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006 Woodall Papers
140 Daniel Woodall Papers
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261 Primarily the personal diary of Major Daniel Woodall, a Civil War officer and Dover native. This collection also contains transcripts of letters written to Woodall's sister and transcripts of military documents.
270 Daniel Woodall of Dover enlisted in the 1st Delaware Regiment of Volunteers on September 28, 1861 at the age of 19. He ascended to the rank of Major in 1863 and finally Colonel in 1864. Woodall was appointed Assessor of Internal Revenue of Delaware by President Grant in 1869. This collection contains a diary written by Woodall in 1863, transcripts of letters written to his sister from 1862-1864, and a number of undated transcripts of military documents.

In his diary, written throughout 1863, Woodall describes his promotion to major, troop movements, battles, politics, traveling home and general information about daily life as a soldier and officer. There are a number of stretches without entries in Woodall's diary. In some cases, as in May, he explains the absent entries while organizing his affairs in preparation for a battle. In other cases, as in October, November and December, it is not entirely clear why he has not written. The back of the book contains financial notes.

The transcripts of letters written by Woodall to his sister address battles, politics, reactions to news from Delaware, military life and recruiting (1862-1864). There are also a number of transcripts of military documents without dates including a roll sheet with signatures of enlistees and Woodall's military history.

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330 Arranged chronologically.
331 No index.
332 Handwritten, typed.
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360 Fair - poor condition. Acid, dirt, storage damage.
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430 2/21/2018, added to this collection was a typed transcript of the diary. (two copies)
990 October 27, 2011
995 October 27, 2011; February 21, 2018
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