

**Title:** Shears, Henry Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-2501

**Inclusive Dates:** 1842 – 1882

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss  
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**Abstract:** Henry Shears was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts, in August 1816. He relocated to the Town of Merton, Waukesha County, in 1842. He built the first flour mill in the Village of Merton in 1847 and in the Village of North Lake in 1854. Shears had been a Captain of a militia unit in Rochester, New York, and during the Civil War, he was made captain of Company B for the 39<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He later was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel for the 48<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry and then promoted to Colonel. He passed away in March 1882.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of correspondence, various obituaries, a patent, speech and military commission.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was donated by Mrs. George Banzhof, September 1991 and processed by Steve Daily, September 1997.

**Arrangement:**

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
<b>Small Manuscript Material:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Letter written by Henry Shears to cousin, April 3, 1842</li><li>– Letter written by Mrs. Henry Shears to her sister, Oct. 12, 1846</li><li>– Letter written by M. B. Shears to Anna, n.d.</li><li>– Letter from Pension Office, Dept. of the Interior to Henry Shears, Jan. 7, 1882</li><li>– Address by Henry Shears to Masonic Lodge at Hartford, ca. 1862</li><li>– Patent of Henry Shears on water wheel improvements, Oct. 3, 1871</li><li>– Bill of fare at Rhett House, Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 4, 1862</li><li>– James Kilbourn obit (xerox), May 7, 1850</li><li>– Mary Benson Shears obit. and death announcement (xerox), July 25, 1875</li><li>– Biography of Henry Shears taken from <i>History of Waukesha County, Wisconsin</i> 1880 (xerox)</li><li>– Milwaukee Public Library leaflet about "100 novels worth reading"</li></ul>		

<p><b>Oversize Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commission of Henry Shears as captain in artillery, 4th Brigade of Infantry, State of New York, Feb. 26, 1842 (signed by William Seward and Rufus King)</li> <li>- Letter written by Henry Shears to cousin, June 16, 1844</li> <li>- Printed sheet of Civil War poetry</li> </ul>	<p>OS SM "S"</p>	
<p><b>Photos, see M-152</b></p>		