



McCormick Civil War Institute

Robert Bradbury Collection

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Extent: 2 boxes

Date: 1862-1865

Alternative Form Available: Researchers may request to obtain electronic copies of these items. All of the wartime letters penned by Robert Bradbury in this collection are published in Jonathan A. Noyalas & Charles H. Givens, eds., *"So Much to Say": The Civil War Letters of Corporal Robert Bradbury, Battery D, First Pennsylvania Light Artillery* (Winchester, VA: Shenandoah University's McCormick Civil War Institute, 2020). Additionally, excerpts of these letters appear in Jonathan A. Noyalas, 'If this Rebellion Succeeds the Nation is Ruined,' *Civil War Times* 59, no 4 (August 2020): 48-55. A number of the photographs in this collection are also published in the aforementioned.

Scope and Content: The items in this collection contain letters, photographs, and ephemera related to the Civil War service of Corporal Robert Bradbury. The collection's core consists of

twenty-nine wartime letters. The majority of Bradbury's letters focus on the Civil War in the northern Shenandoah Valley. Bradbury, born in 1844, enlisted in Battery D, First Pennsylvania Light Artillery on August 26, 1862. He mustered out of service on June 21, 1865. After the conflict Bradbury worked as a clerk at John Wanamaker's department store in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and also as a truancy officer. He was also an active member of the E.D. Baker Post No. 8, Grand Army of the Republic in Philadelphia. He died on September 30, 1909, after falling from the North American Real Estate Trust Building in Philadelphia. He is buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery

Arrangement: Box 1—photographs of Bradbury and family members; Box 2—letters, papers, and other ephemera

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Acquisition information: All of the items in this collection were gifted to Shenandoah University's McCormick Civil War Institute in June 2019 by Harriet Johnston, a descendant of Corporal Robert Bradbury. The acquisition of this collection gained attention in the local media with television coverage on WDVM and an article in the *Winchester Star*. A link to the article can be found here: https://www.winchesterstar.com/winchester_star/union-soldiers-letters-will-come-to-life-in-new-book/article_ed144d03-6d2c-54dc-8e41-396786c82c62.html A link to the WDVM story about the collection can be found here <https://www.localdvm.com/news/local/philadelphia-woman-donates-collection-of-civil-war-documents-to-shenandoah-university/>

Box 1

- Tintype of Corporal Robert Bradbury
- Carte de visite of Harriet Bradbury (Corporal Bradbury's sister)
- Carte de visite of Corporal Robert Bradbury's sisters, believed to be Mary and Alice
- Image of Robert Bradbury in case, about age ten
- Cover postmarked October 29, 1864, Martinsburg, WV. Cover contained Bradbury's letter to his sister about the Battle of Cedar Creek, U.S. Christian Commission stationery.
- Image of Mary Marsh Bradbury in case, mother of Corporal Robert Bradbury
- Image of Robert Bradbury, Sr., in case, father of Corporal Robert Bradbury
- Image of Alice Bradbury in case, sister of Corporal Robert Bradbury

Box 2

Folder Number	Description
MCWI-RB-L02	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-August 5, 1862)
MCWI-RB--L03	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- Sep. 16, 1862) -

MCWI-RB--L04	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- August 17, 1862) - About Why Men Should Fight
MCWI-RB-L05	Bradbury, Robert (September 10, 1862)
MCWI-RB-L06	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-December 6, 1862)
MCWI-RB-L07	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-February 6, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L09	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- March 24, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L01	Bradbury, Robert (Letter August 5, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L010	Bradbury, Robert (Letter April 17, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L011	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-April 30, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L012	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- May 20, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L013	Bradbury, Robert (Letter July 12, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L014	Bradbury, Robert (July 31, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L015	Bradbury, Robert (Letter Sept. 1863)
MCWI-RB-L016	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- December 26, 1863)
MCWI-RB-L017	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- January 29, 1864)
MCWI-RB-L018	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- Feb 3, 1864)
MCWI-RB-L08	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- Feb 16, 1864?)
MCWI-RB-L019	Bradbury, Robert (Letter June 18, 1864)
MCWI-RB-L020	Bradbury, Robert (Letter July 10, 1864)
MCWI-RB-L021	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- Sept. 1864)
MCWI-RB-L023	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-October 28, 1864)
MCWI-RB-L024	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- Nov 11, 1864)
MCWI-RB-L025	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-Dec 18, 1864)
MCWI-RB-L022	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-October 15, 1864)
MCWI-RB-L026	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- January 1865)
MCWI-RB-L027	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-April 27, 1865)
MCWI-RB-L028	Bradbury, Robert (Letter- May 24, 1865)

MCWI-RB-L029	Bradbury, Robert (Letter-June 1, 1865) (Self-Portrait)
MCWI-RB-MISC-15	Letter from Winfield Scott Schley to Robt. Bradbury
MCWI-RB-MISC-12	Robert Bradbury Sr. Letter Describing voyage to U.S. in 1862 & Naturalization Papers
MCWI-RB-MISC-13	Brother Wm. Bradbury to Robert, St. June 1856
MCWI-RB-MISC-14	Robert Bradbury, Sr. to Brother William-May 24, 1850
MCWI-RB-MISC-03	Misc. Communications Related to Collection
MCWI-RB-MISC-05	Bradbury, Robert (Extra Transcriptions: Aug. 17, 1862; Feb 16, 1863; Sept 6/Aug. 6, 1862).
MCWI-RB-MISC-06	Copy of R. Bradbury Tintype & Negative
MCWI-RB-MISC-08	Bradbury Articles on Phila Cent. Exp.- 1876 & Other Items Related to Exp.
MCWI-RB-MISC-07	Wm. Bradbury- May 28, 1857- (Copy)
MCWI-RB-MISC-17	Misc. Letter from Bradbury Descendants
MCWI-RB-MISC-11	Robert Bradbury, Sr. (Father) Essay on Life
MCWI-RB-MISC-01	Bradbury Timeline
MCWI-RB-MS-01	Bradbury C War Poetry
MCWI-RB-MISC-09	1886- Bradbury- on "A Dream"
MCWI-RB-PH01	MISC. Images
MCWI-RB-MISC-10	Bradbury Pension
MCWI-RB-MISC-04	Notes on Robt. Bradbury Letters- By Harriet Johnston
MCWI-RB-MISC-	Family Tree

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MCWI-RB-MISC-18	Notes on Bradbury Family
MCWI-RB-MISC-19	Misc. Photocopies of photos of Bradbury's Children & Misc from Harriet Johnston.