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Summary Information

Repository:	Colby College Special Collections
Creator:	Frank S. Hesseltine (Francis Snow), 1833-1916
Title:	Collection of Francis Snow Hesseltine Materials.
ID:	HESSELTINE.1
Date [inclusive]:	1861-1865.
Date [inclusive]:	1861-1865
Physical Description:	0.25 Linear Feet
Physical Location:	Colbiana alumni sequence (in box).
Language of the Material:	English
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Abstract:	This collection contains correspondence, personal documents, manuscripts, and clippings on Francis Snow Hesseltine, Colby class of 1863, a Lieutenant Colonel of the 13th Maine Infantry during the Civil War who received the Congressional Medal of Honor, and who was later an attorney in Georgia, Massachusetts, and Maine.

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Biographical / Historical

Francis Snow Hesseltine (Colby Class of 1863) was born in Bangor, Maine on December 10, 1833, son of Peter Heald and Sarah Hamlin (Snow) Hesseltine, and died on February 17, 1916, at age 83. He left Waterville College (now Colby College) in April 1861, to enlist as a private. He was elected Captain of Company G, 3rd Maine infantry, and was later promoted to Major of the 13th Maine infantry in 1861, and then to Lieutenant Colonel in 1862. He was in the First Battle of Bull Run and received honorable

mention for his service in that battle. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1895 for gallant conduct at Matagorda Bay in Texas. After the war he practiced law in Savannah, Georgia; Melrose, Massachusetts; and in Portland, Maine. He was married three times: first, to Carrie Curtis in 1853, who died in 1856; second, to Rebecca Melinda Stark Crosby (a widow), who died in 1893; and third, to Margaret Hall McNutt. He had three children with his second wife, Rebecca: Norman Francis, Gertrude Rebecca, and Marion Elizabeth.

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Scope and Contents

The Hesselstine Collection contains various materials gathered about Francis Snow Hesselstine, including correspondence, a report written by Hesselstine detailing the events on the Matagorda Peninsula, Texas, during the Civil War, certificates of military appointments during the Civil War, information about the medal of honor, and clippings about Hesselstine's life.

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Arrangement

Materials arranged in 7 series: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Personal documents, Biographical materials, Printed materials, Artifacts, and Clippings.

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Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Use

Materials to be used on site during regular Special Collections hours or by appointment. Photocopying or scanning may be possible at discretion of staff for nominal fee. Materials may be protected by copyright.

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Custodial History

Materials acquired via gift.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection presented to Colby by Philip Stark Hesseltine, grandson of Francis Snow Hesseltine, June 1965.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Bangor (Me.)
- Maine
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
- Manuscripts
- Military and War
- Texas -- History, Military -- 19th century -- Sources
- Colby College
- Alumnae and alumni
- Colbiana
- Ernest Cummings Marriner, 1891-1983
- Neal Dow, 1804-1897

Collection Inventory

Series A: Correspondence

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder A1: Letters between Hesseltine and various correspondents, 1861-1907

Physical Description: 5 ALS, 6 TLS, 1 telegram.

Letter from Neal Dow to Francis Hesseltine., October 8, 1861.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from HWS [?] to Colonel F.S. Hesseltime., February 26, 1895.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Francis Hesseltime to his wife., January 3, 1864.

Physical Description: 15 p.

Resignation letter from Francis Hesseltime to Captain Frederic Speed., June 8, 1864.

Physical Description: 1 sheet, 4 p.

War Department to Francis Hesseltime., March 1, 1893.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Colonel Ainsworth to Hon. William Everett, re: medal of honor., February 25, 1895.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Telegram from William Everett to Francis Hesseltime., February 25, 1895.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Colonel Ainsworth to Francis Hesseltime., March 2, 1895.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Colonel Ainsworth to Francis Hesseltime., March 18, 1897.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Military Secretary Ainsworth to Francis Hesseltime., April 18, 1905.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from the War Department to Francis Hesseltime., March 15, 1907.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from the War Department to Francis Hesseltime., March 22, 1907.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Folder A2: Correspondence regarding provenance of Hesseltime Collection., 1965

Physical Description: 4 TLS, 2 TL, 1 ALS; miscellaneous collection lists.

Letter from Eleanor S. Upton to Ernest Marriner., June 7, 1965.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Ernest Marriner to Eleanor Upton., June 10, 1965.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Eleanor Upton to Ernest Marriner., June 12, 1865.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Ernest Marriner to Kenneth P. Blake, Librarian,
Colby College Library., June 14, 1965.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Eleanor Upton to Kenneth P. Blake., June 16, 1965.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Eleanor Upton to Ernest Marriner., June 16, 1965.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Letter from Kenneth P. Blake to Eleanor Upton., June 23, 1965.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

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Series B: Manuscripts, 1863

Physical Description: 1 folder.

Title/Description	Instances
Folder B1: Manuscripts, 1863	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 report, 1 copy of report.	
Report to General Ransom on Matagorda Peninsula, Texas., January 1, 1864.	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 p. (plus copy, 4 p.)	
Excerpts from the "Tri-Monthly Telegraph," Houston, Texas., January 5, 1864.	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 sheet.	
Military Record of Francis Snow Hesselstine, with extract from report by H.G. Staples.	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 sheets.	

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Series C: Personal documents

Physical Description: 1 folder

Appointment of F.S. Hesseltine to Captain of the 3rd Maine Volunteers by Governor Israel Washburn, Jr., May 25, 1861.

Physical Description: 1 sheet parchment, with seal.

Appointment of F.S. Hesseltine as Major of the Thirteenth Maine volunteers, by Governor Israel Washburn, Jr., November 26, 1861.

Physical Description: 1 sheet parchment, with seal.

Appointment of F.S. Hesseltine as Lieutenant Colonel of the Thirteenth Maine volunteers, by Governor Israel Washburn, Jr., June 3, 1862.

Physical Description: 1 sheet of parchment, with seal.

Muster-Out roll of Major Frank S. Hesseltine in the 13th Maine Volunteers., April 27, 1862.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Muster-In Roll for Lt. Colonel Frank S. Hesseltine in the 13th Maine Volunteers., April 28, 1862.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Special Orders No. 140., November 14, 1861.

Physical Description: 2 sheets.

Special Orders No. 472., October 29, 1862.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Special Orders No. 93., April 11, 1864.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Discharge certificate, Frank S. Hesseltine., January 6, 1865.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

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Series D: Biographical materials

Physical Description: 1 folder.

Title/Description	Instances
Folder D1: Biographical materials	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 article; miscellaneous documents	
"What Colby Men are Doing," article from the Colby Alumnus., March 1916.	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 sheets [photocopy].	

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Series E: Printed materials

Physical Description: 1 folder.

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder E1: Printed materials	
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Physical Description: 1 document

General Order No. 3, Medal of Honor., June 30, 1898.	
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Physical Description: 1 pamphlet.

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Series F: Artifacts

Physical Description: 1 folder

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder F1: Artifacts	
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Physical Description: 1 object

Badge belonging to F.S. Hesseltine, Lt. Colonel 13th Maine Volunteer Infantry.	
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Physical Description: 1 badge.

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Series G: Clippings

Physical Description: 1 folder

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder G1: Clippings, 1906-1996	
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Physical Description: 8 clippings.

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