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Summary

Main entry:	Carman, Ezra Ayers, 1834-1909
Title:	Ezra Ayers Carman genealogical research papers, 1816, 1860-1931
Size:	.8 linear feet (2 boxes)
Source:	Gift of Louis Dale Carman, 1935
Abstract:	The collection consists of genealogical notes, copies of family records, clippings, photographs, and correspondence of Ezra Ayers Carman and, to a lesser extent, his son Louis Dale Carman, in the course of their research on the history and genealogy of the Ayers and Carman families.
Access:	Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.
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Special formats	Photographs.

Related materials note

Ezra Ayers Carman Papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

Biographical note

Ezra Ayers Carman (1834-1909) was a Civil War veteran and recognized authority on the Battle of Antietam. He served on the Antietam Battlefield Board from 1894 to 1898 and in 1905 was appointed chairman of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Commission. Carman also served as Chief Clerk in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture from 1877 to 1885. His son, Dr. Louis D. Carman (1860-1936), was a medical examiner in the U.S. Pension Bureau from 1883 to 1933.

Carman was also interested in the history and genealogy of his family. He was a member of the Carman Association and gave the keynote address at the 1881 Carman family reunion. At the time of his death, he was assembling material for a book on the Carman family.

Scope and content note

The collection consists of genealogical notes, copies of family records, printed material, photographs, and correspondence of Ezra Ayers Carman and, to a lesser extent, his son Louis Dale Carman, pertaining to their research on the history and genealogy of the Ayers and Carman families. Materials on the Ayers family include an 1816 ancestral chart, a photograph of William Ayers, and a bound volume of E.A. Carman's notes on the Ayers family, including a register of births, deaths and marriages, copied from Woodbridge Town Book by William. A. Whitehead, with transcripts and extracts.

Carman maintained files on the descendants of Benjamin Carman and John Carman as well as files on others sharing that surname. The files include his research correspondence, a business card of B. T. Carman, family trees and charts, genealogical notes, an 1881 photograph of E.A. Carman's relative and frequent correspondent, Charles H. Carman, and copies of family wills, such as those of Richard Carman, 1769, Samuel Carman, 1747, and Hugh Dunn, 1826. There is also a copy of a 1776 document: "Damages by the British," and a 1916 paper by Dr. Byron S. Palmer, "Carman Family Ancestry, Previous to Their Arrival in America."

Arrangement note

The Ezra Ayers Carman genealogical research papers are organized in the following series:

- Series I. Ayers family
- Series II. Carman family

Series descriptions and container list

Series I. Ayers family

Includes variations on the name, Ayer and Ayres

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	1	"Narrative of a Shipwreck" (Newspaper clipping) (From an interview with William Ayers)
	2	Copies of family documents Includes 1731 will of Obadiah Ayers, indenture document of Moses Ayers
	3	Correspondence, 1860-1892, n.d.
	4	Family trees and charts, 1816, 1866, n.d.
	5	Notes, n.d.
	6	Photograph of William Ayers, n.d.
	7	Genealogical notes, 1860, n.d.
	8	Ezra Ayers Carman's notes on the Ayers family, ca. 1892 (1 vol.) Includes register of births, deaths and marriages copied from Woodbridge (N.J.) Town Book by William. A. Whitehead, with transcripts and extracts. Also concerns the Pike family.)

Series II. Carman family

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>		
2	1	Descendants of Benjamin Carman Business card of B. T. Carman	
	2	Correspondence, 1879	
	3	Family trees and charts, 1890, n.d.	
	4	Genealogical notes, ca. 1870-1880	
	5		Descendants of John Carman
			Clippings, 1876, 1896, n.d.
	6		Correspondence
			Ezra Ayers Carman, 1874, 1879-1882, 1892, 1900
	7		Louis Dale Carman and Emma (Mrs. Isaac G.) Terry, 1920-1923
			Genealogical notes and charts
	8		1887, n.d.
	9		1918, n.d.
	10		Photograph of Charles H. Carman, 1881 Oct
	11		Wills (Transcripts)
			Includes Richard Carman, 1769, Samuel Carman, 1747 and Hugh Dunn, 1826
	12		Genealogical manuscript on the Carman family, n.d.
			Carman family
	13		Clippings and miscellaneous items, 1881-1883, 1909, n.d.
14		"Damages by the British" (Copy of 1776 document)	
		Correspondence	
15		Ezra Ayers Carman, 1869, 1877-1884, n.d.	
16		Louis Dale Carman (son of EAC), 1916, 1922, 1931	
17		Genealogical notes, 1870-1890, 1920	
18		"Carman Family Ancestry, Previous to Their Arrival in America" (Paper read by Dr. Byron S. Palmer, 1916 Aug 19)	