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English

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.5 Cubic Feet

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## Administrative Information

**Conditions Governing Use**

This collection is open for research use.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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## Biographical / Historical

Charles Copeland (1756-1836), the great-great grandfather of James Herbert Sheppard, married Rebecca Nicholson (1767-1800) and they had Charles Robert Copeland (1794-1828), who married Eveline Adams. Their daughter, Mary Ann Copeland (1821-1904) married Thomas Johnson Robinson (1827-1898). They had a daughter, Louise Robinson (1859-1836) who married William Collins Sheppard, (the son of Thomas Jefferson Sheppard) and they had James Herbert Sheppard.

Thomas Jefferson Sheppard (1834-1912) enlisted in the 97th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, having a strong conviction concerning slavery, and was captured at the Battle of Missionary Ridge. He was imprisoned at Camp Sumter Prison. While imprisoned he was referred to as "The Andersonville Chaplain." After being released he returned to his duties as a Baptist Minister.

James Herbert Sheppard was a First Lieutenant in the American Expeditionary Forces, Office of Chief Ordnance Officer, Engineering Division. While in service in France, he was recommended for promotion. His wife's name was Emily.

## Scope and Contents

The papers consist chiefly of personal letters and correspondence of James H. Sheppard during his service in France in World War I. There is some information about his role in the development of the 155 mm Filloux gun. There is also material relating to Thomas Jefferson Sheppard, including a reminiscence of his life that mentions his Civil War service and detention in Andersonville prison; a piece of a stockade log from Andersonville; a manuscript of a speech given by Sheppard at the Franklin Literary Society of Denison University, ca. 1883; and a photograph of Sheppard.

The collection also contains a typed extract from the diary of Charles Copeland describing the 1811 Richmond Theatre fire.

## Keywords

World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1914-1918--Equipment and Supplies

Soldiers -- United States -- Correspondence  
Andersonville Prison, Ga. Military Prison  
United States. Army--Artillery  
Sheppard, Thomas Jefferson (1834-1912)  
Sheppard, James Herbert (1891-1981)  
World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--France  
Metz (France)--History

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Appraisal for the Camp Sumter Prison, Andersonville, Georgia Collection assembled by Thomas Jefferson Sheppard and prepared for Emily Sheppard**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215967

**Unit Date** 1981

**Manuscripts [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

### **Correspondence and Cablegrams - James H. Sheppard (3 folders)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215968

**Unit Date** 1917-1919 February

**Manuscripts [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2-4 (folder)

**Extent** 3 folder(s)

### **Correspondence of James H. Sheppard to William C. Sheppard**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215969

**Unit Date** 1911-1912

**Manuscripts [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

### **Diary Excerpt and Biographical Notes of Charles Copeland**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215970

**Unit Date** undated

**Manuscripts [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **Memoir by James H. Sheppard, "Metz Reclaimed"**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215971

**Unit Date** undated

**Manuscripts [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **Memoirs, Lecture, Funeral Program - Thomas Jefferson Sheppard**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215972

**Unit Date** 1911-1912, undated

**Mixed Materials [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **Newspaper Clippings - World War I and the Armistice**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215973

**Unit Date** 1918 November 12

**Text [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **Photographs - James H. Sheppard**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215974

**Unit Date** 1917, undated

**Photographs [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **Sheppard Family Memoirs "Oz, Odysseys and Oddities"**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215975

**Unit Date** 1999 May 11

**Mixed Materials [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **Speech before the Franklin Literary Society of Denison University by William C. Sheppard**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215976

**Unit Date** circa 1883

**Manuscripts [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **World War I Handbook on the 155mm Filloux Gun Materiel**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215977

**Unit Date** 1918 January 3

**Text [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **World War I Ration Card - James H. Sheppard**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215978

**Unit Date** 1918 November 11

**Mixed Materials [X032668308]** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Extent** 1 folder(s)

## **Thomas Jefferson Sheppard Photograph and a piece of the Stockade from Andersonville Prison (Artifacts)**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/215979

**Unit Date** undated

**Artifacts** Artifact Box 1 (box)

**Extent** 2 items