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MS 24**

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**Summary Information**

Creator

Nichols, Edward J (Edward Jay), 1900-1986

Title

Edward J. Nichols Collection

Dates

ca. 1863-1963, 1954-1961 (bulk)

Extent

1 LF (2 ms. boxes)

Arrangement

Collection organized into series

Language of Materials

All materials in English

Abstract

This collection consist of correspondence, notes, reviews and clippings pertaining to Edward J. Nichols' book *Toward Gettysburg: the biography of John Fulton Reynolds (1821-1863)* [see also Manuscript Collection 6]

Subjects

Reynolds, John Fulton, 1820-1863.  
Nichols, Edward J. (Edward Jay), 1900-1986. *Toward Gettysburg*.  
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

## **Administrative Information**

### Acquisition Information

Mrs. Elanor J. Nichols, Myrtle Beach, SC, Gift, 1986.

### Custodial History (Provenance)

The Edward J. Nichols Collection was donated to the Archives and Special Collections Department on Nov 12 1986 by Mrs. Edward J. Nichols. The papers had been in the possession of the family up until the time of the donation to the college.

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### Notes

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### Preferred Citation

Edward J. Nichols Collection (MS 24), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College.

### Processing Information

Processed by Janet L. Dotterer, August 1992. Description based on DACS.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## **Additional Information**

### Related Materials

Reynolds Family Papers (MS 6), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

### Publications

Nichols, Edward J. "Toward Gettysburg: A Biography of General John F. Reynolds." University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 1958.

## **Historical/Biographical Information**

Edward J. Nichols was born in 1900 in Illinois. He attended the universities of DePauw, Chicago and Columbia; and received his doctorate from the Pennsylvania State University in 1939. His interest in the Civil War was developed early, writing his master's thesis in 1928 on the Civil War soldier and writer Ambrose Bierce. He first became interested in John Fulton Reynolds in the early 1950s. After much searching he found that Reynolds' papers were still in the possession of the family, namely Col. John Fulton Reynolds Scott [the papers are now in the Archives and Special Collections Department of Franklin and Marshall College]. Nichols began the biography of Reynolds in 1953. *Toward Gettysburg: a*

*Biography of General John F. Reynolds* was published in 1958 by the Pennsylvania State University Press.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consist of correspondence, notes, reviews and clippings pertaining to Edward J. Nichols' book *Toward Gettysburg*, the biography of John Fulton Reynolds (see MS Collection 6)

### **Inventory/Contents**

#### **Box 1 correspondence. 1953 - 1961.**

- Adams, H.L. 1958 Dec 23. (1f).  
American Military Institute. 1957 Oct 19. (1f).  
Anstaett, Herbert B. 1954 Mar 29; 1958 Jun 28, Jul 8. (1f).  
notes: Franklin and Marshall College.  
Beers, Paul B. 1959 May 29. (1f).  
Bell, Louis. 1957 May 24; 1958 Jul 24. (1f).  
notes: Executive Director, Pennsylvania State University Press.  
Bellamy, Francis R. 1957 Jul 27, Aug 14, Sep 18; 1958 Jan 17; 1959 Feb 12. (1f).  
notes: Editor, New York University Press.  
Bellamy, Francis R. [to Bellamy]. 1957 Nov 12; 1958 Jan 15, Jul 2. (1f).  
Blasingame, Ralph. 1957 Sep 8. (1f).  
Bloom, Robert L. 1961 Feb 23, Mar 4, Jul 21, Aug 10. (1f).  
notes: Gettysburg College.  
Bowers, Charles F. 1957 Apr 5; 1958 Jul 21. (1f).  
Carroll, Edna R. 1960 Jun 6. (1f).  
notes: Junto Schools, Inc., Philadelphia.  
Cobb, William C. 1958 Aug 11. (1f).  
Coleman, J. Walter. 1958 May 13. (1f).  
Dennis, Lawrence E. 1958 Apr 7. (1f).  
Dietz, Janet L. 1960 Dec 9. (1f).  
Evans, Reynolds. 1958 Mar 7, Apr 26. (1f).  
notes: great-nephew of John Fulton Reynolds.  
Evans, Reynolds. [from Nichols.] 1958 Mar 17. (1f).  
Gaintner, J. Richard. 1958 Aug 9, Aug 22; 1959 Jan 26, Apr 13. (1f).  
notes: Lancaster County Historical Society.  
Hatvary, Bertha. 1957 Aug 21, Aug 29, Oct 8, Dec 4, Dec 6, Dec 19; 1958 Feb 17, Nov 5. (1f).  
notes: Assistant to Francis Bellamy, New York University Press.  
Heisey, M.L. 1954 Apr 10; 1957 Oct 7; 1958 Jul 27. (1f).  
notes: Lancaster County Historical Society.  
Heisey, M.L. [from Nichols.] 1954 Apr 19. (1f).  
Hoffman, Emily R. 1957 Aug 16, Oct 5. (1f).  
notes: great-niece of John Fulton Reynolds and sister of Katherine Hoffman Kline.  
Kindquist, Eric B.T. 1958 Aug 11. (1f).

**Box 1 correspondence. (cont.)**

- King, George. 1957 Jul 25, Jul 26. (1f).  
notes: genealogist.
- King, George. [from Nichols.] 1957 Jul 5, Aug 1. (1f).
- Klein, Henry. 1960 May 20, May 31. (1f).  
notes: Junto Schools, Inc., Philadelphia.
- Klein, Philip. [from Nichols.] 1960 Mar 28. (1f).  
notes: Junto Schools, Inc., Philadelphia.  
includes personal information on Nichols and highlights of Reynolds military career.
- Kline, James J. 1957 Feb 12. (1f).
- Kline, Katherine Hoffman. 1955 Apr 30, May 14, Jun 14; 1956 Sep 10. (1f).  
notes: great-niece of John Fulton Reynolds and sister of Emily Hoffman. 1955 Apr 30 - includes list of children of John and Lydia Reynolds and a quote from "War from the inside" by Hitchcock.
- Kline, Katherine Hoffman. [from Nichols.] 1955 May 9. (1f).
- Koger, William Robbins. 1959 Mar 18. (1f).
- Loose, Jack W.W. n.d. (1f).  
notes: Lancaster County Historical Society.
- Miller, John V. 1957 Aug 14; 1958 Sep 28. (1f).  
notes: great-nephew of Charles Veil, orderly to Gen. Reynolds at Gettysburg.
- New York University Press. n.d. (1f).
- Nichols, Roy F. 1958 Dec 22. (1f).
- Norris, Jim. 1958 Aug 11. (1f).
- Price, Prentiss. 1957 Jul 21; 1958 May 26. (1f).  
notes: genealogist.
- Price, Prentiss. [from Nichols.] 1957 Jul 29. (1f).
- Riley, George Donald. 1958 Oct 1. (1f).
- Scott, J.F. Reynolds. 1954 Apr 8, 21, 30, May 22, Jun 28, Jul 14. (1f).  
notes: great-nephew of John Fulton Reynolds; held most of the Reynolds papers.
- Scott, J.F. Reynolds. [from Nichols.] 1954 Apr 5, 11, 27, May 5, Jun 25, Jul 1. (1f).
- Scott, Mary. 1954 Sep 3, Oct 22, Nov 5, 25; 1955 Apr 19, 23, Jun 30, Jul 7, 12, Oct 31; 1956 Sep 11; 1957 Apr 14; 1958 Mar 17. (1f).  
notes: wife of J.F. Reynolds Scott.  
1954 Sep 3 - announces death of J.F. Reynolds Scott in Jul.
- Scott, Mary. [from Nichols.] ca. 1954 Sep, Oct 29. (1f).
- Shannahan, Mary Reynolds. 1958 Mar 25. (1f).  
notes: daughter of Emily Hoffman.
- Stacks, Harry F. [from Nichols.] 1957 Jul 5. (1f).
- Steinmetz, Rollin C. 1961 Jan 6, Apr 9. (1f).  
notes: Lancaster Sunday News.

**Box 1 correspondence. (cont.)**

- Stevens, S.K. 1960 Mar 1, 7, 18. (1f).  
Stevenson, Charles G. 1958 Jul 31. (1f).  
    notes: mentions portrait of Reynolds hanging at West Point, by Alexander Lawrie.  
Stewart, George R. 1960 Feb 27. (1f).  
Tilberg, Frederick. 1957 Aug 5; 1958 Feb 7, Dec 24. (1f).  
    notes: Gettysburg National Military Park.  
    1958 Feb 7 - includes typed copy of letter from Charles Veil, orderly to Gen. Reynolds at Gettysburg, n.d.  
Tilberg, Frederick. [from Nichols.] 1957 Jun 22, Aug 8. (1f).  
Troxell, Kay. 1958 Jul 31. (1f).  
Ulrich, B. Elizabeth. 1957 Sep 11. (1f).  
    notes: State Library, Harrisburg.  
    Includes excerpt from Pennsylvania Daily Telegraph, Harrisburg, 1862 Sep 27.  
Vaughan, Samuel S. 1959 Feb 17. (1f).  
Walker, Eric A. 1958 Apr 10. (1f).  
    notes: President, Pennsylvania State University.  
[Werner], Bill. n.d. (1f).  
Williams, John L.B. 1959 Feb 25, Mar 11. (1f).  
    notes: offer to write book on Battle of Gettysburg.  
[     ], Fred. n.d.  
    notes: Office of the Dean, Pennsylvania State University.

**Box 1 notes.**

- Notes. (2f).  
Reynolds, John F. copy of orders. n.d. (1f).  
Reynolds, John F. correspondence [copy]. (1f).  
Deed. Mary Catherine Reynolds. 1864 Mar 16. [copy.] (1f).  
Veil, C.H., correspondence to M.D. Holtzworth. 1882 Jan 8. [copy.] (1f).

**Box 2 notes.**

- Typescript of John F. Reynolds' letters. (1f).  
Typescript of John F. Reynolds' letters. [copy]. (1f).  
Notes from Autobiography of Oliver Otis Howard, Major General, United States Army. (1f).

**Box 2 publications, 1949 - 1961.**

- Publications. 1949 - 1961. (1f).  
    notes: *Artillery through the ages* by Albert Manucy. 1949.  
    *Union Mills: The Shriver homestead since 1797* by Frederick Shriver Klein. 1957.  
    *The military record of General John F. Reynolds* by Edward J. Nichols in the Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society, Jul 1959.

*Dear Kate* by Mary R. Maloney in the Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society, Summer 1961.  
*Penn State Alumni News*. 1958 May, Jul Oct; 1959 Apr. (1f).  
*Penn State "Faculty Bulletin."* 1958 Feb 7; 1959 Apr 24, Oct 2; 1960 Jan 29. (1f).  
Towards Gettysburg. adds for.

**Box 2 reviews, newspaper clippings, 1950 - 1963.**

Reviews, clips from. (1f).  
Newspaper clippings. 1958 - 1963. (1f).  
Newspaper clippings. reviews. 1958 - 1959. (1f).  
Newspaper clippings. reviews of other Civil War books. 1950 - 1962. (1f).

**Box 2 photographs.**

Union Mills, MD. Shriver Homestead. (1f).  
Reynolds, John Fulton. [copy.] (1f).

**Box 2 miscellaneous.**

Union Mills, MD. Press release. (1f).  
"Civil War Study Group." Gettysburg College. 1961 Jul 30 - Aug 4. (1f).

**Oversize miscellaneous.**

Miscellaneous articles on Civil War. 1958; n.d. (1f).  
Towards Gettysburg. dust jackets. (1f).  
The Civil War and South-Central Pennsylvania. 1961 Apr 9. (1f).  
Newspaper clippings, book reviews. 1958. (1f).  
Maps. (1f).