

Title: Thorndike, William Collection

Reference Code: Mss-2265

Inclusive Dates: 1859 – 1935

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: William Thorndike was born on April 17, 1835, at Beverly, Massachusetts. He attended Harvard College (graduated 1854) and Harvard Medical School (graduated 1857). He served as a surgeon for various Massachusetts regiments during the Civil War. He relocated to Milwaukee in 1865 and set up a medical practice which he maintained until his death in January 1887.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of certificates appointing Thorndike surgeon of the 8th Infantry Regiment of the Massachusetts militia (1859) and surgeon of the 39th Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers (1863); War Department Special Orders granting Thorndike an honorable discharge from the 34th Massachusetts to become surgeon of the 39th Massachusetts Volunteers (Jan. 1864); a map of coast townships from Fernandina to Jacksonville, Florida drawn for Byron Kilbourn; and Dr. Arthur Holbrook's 1935 memorial for Thorndike's son, William, who also graduated from Harvard Medical School.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English