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Summary Information

Repository:	Colby College Special Collections
Creator:	Charles Henry Smith, 1827-1902
Title:	Collection of Charles Henry Smith Materials
ID:	SMITH.1
Date [inclusive]:	1856-1960
Physical Description:	0.5 Linear Feet
Physical Location:	Colbiana alumni sequence, in box. Artifacts in Stack 4.
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	This collection contains correspondence, personal documents, manuscripts, artifacts, and clippings on Charles Henry Smith, Colby class of 1856, Colonel of the 1st Maine Cavalry during the Civil War, who was active in campaigns in Virginia and at Gettysburg. He served in the Army until his retirement in 1891, and was also a lawyer and a Maine State Senator (1866).

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Biographical / Historical

Charles Henry Smith was born on November 1, 1827 in Hollis, Maine. He graduated from Waterville (Colby) College in 1856, and became the principal of Eastport High School until 1860. After the call for Volunteers to serve in the Civil War, Smith enlisted and was recruited Captain of Company D of the 1st Maine Cavalry in 1861. He was made Major, Lieutenant Colonel, and then Colonel in 1863. He was in command of the 1st Maine Cavalry at Gettysburg. He was mustered out of the 1st Maine Cavalry in August of 1865. After discharge from the Civil War, he was a lawyer in Eastport from 1865-1866, and also served in the Maine Senate in 1866. He reentered the regular army after the Civil War and remained until his retirement in 1891. He commanded forts at Fort Lyon, Colorado; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Brown, Texas; and was in command of all the troops around New Orleans during the Reconstruction

riots in 1872. In 1879 he was in command of troops to expel invading Kansas settlers from the Indian Territory. In 1895 he received the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallant and meritorious service in the Battle of St. Mary's Church, June 1864, where he was severely wounded in the thigh. He died in Washington, DC in July of 1902, and is buried in Arlington Cemetery with high military honors.

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Scope and Contents

The Smith Collection contains various materials gathered about Charles Henry Smith, including correspondence during and post-Civil War years - primarily documenting his service in the US Army - with both Maine and non-Maine military and political personalities, such as: David M. Gregg, Oliver Otis Howard, Harris Merrill Plaisted, Eugene Hale, John L. Hodsdon, J.A. Milliken, W.E. Miller, E.R. Platt, F.A. Pike, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, E.O.C. Ord, and others, as well as some descriptions from the field written by Smith to various military figures. The collection also contains several personal documents, including diplomas, military and legal appointments, certificates of membership in various associations, and application for the medal of honor. The collection also contains several 1st Maine Cavalry artifacts.

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Arrangement

Materials arranged in six series: Correspondence, Personal Documents, Manuscripts, Printed Materials, Artifacts, and Clippings.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Provenance and Acquisition Note

Materials acquired via gift from Mary Livermore Dunlap, daughter of Charles Henry Smith (Colby 1856).

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.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Military and War
- Maine
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
- Manuscripts
- Newspaper clippings
- Colbiana
- Alumnae and alumni
- Ord, Edward Otho Cresap, 1818-1883 (United States Army. Major General)
- O. O. (Oliver Otis) Howard, 1830-1909
- James Alphonso Milliken, 1813-1891
- Edward W. (Edward Winslow) Hall, 1840-1910
- David McMurtrie Gregg, 1833-1916
- Chamberlain, Joshua Lawrence, 1828-1914 (Educator and United States Army. Colonel)
- E. R. Platt
- Hale, Eugene, 1836-1918 (U.S. Senator, (R) Maine)
- Plaisted, H. M. (Harris M.)
- F. A. (Frederick Augustus) Pike, 1817-1886
- George Gordon Meade, 1815-1872

Collection Inventory

Series A: Correspondence.

Physical Description: 7 folders.

Title/Description	Instances
Folder A1: to Charles Henry Smith., 1858-1865 <u>Physical Description</u> : 22 ALS, 4 TLS.	
Folder A2: to Charles Henry Smith., 1866-1869 <u>Physical Description</u> : 62 ALS, 6 TLS, 1TL.	
Folder A3: to Charles Henry Smith., 1870-1879 <u>Physical Description</u> : 27 ALS, 6 TLS, 2 telegraphs, 2 copies of telegrams.	
Folder A4: to Charles Henry Smith, 1880-1889 <u>Physical Description</u> : 39 ALS, 6 TLS, 2 TL.	
Folder A5: to Charles Henry Smith., 1890-1904 <u>Physical Description</u> : 28 ALS, 6TLS, 2 TL.	
Folder A6: from Charles Henry Smith., 1863-1891 <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 ALS, 3 AL, 4 TLS.	
Folder A7: regarding provenance of Smith collection. <u>Physical Description</u> : 7 documents (14 sheets).	

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Series B: Personal Documents.

Physical Description: 1 folder.

Title/Description	Instances
Folder B1: Personal Documents., 1851-1896 <u>Physical Description</u> : 25 documents.	
Letters of qualification and certification for teaching from Augustus Berry, William Buzzell, J.M. Bailey, Joseph Parker, J.W. Murray, et al., 1851-1854. <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 handwritten sheets, signed.	
Waterville College term bills for Charles Henry Smith., 1853-1855. <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 sheets, signed.	

State of Maine appointment of Charles Henry Smith to Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum for Washington County., February 6, 1861.

Physical Description: 1 sheet, with seal.

Diploma, Waterville College., 1856.

Physical Description: 1 sheet parchment.

Diploma, Waterville College., 1859.

Physical Description: 1 sheet parchment.

Appointment of Charles Henry Smith as Major of the First Regiment of Cavalry of the Maine Volunteers., March 2, 1863.

Physical Description: 1 sheet, with seal.

Certificate of marriage, Mary Richards Livermore and Charles Henry Smith., July 28, 1864.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Discharge from First Maine Cavalry, Petersburg, Va., August 1, 1865.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

License to practice law, Eastport, Washington County, Maine., November 1, 1865.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Designation of Charles Henry Smith as Pension Notary., November 9, 1865.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Election of Charles Henry Smith as Senator in the sixteenth senatorial district., November 24, 1865.

Physical Description: 1 sheet, with seal.

Admission to practice as an attorney in the judicial courts of the state of Maine., March 26, 1866.

Physical Description: 1 sheet, with seal.

Appointment of Charles Henry Smith as Commissioner to purchase and improve land and erect monuments at Gettysburg to commemorate Maine soldiers., April 20, 1877.

Physical Description: 1 sheet, with seal.

Certificate of membership to U. S. Cavalry Association., April 4, 1890.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Certificate of membership in the Regular Army and Navy Union., July 7, 1892.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Application for Medal of Honor., April 13, 1895.

Physical Description: 3 typed sheets.

Certificate of election in the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Colby University., April 9, 1896.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

Certificate of contribution to the cavalry shaft at Gettysburg., Undated.

Physical Description: 1 sheet.

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Series C: Manuscripts.

Physical Description: 1 folder.

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder C1: Manuscripts.

Physical Description: 3 items (12 sheets).

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Series D: Printed Materials.

Physical Description: 1 folder.

Title/Description	Instances
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Folder D1: Printed Materials.

Physical Description: 8 items.

The Congressional Medal of Honor.

Physical Description: 1 pamphlet.

Monumental shaft to be erected upon the site of the cavalry engagement, Battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863.

Physical Description: 1 pamphlet, + copy.

Orders No. 44., October 3, 1891.

Physical Description: 1 pamphlet, + copy.

Headquarters, Medal of Honor Legion, General Order No. 2., December 10, 1896.

Physical Description: 1 pamphlet.

Inaugural parade, General Orders No. 1., March 2, 1897.

Physical Description: 1 pamphlet.

Circular.

Physical Description: 1 sheet, + copy.

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Series E: Artifacts.

Physical Description: One of the medals may be the Medal of Honor for gallantry in St. Mary's Church, Virginia, June 24, 1864.

Physical Description: 3 swords; 2 belts; 5 badges with ribbons; 2 pins; 1 badge; various epaulets and insignia (9 pieces); and buttons (24 pieces).

Physical Location: Stack 4, Artifacts.

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Series F: Clippings., 1908-1960

Physical Description: 1 folder.

Title/Description	Instances
Folder F1: Clippings., 1908, 1960 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 clippings.	

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