

OLIVER OTIS HOWARD PAPERS (Lincoln Memorial University)

Inclusive dates: 1850-ca. 1925; n.d.

Bulk dates: 1890-1909

Accession Numbers: 80-1428; 80-787; 80-788; 80-2137a-b

Extent: 4.7 cubic ft. (9 boxes)

Contents: Correspondence; Articles, Addresses, Reports; Miscellaneous; Scrapbook; Engagement books; Photographs; Bible

Access: open for research

Processed: May-June 1998, by Leanne Garland, Archivist

Introduction

The *Oliver Otis Howard Papers* were given to Lincoln Memorial University by two persons: Captain Harry S. Howard, the son, contributed chiefly the personal papers and memorabilia of General Howard, while Justin G. Turner donated various correspondences written during Howard's military service years and Freedmen's Bureau period. Additional material: consisting of several rare pamphlets, were also donated by Justin G. Turner. Other persons, such as Foreman M. Lebold, Bishop W. P. Thirkield, and Robert J. Younger are noted throughout the guide, for specific presentations.

Scope Note

The *Oliver Otis Howard Papers* were given to Lincoln Memorial University in the early 1940's, by General Oliver Otis Howard's son, Captain Harry S. Howard. The collection measures approximately five cubic feet. Some of the material was donated by Justin G. Turner, including some of the letters of correspondence written during the military command period, and several rare, published pamphlets and articles. Turner, who has published extensively, was an investment company executive and well-known collector of manuscripts and documents relating to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. Other persons, such as Foreman M. Lebold and Bishop W. P. Thirkield, and Robert J. Younger are noted throughout the guide, for specific presentations.

The collection contains letters of correspondence from Oliver Otis Howard to his uncle, John Otis (Representative from Maine to the Thirty-first Congress as a Whig), written while he was a student at Bowdoin College (1850), and later while he was a cadet at West Point (1851); as well as correspondence by and with other members of his family, spanning the years up to October 30, 1909.

Here are speeches, manuscripts, engagement books, photographs, a scrapbook, and a Bible given to Bessie, on her wedding day, from her father, General O. O. Howard. The museum houses some of the personal items that once belonged to General Oliver Otis Howard, that were donated by his son, Captain Harry S. Howard: a saddle, saddle bags, leggings, and a desk which he used from 1896 until his death in 1909, while he was raising funds for Lincoln Memorial University.

Abbreviations used in the guide include the following: A=autograph (written by hand); L=letter; S=signed; n.d.=not dated (ALS means Handwritten, signed letter). Reference material that provides additional information on General Howard's life and military career is available.

I. Correspondence, Family

Inclusive dates: 1850-1909; n.d.

Bulk dates: 1890-1909

The list follows a chronological arrangement, with the year cited in boldface type. Some of the correspondence is in French.

Box 1-Box 2

1850 Oliver O. Howard. Bowdoin College. To "Dear Uncle" [John Otis, M. C., Washington, D.C.]. June

24, 1850. ALS, 3 pp.

1851 O. O. Howard. West Point. To [Uncle John Otis]. Apr. 13, 1851. ALS, 4 pp.

1882 Susan Warner. To Mrs. Howard. Sept. 14, 1882. ALS, 2 pp.

1884 O. O. H[oward]. Paris, France. To Bessie. Apr. 5, 1884. ALS, 4 pp.

1884 [Gen. Howard]. Rome, Italy. To "My dear little daughter." May 27, 1884. ALS, 4 pp.

1884 O. O. H[oward]. Eure, France. To Bessie. July 2, 1884. ALS, 4 pp. In French.

1890 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, New York City. To Bessie Howard. Farmington, [Connecticut]. Jan. 18, 1890. ALS, 2 pp.

1890 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, New York City. To "Dear Bessie." Jan. 24, 1890. ALS, 4 pp.

1890 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, New York City. To Bessie Howard. Farmington, Conn. Mar. 5, 1890. ALS, 2 pp.

1890 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, New York City. May 20, 1890. ALS, 4 pp.

1890 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, New York City. To Bessie. Farmington, Conn. Oct. 17, 1890. ALS, 4 pp.

1890 O. O. H[oward]. Northampton, Mass. To "My dear Bessie." Oct. 22, 1890. ALS, 2 pp.

1891 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's island, New York City. To Bessie Howard. Farmington, Conn. Jan. 24, 1891. ALS, 2 pp.

1891 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, New York City. To "My dear Bessie." Mar. 17, 1891. ALS, 1 p.

1891 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, New York City. To Bessie Howard. Farmington, Conn. May 7, 1891. ALS, 4 pp.

1891 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, New York. To Miss Bessie Howard and M. Adolph [Chauvet?] [Evreux], Eure, France. Aug. 28, 1891. ALS, 4 pp. In French.

1891 O. O. H[oward]. Chicago, Ill. To Bessie. Sept. 2, 1891. ALS, 4 pp. In French.

1891 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, N. Y. To Bessie. Sept. 15, 1891. ALS, 4 pp. In French.

1891 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, N. Y. City. To [Bessie?]. Oct. 1, 1891. ALS, 4 pp.

1891 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, N. Y. C. To Bessie. Oct. 22, 1891. ALS, 3 pp. In French.

1891 Bessie. Evreux, France. To "My dearest Mama." Nov. 8, 1891. ALS, 8 pp.

1891 Bessie Howard. Evreux, France. To "My dearest Mama." Nov. 22, 1891. ALS, 9 pp.

1891 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, New York. To Bessie Howard. Evreux, Eure, France. Dec. 29, 1891. ALS, 4 pp. In French.

1891 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, New York. To [his son]. Dec. 31, 1891. ALS, 4 pp.

1892 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, New York. To Harry S. Howard. Evreux, Eure, France. Jan. 16, 1892. ALS, 4 pp.

1892 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, New York. To Bessie. Jan. 16, 1892. ALS, 2 pp. In French.

1892 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, New York. To [his daughter]. Jan. 29, 1892. ALS, 4 pp. In French.

1892 O. O. Howard. Governor's Island, New York. To Mlle. Bessie Howard. Feb. 9, 1892. ALS, 2 pp. In French.

1892 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, New York. To Bessie. Apr. 26, 1892. ALS, 4 pp.

1892 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, New York. To Bessie. May 17, 1892. ALS, 4 pp. In French.

1892 O. O. H[oward]. Governor's Island, N. Y. To Bessie. June 18, 1892. Typewritten, 2 pp.

1892 Oliver Otis Howard. Fort Brady, Sault St. Marie, Mich. To Bessie. Sept. 17, 1892. ALS, 3 pp.

ca. 1893 O. O. H[oward]. Chicago. To Bessie. Circa 1893. ALS, 3 pp.

1895 O. O. Howard. Mohonk Lake, Ulster Co., N. Y. To Bessie. Oct. 10, 1895. ALS, 3 pp.

1895 O. O. Howard. Peoria, Ill. To "My beloved daughter." Nov. 14, 1895. ALS, 2 pp.

1895 O. O. Howard. Glencoe, Ill. To [Bessie]. Dec. 8, 1895. ALS, 4 pp.

1895 O. O. Howard. Beatrice, Neb. To Bessie Howard. Dec. 18, 1895. ALS, 2 pp.

1896 O. O. H[oward]. N. M. City, Mo. To "My dear daughter." Circa 1896. ALS, 2 pp.

1896 O. O. Howard. Omaha, Neb. To Bessie. Feb. 22, 1896. ALS, 3 pp.

1896 O. O. H[oward]. Portland, Me. To Bessie. Aug. 30, 1896. ALS, 4 pp.

1897 O. O. H[oward]. Erie, Pa. To Bessie. Oct. 8, 1897. ALS, 4 pp.

1897 O. O. Howard. Washington, D.C. To Bessie. Oct. 30, 1897. ALS, 1 p.
1897 O. O. Howard. Newark, N. J. To Bessie. [ca. Nov. 1897?] ALS, 4 pp.
1897 O. O. Howard. Cleveland, O[hio]. To Bessie. Nov. 3, 1897. ALS, 6 pp.
1897 O. O. Howard. Media, Pa. To Bessie. Nov. 8, 1897. ALS, 2 pp.
1897 O. O. Howard. Carlisle, Pa. To Bessie. Nov. 28, 1897. ALS, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. Monrath Adams. To "Dear Bessie." [ca. 1898]. ALS, 6 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. [New York City]. Apr. 15, 1898. ALS, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. Chicago. To Bessie. [Burlington, Vermont]. June 11, 1898. ALS, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. New York City. To Bessie. June 20, 1898. Typewritten, signed, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. New York City. To Bessie. June 27, 1898. Typewritten, signed, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. H[oward]. Monteagle, Tenn. To Bessie. July 6, 1898. ALS, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. Chattanooga, Tenn. To Bessie. July 12, 1898. Typewritten, signed.
1898 O. O. Howard. Tampa, Fla. To Bessie. July 19, 1898. LS, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. Key West, [Fla.] To Bessie. July 22, 1898. ALS, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. [Port Tampa, Fla.?] To Bessie. Aug. 7, [1898?] ALS, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. H[oward]. Albany, N. Y. To Bessie. Oct. 8, 1898. ALS, 2 pp.
1898 O. O. Howard. Saginaw, Mich. To Bessie. Nov. 17, 1898. ALS, 1 p.
1899 O. O. H[oward]. Cumberland Gap, Tenn. To Bessie. May 7, 1899. ALS, 2 pp.
1899 O. O. H[oward]. Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. June 20, 1899. ALS, 2 pp.
1899 O. O. Howard. Ash[e]ville, N. C. To Bessie. Aug. 25, 1899. ALS, 2 pp.
1899 O. O. H[oward]. To Bessie. Sept. 25, 1899. ALS, 3 pp.
1900 O. O. H[oward]. To Bessie. Gov[ernor's] Island. Feb. 5, 190[0]. ALS, 4 pp.
1900 O. O. H[oward]. Hartford, Conn. To Bessie. Mar. 10, 1900. ALS, 2 pp.
1900 Jamie [Howard]. [On a steamer near England]. To [Oliver Otis Howard]. Mar. 13, 1900. ALS, 2 pp.
1900 O. O. Howard. Chicago. To Bessie. Mar. 15, 1900. ALS, 1 p.
1900 O. O. H[oward]. Chicago, Ill. To Bessie. [Danville, N.Y.] Mar. 20, 1900. ALS, 2 pp.
1900 Harry [Howard]. Portland, Ore[gon]. To "Dear father." Mar. 27, 1900. Typescript, signed, 2 pp.
1900 O. O. Howard. New York. To Bessie. Apr. 3, 1900. Typewritten, signed, 1 p.
1900 Oliver Otis Howard. N[ew] Y[ork]. To Bessie. Apr. 4, 1900. Typewritten, signed, 1 p.
1900 O. O. Howard. To Bessie. Apr. 6, 1900. ALS, 1 p.
1900 O. O. Howard. N[ew] Y[ork] C[ity]. To Bessie. May 9, 1900. ALS, 4 pp.
1900 O. O. Howard. Glencoe, Ill. To Bessie. Aug. 4, 1900. ALS, 4 pp.
1900 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. Sept. 1, 1900. ALS, 4 pp.
1900 O. O. H[oward]. Burlington, Vt. To "Dear Bessie." Sept. [19?], 1900. ALS, 3 pp.
1900 O. O. Howard. Omaha, Neb. To "My dear Bessie." Sept. 21, 1900. ALS, 4 pp.
1901 O. O. H[oward]. Cincinnati. To Bessie. July 8, 1901. ALS, 2 pp.
1901 O. O. H[oward]. Bloomington, Ill. To Bessie. Aug. 1, 1901. ALS, 2 pp.
ca. 1902 O. O. Howard. To Bessie. [ca. 1902].
ca. 1902 O. O. Howard. To Bessie. [ca. 1902]
ca. 1902 O. O. Howard. Cumberland Gap, Tenn. To Bessie. Apr. 6, 1902. ALS, 2 pp.
ca. 1902 O. O. Howard. New York. To Bessie. Apr. 26, 1902. ALS, 2 pp.
ca. 1902 O. O. Howard. Providence, R. I. To Bessie. Sept. 17, [ca. 1902]. ALS, 3 pp.
1902 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. Nov. 5, 1902. ALS, 2 pp.
1902 O. O. Howard. To Bessie. Dec. 18, 1902. ALS, 4 pp.
1903 O.O. Howard. St. Paul, Minn. To Bessie. Feb. 1, 1903. ALS, 2 pp.
1903 O. O. Howard. Mankato, Minn. To Bessie. Feb. 17, 1903. Typewritten, signed, 1 p.
1903 Oliver Otis Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. Mar. 26, 1903. Typewritten, signed, 3 pp.
1903 [O. O. Howard]. To Mrs. Joseph Bancroft [Bessie]. Rockford, Wilmington, Del. June 6, 1903. Typewritten. 2 1/2 pp.
1903 O. O. H[oward]. Port Arthur, Texas. To Bessie. July 8, 1903. ALS, 2 pp.
1903 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. Burlington, Vt. July 29, 1903. Typewritten, signed, with a

handwritten list of lecture appointments, 2 pp.

1903 Oliver Otis Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Mrs. Joseph Bancroft [Bessie]. Rockford, Wilmington, Del. Oct. 29, 1903. Typewritten, 2 pp.

1903 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Mrs. Joseph Bancroft [Bessie]. Rockland, Wilmington, Del. Nov. 6, 1903. Typewritten, signed, 3 pp.

1903 O. O. Howard. [Burlington, Vt.?]. To Mrs. Joseph Bancroft [Bessie]. Nov. 13, 1903. ALS, 2 pp.

1903 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. Dec. 28, 1903. Typewritten, signed, 1 p.

1904 O. O. H[oward]. Washington, D. C. To Bessie. Jan. 20, 1904. ALS, 1 p.

1904 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. Feb. 27, 1904. Typewritten, signed, 2 pp.

1904 O. O. H[oward]. To Bessie. Apr. 12, 1904. ALS, 4 pp.

1904 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Mrs. Joseph Bancroft [Bessie]. July 20, 1904. Typewritten, signed.

1904 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. Aug. 4, 1904. Typewritten, signed.

1904 O. O. H[oward]. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. Aug. 11, 1904. Typewritten, signed.

1904 O. O. H[oward]. Washington, D. C. To Bessie. Aug. 29, 1904. ALS, 1 p.

1905 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Bessie. July 5, 1905. Typewritten, signed, 2 pp.

1905 Oliver Otis Howard. Kansas City. To Alden Howard. Washington, D. C. Oct. 28, 1905. Typewritten, signed, 1 p.

1906 O. O. H[oward]. Aurora, Ill. To Bessie. Mar. 6, 1906. ALS, 2 pp.

1906 O. O. Howard. Leeds, Me. To Bessie. Sept. 5, 1906. ALS, 3 pp.

1906 O. O. H[oward]. New York. To Bessie. Sept. 22, 1906. Typewritten, signed, 2 pp.

1906 O. O. H[oward]. Boston. To "Dear Daughter." Sept. 28, 1906. ALS, 3 pp.

1906 O. O. H[oward]. N[ew] Y[ork]. To Bessie. Oct. 9, 1906. Typewritten, signed, 1 p.

1906 [Oliver Otis Howard]. Essex Junction. To Bessie. Nov. 4, 1906. ALS, 2 pp.

1906 O. O. Howard. Burlington, Vt. To Elizabeth Bancroft. Dec. 22, 1906. ALS, 1 p.

1907 O. O. Howard. N[ew] Y[ork]. To Mrs. Bessie Bancroft. Apr. 27, 1907. Typewritten, signed, 1 p.

1907 O. O. Howard. N[ew] Y[ork]. To Mrs. Bessie Bancroft. Apr. 30, 1907. Typewritten, signed, 1 p.

1907 [Oliver Otis] Howard. Winchester, Ky. To Bessie, May 3, 1907. ALS, 1 p.

1909 O. O. H[oward]. New York. To Bessie. Jan. 15, 1909. ALS, 1 p.

1909 O. O. H[oward]. Virginia Institute. Bristol, Virginia. To "Dear Lizzie." [copy made for Bessie Howard]. May 14, 1909. Typewritten, signed, 3 pp.

1909 O. O. H[oward]. [Easton, Pa.?] To Bessie. May 21, 1909. ALS, 1 p.

1909 O. O. H[oward]. Winthrop Beach, Mass. To Bessie. June 7, 1909. ALS, 2 pp.

1909 Otis [Howard] to "Dear Lizzie." New York. Sept. 14, 1909. Typewritten, signed, 2 pp.

1909 O. O. H[oward]. Newark, N. J. To Bessie. Sept. 15, 1909. ALS, 3 pp.

1909 O. O. H[oward]. New York. To Bessie. Sept. 22, 1909. ALS, 1 p.

1909 O. O. H[oward]. New York. To Bessie. Sept. 22, 1909. ALS, 1 p.

1909 O. O. H[oward]. New York. To Bessie. Sept. 29, 1909. ALS, 2 pp.

II. Correspondence, Lincoln Memorial University (Record Group)

Inclusive dates: 1898-1909

This material is designated as record group material, relative to Oliver Otis Howard's official relationship to Lincoln Memorial University (L. M. U.) as the Managing Director of Lincoln Memorial University (May 31, 1898) and President of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln University Endowment Association.

The material forms official correspondence, along with one document that pertains to the appointment of General Oliver Otis Howard as the Managing Director of Lincoln Memorial University (May 31, 1898). Other material includes correspondence of the Lincoln University Endowment Association and the notes of President Theodore Roosevelt made during a fund-raising event. Other material includes correspondence from General Howard to the following persons: Mr. Eager (1899); Frank D. Higbee (1900); T. A. Lord (1902); Miss Sue E. Hertz (1904); Horace B. Austin (1904); and William L.

Stooksbury (President, L. M. U.). A facsimile letter of Theodore Roosevelt to General Oliver Otis Howard (1908); a letter from a U. S. Senator (1909), donated by Robert J. Younger; and a donor's certificate issued to Mr. Theodore A. Lord (1902) are among the items.

During an early fund-raising event for Lincoln Memorial University hosted at the Waldorf-Astoria on February 13th, 1905, notes were made by Theodore Roosevelt on the backs of two menu cards. During that event, General O. O. Howard conversed with Roosevelt regarding the founding of Lincoln Memorial University. The notes made by President Roosevelt, that were used in his dinner address, were given to Bishop W. P. Thirkield, in recognition of the Bishop's special interest in the Southern Highlanders. The notes were presented to Chancellor John Wesley Hill for Lincoln Memorial University (see the *Hall of Holography Collection* in reference to the handwritten notes of Theodore Roosevelt on menu cards, the Lincoln Memorial University banquet hosted at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, on Feb. 13, 1905). The last letter of General Howard, to Dr. Stooksbury, President of Lincoln Memorial University, was written on the day his death, October 26, 1909. He passed away suddenly at 7:00 p.m., in his home at Burlington, Vermont.

Box 3, Folders 1-12

12 folders (inclusive dates: 1898-1909). See also *Hall of Holography Collection, Box 7, Roosevelt folder*.

