these girls do not live at home; 496 is the total number of beds in St. Louis for employed girls; 26,504 girls need accommodations. The Y.W.C.A.–Letmar Club are conducting a housing campaign for this acute need. . . . She might have been your little girl; won’t you help us take care of her?”

1924 Brochure, ship passenger lists, and dinner menus a St. Louis Chamber of Commerce tour and cruise to Cuba, Jamaica, Panama and Costa Rica, including Mardi Gras at New Orleans. Dr. and Mrs. Willard Bartlett took the cruise and tour. Cruise was on the S.S. Parismina. (5 items)

1950 Two typescript obituaries of Dr. Willard Bartlett, 53 Westmoreland Place, St. Louis, Mo., who died April 4, 1950.

1953 Dec 1 Missouri Historical Society biographical data form filled out by Robert Wilson Bartlett, 11 Washington Terrace, St. Louis, Mo. Provides biographical information about his family and his ancestry.

1953 Dec 1 Missouri Historical Society biographical data form filled out by Louise McGehee Bartlett, 11 Washington Terrace, St. Louis, Mo. Provides biographical information about her family and his ancestry.

1957 Jan 25 Typescript letter signed Genevieve W. Bartlett (Mrs. Willard Bartlett), 53 Westmoreland Place, to Charles [van Ravenswaay],

regarding enclosed typescripts relating to the Bartlett and Sargent families.

No date

Handwritten notes titled "Greek Architecture & Sculpture."

No date

Handwritten notes titled "Education of Yesterday."

No date

Seventeen United States, Confederate States, and foreign stamps.