



## Collection Summary

### Title

Titus Family Collection

### Date

1860-1927

### Extent

133 digital images; TIFF images

Series 1 – 34 files

Series 2 – 6 files

Series 3 – 84 files

Series 4 – 9 files

### Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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### Name of Creator

Holt Family

Titus Family

### Biographical History

Square Holt was born in New York in 1838 and his family migrated to Michigan while he was a boy. Square married Hannah J. Lord circa 1860. During the Civil War, Square served in the 26<sup>th</sup> Michigan infantry and saw several battles including one in which he lost a finger. He spent most of his life farming in Ingham County, Michigan and passed away in Jackson County, Michigan on March 11, 1917 at the age of 79. His older sister was Samantha Holt.

Melville Titus was born in New York in 1825. His family migrated to Michigan in the mid-1830s. Melville married Samantha Holt in 1860. After marriage, Samantha and Melville resided in Ingham County, Michigan. Like Square, Melville was also a farmer and the Titus' lived close to various Holt family members. Melville passed away April 12, 1895 at the age of 70 and was buried in Holt Cemetery in Dansville, Ingham County, Michigan.

### Scope and Content

This collection is completely digitalized and available on the Midwest Genealogy Center's digital archival collections webpage. The collection contains correspondence between Square Holt and family members during his Civil War service while he served with the 26<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry (Union). Also included is a journal written by Melville Titus (brother-in-law of Square Holt), photographs of various Titus and Holt family members, and ephemera created by the both the Titus and Holt families.

## Collection Inventory

### System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 4 series.

#### Series 1, Correspondence

- Item 1, Letter from Square Holt to Melville and Samantha Titus, January 20, 1863
- Item 2, Letter from Square Holt to Melville Titus, February 11, 1863
- Item 3, Letter from Square Holt to Silas and Emily Holt, March 18, 1863
- Item 4, Letter from Square Holt to Melville and Samantha Titus, May 2, 1863
- Item 5, Letter from Square Holt to Silas and Emily Holt and Hannah Holt, June 18, 1863
- Item 6, Letter from Square Holt to Emily Holt, July 26, 1863
- Item 7, Letter from Square Holt to Samantha Holt, September 18, 1863
- Item 8, Letter from Square Holt to John Holt, October 1, 1863
- Item 9, Letter from Square Holt to Melville and Samantha Titus, January 1, 1864
- Item 10, Letter from Square Holt to Hannah Holt, January 28, 1864
- Item 11, Letter from Square Holt to Melville and Samantha Titus, February 2, 1864
- Item 12, Letter from Square Holt to Hannah Holt, April 10, 1864

#### Series 2, Ephemera

- Item 1, Family story, undated
- Item 2, Family story, 1883
- Item 3, Titus Family Reunion cards, 1901
- Item 4, Titus Family Reunion card, 1927

#### Series 3, Personal

- Item 1, Journal of Melville Titus, 1870

#### Series 4, Photographs

- Item 1, Melville Titus, circa 1850
- Item 2, Samantha Holt Titus, circa 1850
- Item 3, Square and Bryon Holt, circa 1860
- Item 4, Melville and Samantha Titus, circa 1860
- Item 5, Holt Family, circa 1880 (1 of 3)
- Item 6, Holt Family, circa 1880 (2 of 3)
- Item 7, Holt Family, circa 1880 (3 of 3)
- Item 8, Melville and Samantha Titus, circa 1890
- Item 9, Titus Family at reunion, 1901



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Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The images within this collection were donated by Jeannie Long.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

### Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

- Ancestry.com. *U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1700s-Current* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.