

**Title:** Hewitt, Lydia Ely

**Reference Code:** Mss. 0533

**Inclusive Dates:** 1896

**Quantity:** 0.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm. Mss.

**Scope and Content:** Consists of one piece of correspondence from Lydia Ely Hewitt to Mrs. August G. Weissert concerning their efforts to erect a monument to Milwaukeeans who served in the Civil War. Lydia Ely Hewitt was born in 1835 and moved to Milwaukee with her family in 1840. Hewitt was involved in many charities throughout her life including the Ladies Association of Milwaukee for the Aid of Military Hospitals (the first soldiers' relief effort) and a President of the West Side Soldiers' Aid Society during the Civil War. Later she was instrumental in founding a Soldiers Home and building the Civil War monument in Milwaukee.

**Access and Use:** no restrictions

**Language:** English