

## James Birdseye McPherson Family Papers Introduction

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## James Birdseye McPherson Family Papers Scope and Content

The James Birdseye McPherson Family Collection (1849-1927) contained in one document box consists of papers chronologically arranged within the following series: correspondence, 1849-1926; vouchers, 1860-1862; newspapers and clippings, 1862-1927; miscellanea and family memorabilia, 1850-1925; and photocopies of related material not in the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Collection. The collection pertains mainly to James Birdseye McPherson (1828-1864), U. S. army officer and Civil War general, and the only Federal army commander to die in battle in that conflict. It was accumulated by Cynthia Russell McPherson, mother of General McPherson, and other family members and descendants, lastly, John Clinton Wilson (1893-1954), said to be a descendant of a sister of Cynthia Russell McPherson (but perhaps, instead or also, related to the General through his sister-in-law, Mattie Andrew McPherson.)

These papers reflect the career and character of General McPherson, his life in San Francisco (1858-61) while constructing the Alcatraz and bay area fortifications, Civil War experiences and campaigns, the wide publicity given his battlefield death, the McPherson Memorial monument and its dedication, post war reunions of the Army of the Tennessee, and affairs of the family following his death. Correspondence includes letters written by McPherson to family members from 1849 to 1864, a letter from General H. W. Halleck sending McPherson's commission as Brigadier General and congratulations, and McPherson's rough draft of his report to Brigadier General George W. Callum concerning the Union reconnaissance and attack and subsequent Confederate surrender of Fort Donelson.

Included are 35 U. S. Army vouchers for payrolls and supplies during the construction of fortifications at Alcatraz, and during the Civil War for military railroad construction.

Newspapers and clippings concern primarily Civil War news, McPherson's death, the McPherson memorial monument, Army of the Tennessee, reunions, and obituaries of personal family interest.

Included in miscellanea and family memorabilia are memorial monument publicity brochures, a U. S. Military Academy Register, June 1850, giving names, class rank, demerits etc. of all four classes, visiting and mourning cards, William H. McPherson's oath of allegiance to the constitution of the U. S. and the State of Ohio, his (WHMcP) certificate of a substitute for military duty, real estate accounts of the McPherson family (1872-1925), and personal family mementos. One item of particular interest is a hand drawn sketch (map) of the Marietta, Sandtown, Lost Mountain Roads area (Cobb County, Georgia) drawn probably in June 1864 just prior to the battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

As a calendar is included in this inventory other items of historical significance may be easily noted.

Much of the correspondence is personal in nature and of value only to a biographer. It is said that McPherson saved no letters while at West Point, but, that his mother saved all she received. After his death she gave many to friends as mementos. Nevertheless, 26 letters written by McPherson to family members remain in the collection.

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It is a small but significant collection of materials relating to McPherson's career as an army officer and events of the Civil War from his personal viewpoint. It merits the attention also of scholars in fields of San Francisco bay area history.

A genealogical chart prepared by the processor is also attached.

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James Birdseye McPherson was born in Hamer's Corners, now Clyde, Ohio, November 14, 1828. He was the eldest child of William and Cynthia Russell McPherson, natives of Hopewell, Ontario County, New York, who came to Ohio shortly after their marriage in 1824. (A genealogical chart of this family is included in this inventory.) William McPherson had first come to Ohio in 1823 with Lyman Babcock, Norton Russell, brother of Cynthia, and James Birdseye, all of New York State. It was for his friend James Birdseye that William McPherson named his firstborn son.

A blacksmith and farmer, William McPherson entered land in Greencreek Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. A thrifty man, of Scotch ancestry, and ambitious, he later purchased more land, all in the Clyde, Ohio, area, where James Birdseye McPherson grew to young manhood and which he considered his home until his death. Two more sons and a daughter were born to Cynthia and William McPherson, and they, with Lydia Norton (Russell Chase) Slocum, mother of Cynthia, who joined the McPhersons in Ohio after being widowed for a second time, made up the McPherson Ohio family.

The national financial panic of 1837 had its effect upon the family, who had prospered until that time, and William, overworked and worried fell into ill health, never to fully recover.

Finally, in 1841, it became necessary for the family to seek another source of income in addition to farming and the rentals of farmland. James B., the eldest, though only 12 ½ years old, was thereby apprenticed as a clerk to Robert Smith, a general storekeeper, farmer and mill owner, of Sterntown (now known as Green Springs), in the southwestern part of the township. Robert's wife was Catherine, daughter of Jacob Stern, and the families soon made him as one of their own. Here James was exposed to books, and music, and was included in the education given by tutors to the Stern and Smith children. Here he also became acquainted with young Rutherford B. Hayes, who visited the Stern family frequently. By the time he was 18, James had become fascinated by adventures awaiting one in the new territory of Texas, annexed in 1845, and at war with Mexico by 1846. He yearned to go, but Robert Smith foresaw greater things for the bright studious lad of whom he had grown fond, and soon arranged and defrayed expenses for James, (now made fatherless by William McPherson's death in 1847), to study at Norwalk Academy. Robert Smith further promised to arrange for James to secure an appointment to West Point, provided he could pass the entrance examination.

In May of 1849 James left Ohio to begin life as a cadet at the West Point Military Academy. He became one of 52 members of the class of 1853, among whom were Schofield, Bell, Sill, Tyler and others who gained distinction during the Civil War. John B. Hood, his antagonist at Atlanta, was his friend and for two years his roommate. He excelled, and was graduated July 1, 1853 with high honors, first in his class, made lieutenant of engineers, and appointed assistant instructor in practical engineering at West Point. In August 1854 he became assistant to Major Delafield at New York, and was chief engineer, constructing fortifications in New York and Boston Harbors and up the Hudson River. In December 1856 he was transferred to Fort Delaware, 45 miles

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below Philadelphia in the Delaware River, due to the sudden death of Major Dulton, and was placed in charge of operations on completion of the fort.

Ordered to California in December 1857, McPherson traveled via Havana and the Isthmus of Panama, and took charge of the construction of fortifications in San Francisco Harbor. Alcatraz, alone, took almost a year and these fortifications are still intact today. He was assigned for four years to this project which included Alcatraz, Fort Point, Lime Point, Benicia (and Lovell's Island). In December 1858 he was appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. The following spring he met Emily Hoffman who had come from Baltimore to California to visit her sister Sophie, wife of Louis McLane, prominent members of San Francisco society. McPherson later became engaged to marry Emily, and it was only due to cancellation of his last 20 day furlough in March of 1864, because of the planned spring drive against Atlanta, that they were not married. General Sherman wrote a personal letter of apology for causing the wedding postponement to Emily who by this time had returned to Baltimore. War came in April 1861, and in San Francisco McPherson heard a young man named Thomas Payne give a stirring plea against secession. He wrote to Washington offering his services for active duty. In July he was made Captain in the Corps of Engineers and ordered East.

Arriving in New York, he received orders to go to Boston, take charge of the Boston Harbor forts and recruit a regiment for the Engineering Dept. Preferring active duty, he was assigned in November to the staff of General Halleck as aide-de-camp and assistant chief engineer at St. Louis, Missouri, and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. In January 1862 he was transferred to General Grant's staff as chief engineer of the army, was with Grant at Forts Henry and Donaldson, was brevetted Major of the Regular Army. He was at Shiloh in April, and on the recommendation of Grant was made Colonel in the Regular Army and in June 1862 Brigadier General of Volunteers, and military superintendent of Railroads. After the capture of Corinth in May 1862 he was with Grant at Iuka; and in October 1862 relieved Rosecrans by a brilliant movement when the Confederates attempted the recapture of Corinth. For this he was made Major General of the Volunteers.

After the corps formation he assumed command of the 17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps of Grant's Army of the Tennessee, and played a vital part in the capture of Vicksburg. Immediately after the surrender McPherson was made a Brigadier in the Regular Army and Commander of the District of Vicksburg. With Sherman he drove the enemy from Meridian, Mississippi into Alabama. Grant then took control of all the armies of the U. S. and Sherman succeeded him in command of the Military District embracing the Armies of the Ohio, Cumberland, Tennessee and Arkansas. McPherson, ordered to Huntsville, Alabama, then joined Sherman at Chattanooga where he (McPherson) took command of the Army of the Tennessee. Until his death at Atlanta, he helped to fight every battle of importance in Georgia – Ringold, Dalton, Kennesaw Mountain, Resacz, Atlanta. There he fell in battle July 22, 1864. Beloved by his fellow soldiers, as well as by Sherman and Grant, he was awarded the Gold Medal of Honor. He was 35 years old at the time of his death.

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The only Federal army commander killed in battle during the war, his body was returned to Clyde under escort and buried with military honors in the cemetery which bears his name and was once a part of the old home farm. Close by sleep his father, mother, two brothers and sister. Ironically, his brother William died in 1871 from a kick by McPherson's horse which had been sent north after the General's death. William, a member of Co. G 50<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio, seems to have provided a satisfactory substitute for his military duty and remained at home to farm and care for his family, having married Mattie Andrew of Hartland, N. Y. in 1858. Russell, who retired as postmaster of Clyde in 1875 due to failing health, died in 1877, unmarried. He held a job in Cincinnati during at least part of the Civil War, employed by American Express, and at Jackson, Tennessee as general freight and ticket agent for the railroads, and at Memphis, also in government railroad service, and later in Indianapolis in charge of the Merchants Express Company. Emeline, the last surviving child, followed her mother, Cynthia, in death by 13 months, dying in April 1884. She had married Fred Vandercook of Fremont, Ohio, and raised 3 children. His beloved Emily never married and died in Baltimore in 1891, age 57.

In 1881 by subscription of the people of Clyde and Sandusky County and members of the Army of the Tennessee, a bronze and granite monument was erected over his grave. Other monuments and memorials to him include an equestrian statue at McPherson Square in Washington, D. C. and the naming of a Nebraska army post after him in 1866. Near Atlanta, an active army post now (1973) the home of the Third U. S. Army bears his name, and a barracks and guardhouse on Alcatraz serve as a memorial to the military engineer.

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*Combination Atlas Map of Sandusky County, Ohio*. Everts, Stewart & Co., 1874. (photocopy of Green Creek Township, p. – in this collection)

*RFD News*

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## Box 1

## Folder 1

## Correspondence

1. JBM to Cynthia R. McPherson, West Point, NY, June 26, 1849
2. JBM to Russell B. McPherson, West Point, NY, July 31, 1853
3. JBM to Cynthia R. McPherson, Schodac, Renselear Co., NY, Nov. 14, 1854
4. JBM to Emeline McPherson, NYC, Sept. 24, 1855
5. JBM to Emeline McPherson, NYC, Dec. 28, 1855
6. JBM to Russell B. McPherson, New York, Jan. 2, 185[6]
7. JBM to Emeline McPherson, NYC, [prior to Oct. 14, 1856]
8. JBM to Cynthia R. McPherson, Ft. Delaware, DE, Jan. 16, 1857
9. JBM to William H. McPherson, Ft. Delaware, DE, Feb. 24, 1857
10. JBM to William H. McPherson, San Francisco, CA, Feb. 4, 1858
11. JBM to William H. McPherson, Alcatrace's Island, San Francisco, CA, Mar. 18, 1858
12. JBM to Cynthia R. McPherson, San Francisco, CA, June 19, 1858
13. JBM to Russell B. McPherson, Alcatrace's Island, San Francisco Bay, CA, Sept. 20, 1858
14. JBM to William H. McPherson, San Francisco, CA, Dec. 18, 1858
15. Josephine to JBM, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 21, 1859
16. Mr. & Mrs. Jolhemus to JBM, San Francisco, CA, Oct. 12, [1859]
17. JBM to Cynthia R. McPherson, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 19, 1860
18. JBM to William H. McPherson, San Francisco, CA, July 16, 1860
19. JBM to Russell B. McPherson, San Francisco, CA, July 20, 1860
20. [JBM] to Russell B. McPherson, San Francisco, CA, Mar. 14, 1861 (Note: incomplete document)
21. Brie Smith to H. VanValkerburgh, San Francisco, CA June 16, 1861
22. Russell B. McPherson to Cynthia R. McPherson, Cincinnati, OH, June 24, 1861
23. Russell B. McPherson to Cynthia R. McPherson, Cincinnati, OH, Aug. 2, 1861
24. JBM to Cynthia R. McPherson, St. Louis, MO, Dec. 8, 1861



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25. JBM to Brig. Gen. G. W. Cullum, St. Louis, MO, Feb. 25, 1862
26. JBM to Cynthia R. McPherson, St. Louis, MO, Mar. 9, 1862
27. JBM to Brother [Russell], Pittsburgh (Shiloh), TN, Apr. 2, 1862  
(Letter missing October 2009 – DKC)
28. JBM to [Russell B.] McPherson, Camp near Corinth, MS, May 26, 1862
29. JBM to Brother [Russell], Corinth, MS, June 10, 1862
30. JBM to William H. McPherson, Corinth, MS, Aug. 15, 1862
31. Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Hutchinson, NYC, [Nov. 11, 1862]
32. Russell B. McPherson to Cynthia R. McPherson, Columbus [KY], Jan. 5, 1863
33. Mrs. Floyd Smith to JBM, NYC, [Oct. 7, 1863]
34. Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck to JBM, Washington, Mar. 14, 1864
35. JBM to Cynthia R. McPherson, Huntsville, [AL], Apr. 4, 1864
36. Russell B. McPherson to Cynthia R. McPherson, Washington, D.C., Mar. 10, 1866
37. Russell B. McPherson to William H. McPherson, Washington, D.C., Apr. 7, 1866
38. (B L L ?) to Children, Hartland, July 19, 1874
39. Cora to Aunt Mattie A., Albion, NY, Sept. 28, [18]83
40. (Ellen) to W. Andrew, Hartland, NY, June 11, 1895
41. Ellen T. Aver to Sister & all, Estacato Plains, [NM], May 20, 1903
42. Leon Wilson to William B. McConnell of Fremont, OH, Toledo, OH, May 18, 1926

Folder 1A Typed transcripts of original letters

Folder 1B Carbons of typed transcripts

## Folder 2 Vouchers, 1861-1862

1. Jan. 3, 1861 – Voucher for non payments for services rendered at Fort Alcatrazes Island, San Francisco Bay, CA, Aug. 1853-Dec. 31, 1860, \$88.60. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Lt. Eng. U.S.A., Jan. 3, 1860 [sic]
2. Jan. 3, 1861 – General money statement for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 1860 at Alcatrace's Island, San Francisco, CA of Jas. B. McPherson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Engineers, U.S.A., \$433.04
3. Jan. 3, 1861 – Fort Alcatrace's Island, San Francisco Bay, CA. Abstract of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 1860 disbursements for payroll, supplies, etc. by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jas. B. McPherson, \$14,497.05 (portion including another signature torn off.)

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Vouchers, 1861-1862 (cont.)

4. July 1862 – Voucher No. 2, U.S. Military R.R., Machine Shop, Columbus, KY, Wages paid to Machinist Dept., 17 employees, Month of July 1862. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, B G & Supt., \$830.00
5. July 1862 – Voucher No. 10, U.S. Military R.R., Repairs of Roadway, Section No. 3, 8 employees and 3 scratched. \$200.60, mo. of July 1862. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
6. July 1862 – Voucher No. 11. U.S. Military R.R., Record of payment to employees for repairs of roadway, Section No. 4 \$179.67, Mo. of July 1862, Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
7. July 1862 – Voucher No. 14, U.S. Military R.R. to employees, Section 2, Miss. Centl. For repairs of roadway, Mo. of July 1862, \$303.70, 9 employees & 3 scratched. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
8. July 1862 – Voucher No. 23, Receipt Roll of Hired Men, U.S. Military R.R. to 21 employees for construction of new tracks at Columbus. Signed by Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt., and by W. J. Stevens, Asst. Supt.
9. July 1862 – Voucher No. 29, U.S. Military R.R., Record of Disbursements (salary 6 men) for repairs of bridges, \$112.10, Mo. of July 1862. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
10. July 1862 – Voucher No. 25, Receipt Roll of Hired Men, U.S. Military R.R. \$301.61, Columbus [KY], 24 warehousemen (1 scratched) Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt., and W. J. Stevens, Asst. Supt.
11. July 1862 – Voucher No. 30, Multiple receipt signed by 7 workmen for \$199.00 pay received for repairs to bridges and trestles, U.S. Militray R.R. written on Mobile & Ohio debit form. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
12. July 1862 – Voucher No. 31, U. S. Mil. R.R. \$200.00 to 6 pumpers (tankmen) for supplying water tanks. Signed by Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt. & W. J. Stevens, Asst. Supt.
13. July 1862 – Voucher No. 32, U.S. Mil. R.R., Mo. Of July 1962. \$156.50 to 4 R.R. employees (1 conductor, 3 brakemen) Signed by Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.

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14. July 1862 – Voucher No. 33, U.S. Mil. R.R. on Mobile & Ohio R.R. billhead Dr. Special Roll. Receipt to Brig. Gen'l Jas. B. McPherson for payment of \$524.85 wages to 13 train employees. Mo. of July 1862, signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.
15. July 1862 – Voucher No. 34, U.S. Mil. R.R. Special Roll for Soldiers. Record and receipt of payment by Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt. of \$306.90. 8 soldiers. Signed by Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
16. July 18, 1862 – Voucher No. 39, U.S. Mil. R.R. Tenn. Receipt Signed by L. C. Mitchell, Columbus, KY to (Steamer?) David Tatum, \$1152.30. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
17. July 19, 1862 – Voucher No. 41, U.S. Mil. R.R. Tenn. To A. A. Black (Dyer Station) \$2.50. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
18. July 20, 1862 – Voucher No. 42, Receipt to Brig. Gen'l. McPherson for payment of \$53.00 to W. B. Ruffin for wood for engine on Miss. Central R. R. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
19. July 25, 1862 – Voucher No. 71, To W. B. Sharp for foodstuffs Furnished for use of Memphis & Charleston R. R. (in repairs) Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
20. July 1862 – Voucher No. 74, U. S. Mil. R.R. Jackson, TN, Mechanical Dept. Payroll \$410.70, Mo. of July 1862, 10 payees and 1 payee scratched. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
21. July 1862 – Voucher No. 79, U. S. Mil. R.R. Tenn. \$216.60 Payroll, Mo. of July 1862, 6 payees (conductor & 5 brakemen) Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
22. July 2, 1862 – Voucher No. 87, U. S. Mil. R.R. Date of purchase, June 20, \$618.12 payment to William G. Campbell, Corinth, MS for lumber to rebuild bridges on the Memphis and Charleston R.R. between Corinth and Decatur & freight car repairs. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
23. August 1862 – Voucher No. 102, U.S. Mil. R.R. Record of payment Special Roll for Discharged employees. \$435.30. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
24. August 1862 – Voucher No. 106, U.S. Mil. R.R. Jackson, TN to James Conner for cordwood, \$35.00. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.

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## Vouchers, 1861-1862 (cont.)

25. August 9, 1862 – Voucher No. 108, U.S. Mil. R.R. to Fredrick Schriefer for publishing 1000 conductor's reports, \$10.00. Jackson, TN, Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
26. August 16, 1862 – Voucher No. 116, U.S. Mil. R.R. Statement of payment to Benj. T. Davis for 40 cords wood, \$80.00 Union City, TN. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
27. August 17, 1862 – Voucher No. 118, U.S. Mil. R.R., Jackson, TN to F. W. Tupper, \$18.40 to cover bills presented by Steamer Tatum, T. M. (W?) Horne, Morton & Walker. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l. & Supt.
28. August 18, 1862 – Voucher No. 120, U.S. Mil. R.R., \$5.00 to S. W. Miner, Agt., Jackson, TN for repairs of baggage room, trucks, etc. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.
29. August 20, 1862 – Voucher No. 125 (16?), U.S. Mil. R.R., \$2.05 paid F. M. Blassmire, Memphis (TN) for nails and hauling. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.
30. August 20, 1862 – Voucher No. 129, U.S. Mil. R.R., \$1600 to Jno. C. McMaster, Corinth, Miss. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.
31. August 28, 1862 – Voucher No. 143, U.S. Mil. R.R., \$48.75 to E. B. Weed for wages 19 ½ days as foreman of laborers. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.
32. August 28, 1812 [1862] – Voucher No. 144 to F. W. Tupper, \$8.00, Jackson, TN Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.
33. August 31, 1862 – Voucher No. 146, U. S. Mil. R. R., \$8.00 to S. W. Miner, Agt. for "repairs on baggage room". Jackson, TN Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.
34. August 21, 1862 – Voucher No. 130 (17?), U. S. Mil. R. R., Memphis, TN to Frank Tuft (Taft?) \$35.75 for labor and wood, nails, saws provided Govm't. R. R. Signed Jas. B. McPherson, Brig. Gen'l & Supt.

## Folder 3

## Miscellanea and Family Memorabilia

1. 1849 – *Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Norwalk Institute 1848-49 with the Course of Studies*. Milan, Clark Waggoner, Job Printer:1849. (photocopy of 5 pages of incomplete copy) Shows "James B. McPherson, Green Creek" as a student in the Male Department.

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Miscellanea and Family Memorabilia (cont.)

2. June 1850 – *Official Register of the Officers and Cadets of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.* 24 pp. James B. McPherson's name in ink on cover. Lists members of all four classes by name, demerits, state of residence, date of admission, order of merit in respective studies; board of visitors; staff; courses; texts, etc.
3. Jan. 1, 1855 – Invitation printed by Dem. Print, Fremont (Ohio) to New Year's Eve party, Buckeye Ball, in Fremont, Monday evening, Jan. 1, 1855. Committee of Arrangements includes citizens of Fremont, Tiffin, Toledo, Perrysburg.
4. (Dec. 1858) -- Envelope addressed R. B. McPherson (Russell B. McPherson 1832-1877) containing two visiting cards of:
  - 1) R. B. McPherson
  - 2) Mr. & Mrs. W. H. McPherson  
Miss M. A. Andrew (in lower left hand corner)
5. Aug. 28, 1863 -- Oath of Allegiance to Constitution of the U. S. and Constitution of Ohio signed by William H. McPherson, Aug. 28, 186(3?) before William H. Gale, J. P. (n.p.)
6. May 7, (18)64 – Certificate (handwritten) stating that William McPherson of Co. G 50 Regt. Has furnished an acceptable substitute for 100 days military duty.  
Signed: M. J. Tichnor(?) Capt. Corn Co.  
Camp Crogan, Ohio
7. (ca. June 10, 1864) – Stationery imprinted "Headquarters, Department and Army of the Tennessee, \_\_\_\_\_ 1864. On reverse is hand drawn map of area of Marietta, Sandtown, and Lost Mountain Roads (Cobb County, GA)  
Names located on map are: Hardshell Church (Mount Olivet Church), S. Camp, Davis, W. Camp, B. Camp, Ship, Schoolhouse, Drake, Wm. Orr, Collins, D. Dickson, R. Bvnnett, Camps Mill kept by Rice, Williams. (1 photocopy included)
8. Mar. 11, 1865 – Church pledge on torn blue paper reading "we the subscribers agree to pay to the trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of the town of Hartland or bearer the sums opposite our names for the purpose of purchasing and refitting a house to be used as a parsonage by the preacher in charge of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of the town of Hartland, Niagara Co., NY Hartland, NY Mar. 11, 1865." (No names or amounts listed so probably a rough draft.)

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Miscellanea and Family Memorabilia (cont.)

9. April 5, 1872 – Certificate of teacher rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade from Jonas W. Brown, School Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Niagara Co., NY for Mrs. William McPherson (nee Mattie Andrew) – qualified to teach a common school for 1 year from date, April 5, 1872.
10. June 26, 1874 – Handwritten note for \$200 payable 3 months from date to M. A. McPherson or bearer, signed by B. A. Andrew. Dated Clyde, June 26, 1874
11. April 187(6?) – Hand penciled copy of poem by William Arnold, April 187(6?) “In His Faded Coat of Blue.” 3 pp. Fourth page has addition of numbers and following words and/or names: Secle Rathbun; Miss M. A. Andrew; R. B. McPherson; Galveston, Texas; Frenomer (?)
12. (1882?) – Portrait 7” x 10” of Mrs. Cynthia McPherson (identical except for size to portrait in *History of Sandusky County, Ohio, with Portraits and Biographies of Prominent Citizens and Pioneers*. Cleveland: H. Z. Williams & Bro., 1882.
13. April 17, 1884 – Mourning card for Emeline E. (McPherson) Vandercook, died April 17, 1884.
14. June 30, (18)87 – Pencil copy of *The Cricket on the Hearth*. Reverse has Jas. R. McPherson, Clyde, June 30, '87, and attempts at sketching.
15. Aug. 4-5, 1887 – White ribbon, Society of the 72<sup>nd</sup> O.V.V.I. (Ohio Veterans Volunteer Infantry), 18<sup>th</sup> annual reunion. Clyde, Ohio, Aug. 4-5, 1887.
16. 1888 – Red satin ribbon, Delegate 5<sup>th</sup> annual Convention Department Ohio W.R.C. (Woman’s Relief Corps 1883), 1888.
17. 1894 – White ribbon, Dept. of Oregon, W.R.C., 1894.
18. (n.d.) – White ribbon, Green Spring, Ohio. W.R.C.
19. (Dec. 11, 1912) – 2 page brochure concerning erection of monument at Vicksburg Battlefield Park (est. 1899 Act of Congress) to memory of General R. P. Buckland of Fremont, Ohio, and portion of envelope captioned “Gen. Ralph P. Buckland Vicksburg Monument Association.”

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20. May 25, 1915 – 2 mint postcards, “I am a booster for the McPherson Memorial”, Clyde, Ohio, May 25, 1915, announcing request by Ohio citizens to next Congress for appropriation for a memorial at McPherson’s Clyde home in recognition of his services. Back: Typical postcard format. Front: Portrait J. B. McPherson, birth and death dates, and message requesting approval and support by N. B. Mason, Sec., Clyde, Ohio, of the Memorial Committees. 5 mint letter size envelopes and 1 mint legal size envelope of the McPherson Memorial Committee, Clyde.
21. May 25, 1915 – 9 copies, brochure of the Committees, N. B. Mason, Sec’y., H. C. Heffner, Chairman Publicity Committee concerning appeal to Congress for memorial appropriation. Biographical sketch of J. B. McPherson.
22. May 18, 1926 – 6 pages account book listing property from 1872 to 1926 (acreage, taxes, etc.) belonging to J. R. McPherson, Martha McPherson, Mattie McPherson, Cynthia McPherson.
23. (n.d.) – 2 visiting cards, Mrs. William McPherson: 1 printed, 1 autograph.
24. (n.d.) – 4 handwritten pages, writer unknown, concerning the work of the missionary, Mrs. Harriet Newell(?), who with her husband and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Judson (Adoniram Judson, 1788-1850, American Baptist Missionary Society) went in Feb. 1812 to Buran Empire (Bihar Province, India).
25. (n.d.) – “Hope” needlepoint on paper canvas.
26. (n.d.) – Instructions for Mothers Knitted Tidy, treatment of inflamed eyes and a sore.

## Folder 4

## Newspapers and Clippings, 1866-1927 (Photocopies)

## Folder 5

## Newspapers and Clippings, 1862-1866

1. Summer or Oct. 1862, (Newspaper unknown), Corinth, Mississippi. Article: “Railroad Matters” 1 col. X 6” praising General J. B. McPherson for work well done, Mobile & Ohio Railroad in particular. Mentions illness of Mt. George Collbaugh, Corinth Freight Agent.
2. July 16, 1864, Saturday, *New York Clipper*, (The Oldest American Sporting and Theatrical Journal), New York, Vol. XII, No. 14. Frank Queen, Ed. & Prop., pp. 105-112. No evidence of any mention of J. B. McPherson in this. On p. 106, col. 4 bottom 2” article comparing campaigns of Grant & McClellan.

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## Newspapers and Clippings, 1862-1866 (cont.)

3. July 16, 1864, Saturday morning, *Daily Missouri Republican*, St. Louis, Mo., Vol. XLII, No. 170, General war news, nothing specific evident.
4. July 17, 1864, Sunday morning, *Louisville Daily Democrat*, Louisville, Ky., Vol. XX, No. 319. See nothing of specific interest except general war news, p. 3, cols. 3-4.
5. July 18, 1864, Monday morning, *Louisville National Union Press*, Louisville, Ky., Vol. 1, No. 77. No page number, but 4<sup>th</sup> page of our 4 page section, col. 2 1<sup>st</sup> 9 1/2" gives personal sketch of General Sherman in the field with references to J. B. McPherson.
6. [ca. July 22, 1864] *The Clyde Enterprise*, Clyde, Ohio, Whole No. 745. Published weekly by B. F. Jackson & Co. Entered at the P. O. at Clyde (Ohio). Article: "She Cared for McPherson", 1 col. X 18", extracted from *The Cleveland Leader* of recent date. Story is of Mother Bickerdyke, field nurse, and happenings at time of J. B. McPherson's death.
7. [post July 22, 1864] [Unknown pro-Union publication, n.p.] Newspaper clipping: "[T]HE NEWS FROM ATLANTA", n.d., published week following Friday, July 22, 1864. Concerns Battle of Atlanta; mentions Generals Howard, Hooker, Sherman, Johnston, and Hood, death of Gen. J. B. McPherson.
8. April 21, 1865, Friday, *Fremont Journal*, Sandusky County, Ohio, new series, Vol. XIII, No. 16, 4 partial cols. 1<sup>st</sup> page. Top right hand corner handwritten: W. McPherson. Bottom last column: Article on pensions indicating (Mrs. Cynthia Russell McPherson) payment of \$30 per month to dependent mothers of officers of Lt. Col. And higher rank but article saved apparently for 2<sup>nd</sup> page 4 column article on Lincoln's death.
9. July 25, 1866, Wednesday, *The Clyde Weekly Times*, Clyde, Ohio, Vol. I, No. XXV, 4 unnumbered pages. 2<sup>nd</sup> page, col. 2 "Gen. McPherson's Grave", 5 3/4" reference to lack of stone marker and plans for monument. 1<sup>st</sup> page doodling: R. B. McPherson, Mrs., etc.

## Folder 6

## Newspapers and Clippings, 1866-1869

1. November 15, 1866, Thursday morning, (*Cincinnati*) *Daily Gazette*, Cincinnati, Ohio, Vol. 78, No. 137, 4 pp., Page 1, col. 7, 1 1/2" Occasion of 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Army of the Tennessee; reference to McPherson's death.



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## Newspapers and Clippings, 1866-1869 (cont.)

2. November 15, 1866, Thursday morning, *Cincinnati Commercial*, Cincinnati, Ohio, Vol. XXVII, No. 83, 8 pp. Page 1 has 4 column article concerning 2<sup>nd</sup> annual reunion of the Army of the Tennessee. Reference to McPherson.
3. November 16, 1866, Friday morning, *Cincinnati Commercial*, Cincinnati, Ohio, Vol. XXVII, No. 84, 8 pp. Page 8, cols. 2-5 Social reunion of the Army of the Tennessee. References to J. B. McPherson.
4. November 19, 1866, Monday morning, *Cleveland Leader*, Cleveland, Ohio, Vol. XX, No. 273, 4 pp. Page 2, col. 3: Northern Ohio news, Sandusky, Co., From the *Fremont Journal*. Information concerning McPherson Monument Association, 1 col. X 2 ½”.
5. November 23, 1866, Friday, *Fremont Journal*, Fremont, Sandusky County, Ohio, J. H. Greene & A. G. Wilcox, editors. Estab. 1829, Vol. XXVII, New series, Vol. XIV, No. 47, 4 pp. Fred Vandercook's name printed top right margin p. 1 (prob. For delivery purposes) p. 3, col. 4 top 10” “The McPherson Memorial” Article concerning the canvass for funds among the Society of the Army of the Tennessee for the erection of a monument to McPherson at Clyde; Bradley Tuttle listed as canvassing agent for Clyde and vicinity.
6. November 28, 1866, Wednesday morning, *Cleveland Leader*, Cleveland, Ohio, Vol. XX, No. 281, 4 pp. No evidence of any McPherson information in this.
7. September 26, 1869, Sunday morning, *The Cincinnati Commercial*, Cincinnati, Ohio, Vol. XXX, No. 26, 8 pp. P. 8, col. 2 and 1<sup>st</sup> 9” of col. 3 concerning McPherson's grave and monument.

## Folder 7

## Newspapers and Clippings, 1869-1927

1. February 1, 1878, Saturday, *The Sunny South*, Atlanta, Ga., Vol.III, No. 137, John B. Seals, ed. & prop., 8 pp. Uncut. Page 5 (entire) “Battles Around Atlanta – Sixth Paper – The McPherson Memorial”.
2. July 23, 1881, *Cleveland Herald*, Cleveland, Ohio, p. 9 & 10. P. 9, Col. 1 & 2 concern history of Army of the Tennessee to McPherson's death, monument society and statue. P. 9, col. 3-8 Gen. Strong's address at unveiling of the statue.

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3. July 23, 1881, Saturday morning, *The Cleveland Leader*, Cleveland, Ohio, Vol. 34, No. 204, 12 pp. and duplicate pp. 1-2. P. 1, Cols. 3-7 and p. 2, cols. 1-2 concerns the unveiling of J. B. McPherson memorial monument at Clyde, O. Speeches, dignitaries, etc.
4. July 23, 1881, Saturday morning, *The Cleveland Leader*, Cleveland, Ohio, pp. 9, 10, 11, 12 only of a 12 p. edition. P. 10, cols. 1-6 concerning J. B. McPherson's life, career, death, etc. upon the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
5. [ca. July 29, 1881] *The Enterprise and Sentinel*, Clyde, Ohio. (Weekly) n.d. and no pp. nos. 1 single sheet of newspaper, 2 sides. Contains reprint, occasioned by public demand exceeding supply of previous week's edition containing speeches made at unveiling of McPherson statue. Last 18  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of col. 2, cols. 3, 4, 5, and 1<sup>st</sup> 18" col. 6.
6. August 13, 1881, *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, New York, No. 1, 350 – Vol. LII, 16 pp. (pp. 389-404). P. 393: An artist's sketches of the dedication ceremonies of the McPherson monument at Clyde, Ohio, July 22, 1881. 4 col. x 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". p. 393: "Unvailing [sic] the McPherson Monument" 1 col. x 5"
7. [November 26, 1902], [*Fremont Journal* ?] [Fremont, Ohio ?] Newspaper clipping. Obituary: Bradley B. Tuttle, (d. Nov. 23, 1902, Clyde, Ohio)
8. [March 27, 1927], *Toledo Blade*, Toledo, Ohio. Newspaper clipping: p. 4 "Clyde [Ohio], March 27 [1927]." Concerning the death of James R. McPherson, age 64 (nephew of J. B. McPherson) in home on McPherson Hwy.
9. July [5, ?], *Toledo News-Bee*, Toledo, Ohio. Newspaper clipping: Independence Day slanted issue containing story of Barbara Freitchie [sic], Fredericktown, Md. & J. G. Whittier's poem.

## Folder 8

Photocopies of related materials in other collections