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**William A. Rosenthal Papers, 1862-1960s, no date**

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

Papers were donated by Herb Morisse in 2012.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William A. Rosenthal was born June 12, 1837, in Germany, and came to St. Louis with his parents circa 1850. He operated a jewelry and watchmaking business in St. Louis from the late 1850s to 1880s. On April 16, 1859, he married Blandina Ruff. William A. Rosenthal died January 1, 1910, in St. Louis.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists primarily of official military papers of William A. Rosenthal during the Civil War. Several of these documents relate to his business interests in Helena, Arkansas.

- 186- Permit of local special agent for supplies granted to Alexander Meyers, permitting him to purchase supplies at Helena, Arkansas.
- 1862 Aug 22 Oath of allegiance signed by William A. Rosenthal at Jackson.
- 1863 June 6 Permit issued by the Office of the Board of Trade, Helena, Arkansas, to Mr. W.A. Rosenthal to ship goods and merchandise not contraband of war. Permit grants Rosenthal the right to ship “one valise & one carpet sack containing clothing & watchmaker materials” from Helena to St. Louis, Mo.
- 1863 Sept 29 Special license to ship into insurrectionary states and districts granted to Wm. A. Rosenthal to ship goods from St. Louis to Helena, Arkansas.
- 1864 Feb 20 Printed document authorizing William A. Rosenthal of St. Clair County, Illinois, to establish a trade store at Helena, Arkansas.
- 1864 Apr 21 Receipt of W.A. Rosenthal for payment of monthly tax as license on trade permit of \$1000, Helena, Arkansas.
- 1864 Sept 16 Certificate of enrollment of Wm. A. Rosenthal in Company B, 1st Class of the Enrolled Helena Militia, Helena, Arkansas.
- 1864 Sept 17 Note signed Private Wm. A. Rosenthal, Company B, E.H.M. [Enrolled Helena Militia], Helena, Arkansas, to Capt. E.W. Wheelock, requesting a furlough to go to St. Louis on important business.
- 1864 Oct Printed document dated Belleville, signed Wm. A. Rosenthal and two others. Text reads, “We or either of us promise to deliver, or cause to be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ Captain of Company \_\_\_\_\_ an Independent Company of Militia in Belleville, enrolled State Militia, or his successor in office, one U.S. Enfield Rifled Musket and accoutrements, or its equivalent in money to the amount of Forty-Five Dollars Fifty Cents whenever thereunto required by said Captain; said accoutrements consisting of one Cartridge Box, one Cap Box, one waist belt, one breast belt, one Bayonet scabbard and three plates.”
- 1896 Sept 28 Citizenship paper of William Rosenthal issued by the Superior Court of the City of New York.
- circa 1968 or after Handwritten Rosenthal family tree.
- no date Rosenthal family cemetery lot burial lists, showing burials dated 1869-1965.

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Typescript letter signed Eugene Austin Rosenthal, Jr., St. Louis, Mo., to Mrs. Herbert Morisse, Jr. Regarding the Rosenthal family genealogy.