

# Guide to the **Hinckley Family Collection**

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## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of records kept by Henry Noble Hinckley, well-known to Ithacans as a collector and dealer in antiques, whose bequest in 1969 created the Hinckley Foundation and Museum. Box 1 contains his World War I service records; Civil War letters of his father, Henry Lester Hinckley, a captain in the Union Army; and various other family documents. Box 2 contains records concerning production and sale of the famous “Ithaca Kitty,” a stuffed toy invented by Ithacan Celia M. Smith in about 1890, and some 19<sup>th</sup> century pocket almanacs and early 20<sup>th</sup> century postcards and advertising cards owned by the Hinckleys.

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