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Abstract

This 1865 report by Alfred Seelye Roe (1844-1917) details his experience as a prisoner of war (POW) during the American Civil War. The document is a questionnaire from the Office of War Prisoners' Division of the New York Bureau of Military Record. Roe discusses his capture and general experience as a Union POW in Confederate prisons, primarily at Danville, Virginia. Roe served in Company A, 9th New York Heavy Artillery, in the Union Army and following the war was a school teacher, principal, historian, and state legislator in Massachusetts.

Creator

Roe, Alfred S. (Alfred Seelye), 1844-1917

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Biographical Note

Alfred Seelye Roe was born to Rev. Austin Marinus Roe and Polly Catherine Seelye on June 8, 1844, in Rose, Wayne County, New York. Roe was a school teacher when the American Civil War broke out. He enlisted on January 21, 1864, as a private in Company A, 9th New York Heavy Artillery, in the Union Army. On July 15, 1864, he was captured and held as a prisoner of war, primarily at Danville, Virginia, until February 1865. He transferred to Company L of the 2nd New York Heavy Artillery on June 27, 1865.

Following the war, Roe graduated from Wesleyan University in 1870 and returned to teaching, eventually becoming a high school principal in Massachusetts. He served in the Massachusetts Legislature from 1892 to 1898. Roe also wrote and published on history topics.

Roe married Nora Ardelia Metcalf (1856-1910) on June 22, 1874, and they had four children. He passed away on January 6, 1917, in Worcester.

Source:

U. S. Federal Census, 1850-1910

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Scope and Content

This 1865 report by Alfred S. Roe details his experience as a prisoner of war (POW) during the American Civil War. The document is a questionnaire from the Office of War Prisoners' Division of the New York Bureau of Military Record. The first section asks numerous questions about Roe's capture and general experience as a

Union POW in Confederate prisons, primarily at Danville, Virginia. The second section contains a letter from Roe addressed to Colonel A. J. H. Duganne, Historian of U. S. Prisoners of War for the Office of War Prisoners' Division. In this letter, Roe goes into more detail about the treatment and conditions that he and the other POWs faced during their confinement.

The collection also includes a transcription of the letter.

Related Archival Materials

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See the following collections for more on Alfred S. Roe:

Alfred S. Roe Civil War papers, 1862-1865, 1891-1892, at Special Collections & Archives, Wesleyan University

Alfred Seelye Roe Papers, 1978.52.5, at the Worcester Historical Museum Archives

Alfred Seelye Roe, Papers, 1883?-1915, at the American Antiquarian Society Manuscript Collections

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