

K Henry Titus Canfield (1841-1916) Papers, ca. 1858-1864
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INTRODUCTION

The papers contain Civil War era letters, compositions prepared for the *Evening Star*, and penmanship class assignments.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated by Mrs. Nathan Scarritt to the University of Missouri on 2/5/1987 (Accession No. KA0409).

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Henry Canfield (1841-1916) was born in Chesterfield, Ohio. He attended the schools near his family's farm and later attended the Oak Grove Academy in Medina, Michigan, for two terms. During the Civil War, he worked as a civilian clerk in the quartermaster's department on the staff of Gen. James B. McPherson's Army of Tennessee (17th Army Corps). In 1885 he moved to the new town of Wichita Falls, Texas. President McKinley appointed him Postmaster in 1898, and President Roosevelt reappointed him in 1903.

In 1864 Canfield married Delia Mansfield, and they had two daughters, one of whom died in the Galveston flood of 1900. Their other daughter, Grace (d. 1945), married John Adams Prescott (1866-1956) in 1894 or 1896. They had two children, Constance May and Katherine Grace. Katherine married Nathan Scarritt, Jr. (1902-1969), son of Nathan and Eva Case Scarritt.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers consist of letters, compositions prepared for the *Evening Star*, and penmanship class assignments. The papers include letters written by Henry Canfield to Delia Mansfield and a letter written by "George C.," a student in Medina, Michigan, to Delia Mansfield. The papers also include handwritten drafts of compositions prepared for the *Evening Star*, a local Ohio newspaper; penmanship class assignments featuring two undated examples of Spencerian penmanship.

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FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Henry Canfield letters, 1862
- f. 2 George C. letter to Delia Mansfield, 1864
- f. 3 *Evening Star* compositions, ca. 1858
- f. 4 Penmanship assignments, n.d.

LOCATION NOTE

The papers are stored offsite (062870) and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

SUBJECT TERMS

Penmanship
United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865

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