

John Charles Black Family

Papers, 1829-1951

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Danville, Illinois lawyer, Brevet-Brigadier General who served in the Civil War with the 37th Illinois Infantry, U.S. Representative, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and elected Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1903. John Charles Black was born in Lexington, Mississippi, the son of Rev. John and Josephine Culbertson Black. When her husband died in 1847, Josephine Black moved her four children to Danville, Ill. where her brother James Culbertson lived. She married Dr. William Fithian who owned several thousand acres of land in Vermilion County. Black entered Wabash College but soon quit to join the Army, 11th Indiana Infantry, two days after the firing on Fort Sumter. He was soon promoted to sergeant serving under Colonel Lew Wallace. When his three month enlistment was up he returned to Illinois and recruited a three year company, Company K of the 37th Illinois Infantry. He was promoted several times, ultimately made Colonel in November 1862. He was wounded in the right arm at Pea Ridge, Arkansas, permanently losing the use of that arm. He was wounded in the left arm at Prairie Grove, Arkansas and awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in that battle. His step-father, William Fithian, traveled to Missouri and Arkansas to care for step-sons William P. and John Black and his own wounded son, Henry Fithian. Black was at the capture of Vicksburg, the Red River campaign and the capture of Mobile. In March 1865 he was promoted to Brevet Brigadier General for gallant service at the assault on Fort Blakeley, Arkansas. His regiment was ordered to guard duty in Texas in July 1865, but one month later Black resigned and returned to Danville to study law. He passed the bar in 1867 and developed a large practice in Danville. His brother, William, also went into the law and practiced in Chicago and acted as attorney for the defense in the Chicago Anarchists trial. He ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1866, 1876 and 1884 and for the U.S. Senate in 1879. He was appointed by President Cleveland to serve as Commissioner of Pensions from 1885-1889. He was elected, as a Democrat, to Congress in 1892 and served until 1895 when he resigned to accept appointment as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. In 1904 he was appointed by President Roosevelt to the Civil Service Commission to which he was elected president. He served on the Commission until his retirement in 1913. He also served as department commander of the Loyal Legion of Illinois, 1895-1897; department commander of the Illinois Department, Grand Army of the Republic, 1898; and Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1903 and 1904. On his retirement he returned to Chicago, Ill., where he died August 17, 1915, and was interred in Spring Hill Cemetery, Danville, Ill.

Rev. John Black-Over 6,000 letters, speeches, copybooks, scrapbooks and family mementos. Includes letters, 1830-1846, of Rev. John Black from Mississippi and Kentucky to his sister and mother in Greensburg, Pennsylvania concerning his family, studies and his preaching. Copies of several of his sermons and a few letters from his brother, Robert Black in Hanover, Indiana.

William Fithian-Letters, 1861-1863, from William Fithian to his wife while in Arkansas and Mississippi discuss the difficulties he encountered while traveling to his boys, his dealings with sanitary officials, experiences at the Leesburg Army Hospital in Arkansas, his impressions of southern society and freed slaves. Included is his medical copybook.

William Perkins Black-Approximately 205 letters of William Perkins Black concerning his Civil War duty as Captain of Company K, 37th Illinois Infantry; gives spirited accounts of camp life and camp politics. Only two clippings refer to his defense of the Chicago Anarchists.

John C. Black-Material contains 47 letters he received while a student at Wabash College. The 405 items from his military career include documents, correspondence, personal letters and printed items. His letters describe camp life, recruitment, marches, battles, army hospitals, and personal affairs. Some of his letters describe the same events reported by his step-father and brother, giving three different points of view of that same event. His correspondence between 1866 and 1904 is relatively sparse, about 500 items, and concern family affairs while he is traveling. There are two letters from Adlai Stevenson in 1887 and one letter from Mrs. Grover Cleveland in 1886. Copies of his outgoing letters while Commissioner of Pensions are found in the 510 page letterpress book dated April-September 1887. For the years 1904-1913, there are over 4,000 items with letters from Presidents Roosevelt, Cleveland and Taft and from Adlai Stevenson, Mrs. John A. Logan, Joseph G. Cannon, John H. Finley, Frank Lowden, Grenville Dodge, Horatio King, Champ Clark, Charles Curtis, Frederick D. Grant, Charles Evans Hughes and others. A number of letters concern the pardon for Robert E. Lee and Black's address at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial at Hodgenville, Kentucky on November 9, 1911. Fourteen letters, 1904-1908, from A.D. Griggs in Panama regarding the work of Isthmian Canal Commission. There is also much material on the Grand Army of the Republic. Scrapbook material includes copies of printed speeches, a review of his work as pension commissioner, prospects for the vice presidential nomination with Cleveland, changes in gubernatorial nomination in 1891; programs and announcement of General Black's lectures at Chautauqua platforms; Black's election as Commander in Chief of the G.A.R. and pamphlets and programs from the G.A.R.; material on Wabash College and Lew Wallace; and Black's speeches as head of Civil Service.

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Biography

John Charles Black was born in Holmes County, Lexington, Mississippi on January 27, 1839. His father, Rev. John Black (July 19, 1809-Feb.13, 1847) was married to Josephine L. Culbertson (Sept. 9, 1813-Feb. 25, 1887) on September 9, 1834. Four children grew up-John Charles, William P., Mary (Mrs. George Hart) and Josephine La Rose (April 12, 1845-Oct. 6, 1863).

After her husband's death, Mrs. John Black moved (1847) to Danville, Ill. where her brother James M. Culbertson lived. She married Dr. William Fithian (April 7, 1799-April 5, 1890), who had settled in Danville in 1830 and developed a fine medical practice and accumulated several thousand acres in Vermillion County.

In 1858, John C. Black entered Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, leaving it to enlist in the Union Army before April 14, 1861, as a private in the Montgomery Guards of Crawfordsville. This was two days (April 12) after Fort Sumter was fired on. This Company became Company "I" of the 11th Indiana Infantry. Black was enrolled in that Regiment and served as a Sergeant Major, promoted April 25, 1861) for the three months enlistment under Colonel (afterward Major General) Lew Wallace. He then returned to Danville and recruited a three year company which became Company "K" of the 37th Illinois Infantry, Colonel (afterwards Major General) Julius White commanding. Black was appointed Major on April 15, 1862 then to Lieutenant Colonel on June 9, 1862 and then promoted to Colonel on November 20, 1862. On March 13, 1865, he was promoted to Brevet Brigadier General for gallant services in the assault on Fort Blakeley, Alabama. Before that time, he had served with his regiment in every state in the Confederacy except the Carolinas, Georgia and Texas, to which latter state his Regiment was ordered for guard duty, July 17, 1865. Black resigned August 15, 1865, within a month after his regiment was ordered on guard duty. He was wounded in the right arm at Pea Ridge, Arkansas on March 5-8, 1862 and lost use of that arm. He was then wounded in the left arm at Prairie Grove, Arkansas on December 7, 1862. He later served in the capture of Vicksburg, Red River campaign, the capture of Mobile and in Texas. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for action December 7, 1862. After his resignation he read law in Chicago and was admitted to the bar in 1867 and to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1869. He developed a large practice in Danville.

He ran for Congress in the Seventh District in 1866 but was defeated. He ran again in 1876 and 1884 and was again defeated, although he led the Democratic ticket in 1884 by nearly 2,800 votes.

Joining the Grand Army of the Republic in 1866, he became Commander of the Department of Illinois in 1898, and was elected at San Francisco on August 17, 1903 as commander-in-Chief of the Order. He was elected a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States on December 3, 1884 and Commander of the Illinois Commandery in 1896. General Black was one of the managers of the National Soldiers' Home for disabled volunteer soldiers from 1878-1890; trustee of the Illinois Soldiers; Orphans Home at Normal from 1901-1904; trustee of Wabash College 1898-1900 receiving an Honorary M.A. degree and an LL.D. from Wabash College and LL.D. from Knox College.

General Black was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Cincinnati in 1872 and delegate-at-large from Illinois to the convention that nominated Grover Cleveland in 1884. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1872 and for the United States Senate in 1879.

Biography

He received the entire vote of his party. John A. Logan was elected. From March 6, 1885 to March 27, 1889, he was Commissioner of Pensions by appointment of President Grover Cleveland. He inaugurated many reforms which reduced the expenses of the Bureau and at the same time saved not less than a million dollars in pension attorney's fees.

He served in the 53rd Congress from March 4, 1893 until January 12, 1895, resigning to become U.S. Attorney for Northern Illinois, serving until 1899. President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Black to the Civil Service Commission in 1904. He was the minority party member of the Commission but was chosen President. Upon his resignation from the Commission in 1913, Black moved to Chicago, where he died on August 17, 1915; interment in Spring Hill Cemetery, Danville, Illinois.

He married Adaline Griggs, daughter of C. R. and Leona Griggs, on September 28, 1867 in Champaign County. Their children was Grace (who married F.B. Vrooman); John D., an attorney in Chicago; Josephine La Rose, deceased; and Helene.

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| | 4 | Sermons [and Diary/Memoranda Book, 1844-1845] |

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| | 6 | Letters, 1863-1869; 1887-1890 |
| | 7(BV) | Medical Notebook, no date |

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| | 11 | Letters, 1864 |
| | 12 | Ordnance Returns, 1861-1864 |
| | 13 | Requisitions for Ordnance Stores, 1863-1864 |
| | 14 | Ordnance Stores and Issues – Receipts, Abstracts, and Invoices, 1863-1864 |
| | 15 | Quartermaster's Stores (Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipment) – Receipts, Receipt Rolls, Invoices, Lists, and Returns, 1861-1864 |
| | 15a | Certificates of Loss, and Reports/Statements, 1863-1865 |
| | 16 | Letters, 1865-1869 and 1913 |

Mary and LaRose Black Papers, no date

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| | 17 | Items from Writing Portfolio |
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Adaline Griggs Black Papers, ca. 1866

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| | 18 | Grade book, etc., ca. 1866 |
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John C. Black Papers, 1856-1914

Correspondence:

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| 1 | 19 | Correspondence, 1856-1860 |
| | 20 | Correspondence, January-August 1861 |
| | 21 | Correspondence, September-October 1861 |
| | 22 | Correspondence, November-December 1861 |

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1	23	Correspondence, January-February 1862
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	27	Correspondence, November-December 1862
2	1	Correspondence, January-March 1863
	2	Correspondence, April-May 1863
	3	Correspondence, June-September 1863
	4	Correspondence, October-December 1863
	5	Correspondence, January-April 1864
	6	Correspondence, May-August 1864
	7	Correspondence, September-December 1864
	8	Correspondence, January-March 1865
	9	Correspondence, April-June 1865
	10	Correspondence, July-December 1865
	11	Correspondence, 1866
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	12	Correspondence, 1867-1873
	13	Correspondence, 1874-1886
	14	Correspondence, 1887
	15	Correspondence, 1888-1894
	16	Correspondence, 1895-1902
	17	Correspondence, January-September 1903
	18	Correspondence, October 1903
	19	Correspondence, November 1903
	20	Correspondence, December 1903
	21	Correspondence, January 1-20, 1904
	22	Correspondence, January 21-31, 1904
	23	Correspondence, February 1-20, 1904
	24	Correspondence, February 21-29, 1904
	25	Correspondence, March 1-20, 1904
	26	Correspondence, March 21-31, 1904
3	1	Correspondence, April 1-15, 1904
	2	Correspondence, April 16-30, 1904
	3	Correspondence, May 1-15, 1904
	4	Correspondence, May 16-31, 1904
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	8	Correspondence, July 16-31, 1904
	9	Correspondence, August 1-15, 1904
	10	Correspondence, August 16-31, 1904
	11	Correspondence, September 1904
	12	Correspondence, October 1904
	13	Correspondence, November 1904
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	15	Correspondence, January 1905
	16	Correspondence, February 1905
	17	Correspondence, March 1905
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	19	Correspondence, May 1905
	20	Correspondence, June 1905
	21	Correspondence, July 1905
	22	Correspondence, August 1905
	23	Correspondence, September 1905
4	1	Correspondence, October 1905
	2	Correspondence, November 1905
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	11	Correspondence, August 1906
	12	Correspondence, September 1906
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	14	Correspondence, November 1906
	15	Correspondence, December 1906
	16	Correspondence, January-February 1907
	17	Correspondence, March 1907
	18	Correspondence, April 1907
	19	Correspondence, May 1907
	20	Correspondence, June-July 1907
	21	Correspondence, August-September 1907
	22	Correspondence, October-November 1907
	23	Correspondence, December 1907
	24	Correspondence, January-February 1908

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4	25	Correspondence, March-April 1908
	26	Correspondence, May-June 1908
	27	Correspondence, July-September 1908
	28	Correspondence, October-December 1908
5	1	Correspondence, January-March 1909
	2	Correspondence, April-July 1909
	3	Correspondence, August-September 1909
	4	Correspondence, October 1909
	5	Correspondence, November-December 1909
	6	Correspondence, January-May 1910
	7	Correspondence, June-December 1910
	8	Correspondence, 1911
	9	Correspondence, January-July 1912
	10	Correspondence, August-December 1912
	11	Correspondence, January-April 1913
	12	Correspondence, May-August 1913
	13	Correspondence, September 1913
	14	Correspondence, October 1913
	15	Correspondence, November 1913
	16	Correspondence, December 1-15, 1913
	17	Correspondence, December 16-31, 1913
	18	Correspondence, January 1-15, 1914
	19	Correspondence, January 16-31, 1914
	20	Correspondence, February 1914
	21	Correspondence, March 1-15, 1914
	22	Correspondence, March 16-December 31, 1914
	23	Correspondence, 1916-1951 [to Mrs. Black and others]
	24	Correspondence, no date
	25 (BV)	Letterpress Book, April 2-September 1, 1887
6	1 (BV)	Letterpress Book, July 8, 1904-December 31, 1905
	2 (BV)	Letterpress Book, January 6, 1906-April 13, 1910
	3 (BV)	Letterpress Book, April 15, 1910-June 11, 1913
		<u>Speeches and Addresses:</u>
6	4	Record of Original Speeches Composed and Delivered by John C. Black
	5	Wabash College Speeches, 1860-1861 (and Printed Material, 1859, 1862, 1905, 1913, 1917)
	6	Speeches, 1866, 1873, 1886-1888
	7	Addresses, 1892, 1894-1895

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6	8	Addresses, 1903-1905
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	11	Speeches re: Lincoln, 1897, 1903-1905, 1910, no date
	12	Addresses re: Grant, 1908, 1912-1913, no date
	13	Address and Notes – Postmasters' Convention, Richmond, Virginia, September 28, 1910
	14	Address and Correspondence – Lincoln Memorial Dedication, Hodgenville, Kentucky, November 9, 1911
	15	Articles, Statements, and Correspondence re: Lincoln Memorial Highway, 1912-1913
	16	Addresses, no date
	17	Addresses and Notes, no date
		Records, Papers, and Printed Material re: the Military, Military and Patriotic Organizations, and Career:
	18	Muster Rolls, 37 th Illinois Infantry, 1861-1864
	19	History of the 37 th Illinois Infantry
7	1	Brief Histories of Divisions, U.S. Army, 1917-1918
	2	Pensions, 1904
	3	Veterans Pensions, 1897-1913
	4	GAR General Orders, 1903-1913
	5	GAR Invitations and Programs, 1903-1910 and 1916
	6	GAR Miscellaneous Printed Material, 1903-1906 and 1909-1910
	7	Medal of Honor Legion and Medal of Honor Club, 1904-1910, 1917, 1919
	8	Military Order of the Loyal Legion, 1898, 1903-1905, 1908-1912, 1915, 1926
	9	Miscellaneous Patriotic Organizations, 1894-1895, 1903-1915
	10	Civil Service Clippings, 1912-1913
	11(BV)	Extracts from Public Acts, 62 nd Congress, 2 nd and 3 rd Sessions (1912-1913)
		Scrapbooks:
	12(BV)	Black's Speeches, 1861-1882
	13(BV)	Black's Speeches, 1880-1885
	14(BV)	Addresses, 1896-1899
	15(BV)	Black's Speeches, 1902-1906
	16(BV)	Black and the Greenback Movement, 1872-1878
	17(BV)	Black's Administration of the Pension Bureau, 1885

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		Scrapbooks:
8	1 (BV)	Black as Commissioner of Pensions, 1886-1887
	2 (BV)	Black's Handling of the Pension Office, 1887
	3 (BV)	Black for Vice-President in 1888, 1887-1888
	4 (BV)	Black's Candidacy for Vice-President, 1888 [and invitations, etc., 1886-1892]
	5 (BV)	Newspaper Clippings, 1888-1893
	6 (BV)	Newspaper Clippings, 1899 and no date
	7 (BV)	Black's Election as Commander of the GAR, 1903
	8 (BV)	GAR Clippings while Black was National Commander, 1904
9	1 (BV)	Black as a Chautauqua Lecturer, 1908
	2 (BV)	Clippings of Lincoln Celebrations, and miscellaneous cards, 1909 [includes a few 1897-1899 clippings re: Lincoln celebrations]
	3 (BV)	Calling Cards and Invitations, 1903, 1906-1908, 1910
	4 (BV)	Invitations, Cards, etc., 1909-1910
	5 (BV)	Invitations, Programs, and Clippings re: Military Societies, etc., 1910
	6 (BV)	Miscellany, 1911 [invitations, programs, cards, etc.]
	7 (BV)	Miscellany, 1911-1912 [invitations, programs, cards, etc.]
	8 (BV)	Obituaries, ca. 1887-1914
		Memorabilia:
	9	Genealogy
	10	Autograph Book, 1877-1880
	11	Expense Journal, 1881
	12	Tickets, Passes, etc., 1897-1912, 1917, 1928, no date
Oversize MS 1		Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)-Photo showing a presentation badge to General John C. Black upon retirement as Commander in Chief of GAR in Boston, 1904 (Transferred to Audiovisual Collection-6-3-91)
Oversize MS 2		"Grouping of the Colors" – two color prints of Civil War Flags (Los Angeles, California: James M. Aubrey, 1912) [Transferred to Audiovisual Collection- 6/3/91]
Oversize MS 3		Dickinson College (Pennsylvania) – Diploma, Doctor of Laws, June 1910

Black-Abbott Families

Papers, 1805-1972

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Collection is essentially an extension of the John C. Black Papers, q.v. Included are letters of John C. Black (1839-1915); his wife, Adaline (Griggs) Black; his son, John D. Black (1872-1959); his daughter, Helene (Black) Abbot; his son-in-law, Stephen Abbot; and Stephen's father, William Abbot (1845-1919).

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John C. Black: Papers, 1857-1915, (Box 1) consists mostly of letters to his daughter, Helene, while she was attending Vassar College, traveling in Europe and after her marriage to Stephen Abbot. Black's letters to his mother (1857-1861) while he was attending Wabash College and letters to his wife (1868-1878) are also included.

Adaline (Griggs) Black: Papers, 1893-1906, (Box 2), consist mostly of letters to her husband during her European trip. Also included are several letters to her daughter, Helene; a letter from her father, C. Robinson Griggs; and one from her brother, Albert Griggs.

John D. Black: Papers, 1889-1960, (Box 2), consist of letters to his parents while he was working for the Hammond Electric Railway Company and while attending Harvard Law School, and letters primarily to his sister, Helene, and her husband while a member of the Chicago law firm Winston, Strawn, Shaw and Black.

Helene (Black) Abbot: Papers, 1893-1959, (Boxes 2-3), include letters to her parents while attending Vassar and while traveling in Europe; and letters to Helene from friends and associates. Later correspondence is mostly with lawyer Howard Ellis. Two travel diaries (1952 and 1953), essays and stories, several scrapbooks, printed material, and memorabilia are also included.

Stephen Abbot: Papers, 1894-1961, (Box 3), consisting of a few letters to his parents from Europe, West Point Academy, and Randlett, Utah; letters to him from John M. Palmer and other friends and associates; and a complete set of diaries from January 1, 1913, to April 25, 1961, describing daily activities and weather conditions.

William Abbot: Papers, 1855-1920, (Box 4), include several letters to his son, Stephen, but most of the material concerns business and legal matters, especially the purchase of Indian lands in Utah. Also included are holograph copies of the "The Pathfinder," a literary magazine published (1861-1862) in Hillsboro, Illinois; an engineers report of a survey and estimate of cost of the Springfield and Southern Railroad Company, 1897; notary public commissions; essays and copy books; a cash book; and scrapbooks regarding Hillsboro, Abbot's home.

Also included in the collection are letters of other Black family members (1805-1840) Box 1; a diary (1886-1890) and sketchbook of Mary (Black) Hart (Box 1), sister of John C. Black; an autobiography (1919) of Elise (Burghalter) Abbott (Box 4), wife of William Abbot; and a few papers of other Abbot family members (box 4).

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7 Correspondence, 1883-1884; 1893-1899
8 Correspondence, 1900
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18 Correspondence, 1911
19 Correspondence, 1912-1915
20 Essays, Speeches, and Writings, 1896-1897; 1904-1905
21 Invitations, 1893-1911
22 Programs, 1888; 1906-1922
23 Printed Material, etc., ca. 1903-1961 and undated
- Mary Elizabeth Black (Mrs. George A.) Hart
24 Diary, February 22, 1886-April 18, 1890; and Notes
25 Sketchbook, no date; and Rudyard Kipling's Recessional (1898)
26 Papers and Notes re: Ancestry, 1902-1914 and undated
- Adaline Griggs (Mrs. John C.) Black
2 1 Letters, etc., from Europe, 1894-1895
 2 Correspondence, 1893-1901
 3 Correspondence, 1906
 4 Scrapbook, 1900-1905 [Mrs. John C. Black?]
 5 Daughters of the American Revolution Notes, ca 1927 or 1928
- John D. Black
6 Correspondence, 1889; 1892-1894
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15 Printed Material, 1928-1948
16 Printed Material, 1948-1960; and Clippings, 1946-1956 and 1959
- Helene Elizabeth Black (Mrs. Stephen) Abbot
- 17 Letters from Europe, 1893-1896
18 Correspondence, 1893-1898
19 Correspondence, 1904-1905; 1915; 1918; 1925; 1928; 1935-1937; 1940; 1942
20 Correspondence, 1945-1953; 1959
21 Travel Diary, June 16-24, 1907; Diary, January 26-April 16, [no date];
 Miscellaneous Writings
22 Essays and Stories, 1930-1957 and undated
23BV Travel Diary, April 15-July 12, 1952
24BV Travel Diary, April 12-May 30, 1953
25BV Scrapbook [letters, programs, pictures, clippings, memorabilia] 1894-1900
- 3 1BV Scrapbook [letters], 1906-1907 [primarily 1906]
2 Scrapbook [newspaper clippings], 1911 [Helene Black?]
3 Scrapbook [letters and newspaper clippings], 1928-1932
4 Pictures [transferred out of collection]
5 Invitations and Calling Cards, 1898-1916
6 Maps, Newspaper Clippings, and Memorabilia
7-8 Memorabilia
9 Chicago Map, 1830 (showing lands of William Fithian)
10 Gildemeister Family Tree and Abstract from "The Cronica" (Abbot Line)
- Stephen Abbot
- 11 Correspondence, 1905-1907
12 Correspondence, 1912; 1914-1921; 1930-1931; 1943; 1952-1953
13BV Diary, January 1, 1913-December 31, 1917
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18BV Diary, January 1, 1938-December 31, 1942
19BV Diary, January 1, 1943-December 31, 1947
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	24 Certificates, Drawings, etc., 1839; 1894; 1897-1898; 1931; no date
	25 Notes
	<u>William Abbot</u>
4	1 Correspondence, 1878; 1899; 1902-1904
	2 Correspondence, 1912
	3 Correspondence, 1913
	4 Correspondence, 1914-1915
	5 Legal and Financial Papers [includes certificates], 1855; 1866; 1876-1902
	6 Legal and Financial Papers [includes certificates], 1903-1917 and undated
	7BV Cash Book, April 29, 1916-August 19, 1919
	8 "The Pathfinder" (Hillsboro, Illinois), 1861
	9 "The Pathfinder" (Hillsboro, Illinois), 1862
	10 Essays, 1856-1864 and undated
	11BV School Notebook, 1862-1866
	12BV School Notebook, 1864-1865
	13 Printed Material, 1870; 1895-1896; 1911-1916; 1920
	14 Scrapbook [printed material], 1884-1892 [William Abbot?]
	15BV "Scrapbook [primarily newspaper clippings, with some printed material] 1885-1906
	16 Henry Abbot's Drawings, 1882-1888 and undated; and his copy of <u>Three Thousand Practice Words</u> (1874) [son of William Abbot]
	17 Pictures [transferred out of collection]
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	<u>Elise Burghalter (Mrs. William) Abbot</u>
	19 Autobiography, 1919
	<u>Abbot Family</u>
	20 George H. Fisher-Honorary Dinner Program, 1962; Obituaries, 1972 [nephew of William Abbot]
	21 Abiel H. Abbot/L. Morton Abbot-School Notebook, 1855 and 1866

Black Abbot Family

Photographs (transferred to Audio Visual Section)

1. Daguerreotypes (4) in case of Clark Robinson Griggs, Livonia Coller Griggs, Ellen Griggs, and Adeline Livonia Griggs, (c. 1856)
2. Daguerreotype in case of Reverend John Black, 1846
3. Daguerreotype in case of Reverend James Culbertson
4. Daguerreotype (3) in cases of unidentified men
5. Daguerreotype (1) in case of unidentified boy
6. Daguerreotype (1) in case of unidentified girl
7. Ambrotype in case of John Charles Black at Wabash College
8. Ambrotype in case of John Charles Black at Danville, Illinois, 1852
9. Ambrotype in case of unidentified girl
10. Ambrotype in case of unidentified man
11. Tintype in case of William P. Black-37th Illinois Infantry, 1861
12. Tintype in oval case of William P. Black-Capt., Co. K, 37th Illinois
13. Carte de visite in case of unidentified woman
14. Tintype of John C. Black of 11th Indiana Zouaves
15. Locket in case with picture of Gildemeister ancestor
16. Photograph of Margaret Potter Black-first wife of John Donald Black
17. Cabinet card-Rev. James Culbertson, pastor of Presbyterian Church in Zanesville, Ohio
18. Tintypes (5) and cartes-de-visite (8) of relatives of Adeline Griggs Black
19. Cartes-de-visite (8), cabinet cards (3), and tintypes (5)-all unidentified
20. Glossy print of four generations of Griggs, (c. 1900)
21. Photographs (15) of Stephen Abbot from childhood throughout Captain in U.S. Army
22. Henry Abbot-U.S Military Academy, August 1895; and class picture, 1897
23. Photograph (1) of William Abbot, 1915
24. Picture (1) of Elise Burghalter Abbot, 1901
25. Julia Burghalter, 1899 and 1905
26. Photographs (5)-John C. Black
27. Cabinet card and carte of Josephine Black
28. Photographs (5)-John C. Black
29. Cabinets (15), cartes, and studio portraits of Helen Black Abbot
30. Prints (4) of Adaline Griggs Black, c. 1893 and 1928; Josephine Louise Black
31. Charcoal portrait of Janet Mitchell and 4 family pictures
32. Photo of girls' 1st basketball team in Chicago, 1899
33. Photo of girls' 1st basketball team in Chicago, 1900
34. Boys football team-C.L.S., 1898
35. Postcards (2) of Wilson's inauguration
36. Postcards (2) of early airplanes
37. Pictures (8)-Mackinac Island?
38. Picture of Washington, D.C., 1900
39. Carte of Frank and Minnie Seholt
40. Unidentified cartes (2)
41. Carte of house in Southport, Maine
42. Picture of Mrs. J.C. Black with Coolidge and officers of D.A.R.

Black-Abbot Family

Transferred to Artifacts Section:

- 1 badge “Representative Gen. John C. Black. Department Commander 1898. / 33rd Annual Encampment GAR Department of Illinois, Danville, Illinois. May 16-18, 1899

- 1 banner “Black Our Choice 1884” Velvet. Hung on two rods, 26” long. 30 by 18”

JOHN C. BLACK COLLECTION

Box 1

Box 2

Box 3

OVERSIZE MATERIALS

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Black, John C. Collection – watercolor – 2 Zouave soldiers

Black, John C. Collection – “The March of the Grand Army” – brought to Gen. John C. Black from Paris by his son in 1908 – DeTaille

Black, John C. Collection – 1904 – John C. Black in his office in the old United States Civil Service Commission Building – also pictured: Mr. O. S. Swank, and Davis – was appointed to Commission by President Theodore Roosevelt and served until 1913 when he resigned – also served under Presidents Taft and Wilson – 2 copies

Black, John C. Collection – John Charles Black – C. M. Bells, photographer

Black, John C. Collection – General John C. Black – Civil War GAR Commander – 1904 – H. E. Chickering photographer

Black, John C. Collection – John C. Black – Colonel 37th Illinois Infantry – in uniform – oval photograph

Black, John C. Collection – John D. Black – son of John Charles Black – photo by Koehne – Chicago attorney – 2 copies

Black, John C. Collection – residence of Dr. & Mrs. Wim. Fithian – later home of Gen. & Mrs. John C. Black – located in Danville, Illinois – built in 1881/2

Black, John C. Collection – Grouping of the Colors – shows Cavalry Corps in the Civil War – 1912 – also has brief description

Black, John C. Collection – Grouping of the Colors – Corps Headquarters Flags of Civil War – 1912

Black, John C. Collection – GAR badge with cameo of John C. Black – E. Chickering & Co. photographer

Black, John C. Collection – John Charles Black at start of GAR National Encampment parade – 1904 – John D. Black photographer

Black, John C. Collection – John C. Black – in hat

Black, John C. Collection – Class of 1862 – Wabash College, Indiana – taken at unveiling of Roll of Honor – Helene (Black) Abbot photographer – John C. Black, extreme left

Black, John C. Collection – Janet Black in bridesmaid dress – from wedding of brother “Captain” William Mitchell to Caroline Stoddard – 1902

Black, John C. Collection – Danville football team – pictured: Berhalter, Craft, Rosseter, Wickes, McNeill, Black, Thornton E., Brittingham, Thornton J., Bondinol, Guy, Barnes, English, Holmes, Cockerton, Jones, and Patchell – newspaper articles on back

Black, John C. Collection – Vicksburg – 1902 – Blanks photographer

Black, John C. Collection – Vicksburg – Spanish moss – 1902 – Blanks photographer

Black, John C. Collection – campground 37th Ill. – Vicksburg – 1902 – Blanks photographer

Black, John C. Collection – headquarters 37th Ill. – Vicksburg – 1902 – Blanks photographer

Black, John C. Collection – battery – Vicksburg – 1902 – Blanks photographer

Black, John C. Collection – camps of 20th Iowa and 37th Illinois – Vicksburg – 1902 – Blanks photographer

Black, John C. Collection – Julia Burghalter, Elise Lillie Abbot, Elise Abbot Cole, and George Abbot Cole

Black, John C. Collection – Milton Bridge – Wood river Township, Madison County, Illinois – pictured: J. T. Brown, J. M. Kendall, Peter Greenwood, Randall Roach, S. B. Gillham and J. S. Culp

John C. Black Pacific Coast Trip, 1887

Album given as a souvenir to the Pacific Coast in 1887 "To Gen'l and Mrs. Black Compliments of Mrs. John L. Mitchell"

1. General Patrick
2. Review of Veterans at Soldiers Home, Dayton, Ohio.
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6. Looking down into a Canon in the Rockies, from the platform of the cave.
7. Eagle Gate, Salt Lake City.
8. Kelton, a deserted mining town.
9. Squaws who refuse "to be taken."
10. Indians on platforms of cars.
11. Indians watching the train.
12. Seal Rocks near San Francisco.
13. Seal Rocks near San Francisco.
14. Schooner entering San Francisco Bay.
15. Ship at anchor in San Francisco Bay.
16. Albatuss and Goat Island.
17. Albatuss Island.

18. Gen'l. Franklin, Gen'l. Stoneman.
19. Gen'l. Styde, Gen'l. Black, Gen'l. Martin.
20. Live oaks at Monterey.
21. Drive to Government lands Monterey.
22. View at Monterey.
23. The Mojave Desert.
24. The Mission at Santa Barbara.
25. Court of Mission at Santa Barbara, Kindness of General McMahon.
26. Ladies in Cloister at the Mission.
27. Dolce far niente.
28. Trees near Pasadena.
29. Pepper tree, Pasadena.
30. Dinner at Raymond Hotel, Pasadena.
31. Florence Hotel, San Diego.
32. Coronado Beach Hotel.
33. Coronado Beach, Point Lomo.
34. Ostriches, Coronado Island.
35. Century Plant in bloom.
36. Camp of bookmen (?) at Sweetwater.
37. Sweetwater Dam.
38. Sweetwater Reservoir.
39. The San Bernardino Range.
40. View a site at Hesperia.
41. Hesperia.
42. Hesperia.
43. Railroad Accident in Arizona.
44. Railroad Accident in Arizona.
45. Boundary of Arizona and New Mexico.
46. Curious (?) Rock Formation.
47. Town in New Mexico
48. Squaws selling pottery.
49. Scene at a Railway Station.
50. Scene at a Railway Station.
51. Mount Bernal.
52. The Board of Managers.
53. Adobe House.
54. Pueblo near Las Vegas.
55. Family of Burros.
56. Packed for home.