Willis Weaver Collection

Rev. Willis Weaver was chaplain of the Illinois Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He had a scholarly interest in Edwin M. Stanton, President Lincoln’s Secretary of War. This collection of material consists of typescripts of several of his articles on Stanton, as well as the published version of an address on Stanton given before the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Commandery of Illinois, in Chicago in 1927.

The Weaver Collection was part of a donation of books and manuscript material related to William Tecumseh Sherman and his campaigns, especially the “March to the Sea,” made by Jared W. Young between 1928 and 1932. Mr. Young was an amateur Civil War scholar whose specialty was Sherman’s campaigns. Many of the books he donated were annotated by Sherman. For information about the Sherman material, see the manuscript card file. Mr. Young served on the library committee of the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion and probably acquired the Weaver material at that time. This library was eventually given to the Chicago Historical Society.

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F. 2 Willis Weaver. “Sherman-Johnston Terms of Peace.” TMs. 51pp. “This is a monograph earlier and longer than the address delivered to the Loyal Legion and afterward put into print.” With index.


F. 4 Willis Weaver. “Facts and Opinions about Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War; compiled from over fifty of his contemporaries.” Chicago, 1921. TMs. 97pp.