

Title: Wheeler, Cornelius Papers

Reference Code: Mss-1850

Inclusive Dates: 1861 – 1880

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss
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Abstract: Cornelius Wheeler was born in Medina, New York, in 1840. He relocated to Wisconsin and worked as a teacher in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, before enlisting with the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He saw action at Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, eventually earning a promotion to first lieutenant. After the war he worked as an agent Northwestern Life Insurance Company until he became governor of the Soldier’s Home in 1881. He served in that capacity until January 1915. He died two weeks after leaving his position.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of Wheeler’s Civil War promotion and discharge papers, a booklet about the national soldier’s home, Wheeler’s diary, and a journal of Mrs. John Wheeler (1879-1882), which includes Civil War accounts by John E. Warren and others. Included in oversize are Wheeler’s membership certificate with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, May 13, 1880, and two certificates of promotion during the Civil War.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English