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005 Small Manuscripts Collection  
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140 Murphey Papers  
200 1835  
210 1945  
220 1835, 1843-1847, 1852, 1859, 1861-1867, 1874-1885, 1909, 1945  
240 0.4 cf.  
241 13 folders in 0.47 box, 1 map folder  
261 Primarily correspondence and military documents of Rev. Thomas Murphey, a Kent County native, who served as a Chaplain for the First Delaware Regiment during the Civil War.  
270 Thomas Murphey was born on March 26, 1817, in Alley Mills located in Kent County, Delaware and served as a Chaplain during the Civil War. The bulk of the correspondence in this collection (1861-1865) was written to Murphey's family. These letters describe living conditions, meals, morale, religious practices in camp and army hospitals in Virginia where he served for a majority of the war. Liturgical documents and journal entries in this collection (1843-1945) indicate that Murphey graduated from the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Princeton in 1843 and served briefly at a number of congregations in New York and Delaware before being selected to lead the congregation at the Presbyterian Church in Dover (1844). In 1861, Murphey joined the United States Army as a Chaplain for the First Delaware Regiment.

Also included in this collection is a letter from J. W. Andrews to Captain Binleigh detailing Union troop formations at the battle of Antietam (1862). Additional military documents for Thomas Murphey in this collection include muster rolls (1863-1964), travel passes, Quartermaster records (1865), and discharge papers (1865). Documents indicate that following the war Murphey was appointed superintendent of schools in Virginia by the Presbyterian Church of the United States (1866) and a Justice of the Peace in Virginia (1869).

This collection includes five carte-de-visite style photographs, a majority without dates, including one image of Florence Murphey, two images of Elizabeth Murphey, one image of Saul Murphey (1863) and an image of unidentified child. Also found in this collection are genealogical documents for the Murphey family and ephemera including journal entries, deed record notes, and newspaper clippings reporting deaths and events in Dover. Finally, a farm journal (1859-1863) and financial documents (1874-1885) provides additional genealogical information and detail the Murphey family's finances.

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329 WORK STATUS:

- needs sorting
- needs unfolding
- needs foldering/reboxing
- other:

ARCHIVIST:

- review for identification/needs further identification

- needs processing
- determine origin/purpose
- other:

CONDITION:

- totally disorganized
- order not apparent
- origin questionable
- other:

330 No apparent folder arrangement; arranged chronologically within folders.  
331 No index  
332 Handwritten, typed.  
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360 Fair - poor condition. Acid, dirt, storage damage.  
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390 Item inventory.  
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430 Oversize military records in map folder 529387.  
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