

# Guide to the **Henry Willard World War I Collection**

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection consists primarily of the correspondence of Henry Willard, a Tompkins County native who served in the army as a young man during World War I. Most of the correspondence in this collection was written by Henry Willard to his friends and family (usually his mother) from 1917 to 1919. The letters describe his experiences living in a camp in Greene, North Carolina, fighting in the American Expeditionary Force in France, and recovering from leg injuries in hospitals in France and later in Staten Island. The collection also includes some letters from Willard's mother, as well as a map, two drawings of Willard, and an application to the Tompkins County Veterans of the World War Association.

### CONTAINER LIST

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| Henry Willard correspondence, 1917 (3 items)             | Folder 1 |
| Henry Willard correspondence, Feb. - Oct. 1918 (6 items) | Folder 2 |
| Henry Willard correspondence, Nov. 1918 (6 items)        | Folder 3 |
| Henry Willard correspondence, Dec. 1918 (3 items)        | Folder 4 |
| Henry Willard correspondence, 1919 (4 items)             | Folder 5 |
| Henry Willard correspondence, n.d. (1 item)              | Folder 6 |
| Mrs. Chas Willard empty envelope, 1918 (1 item)          | Folder 7 |
| Postcards, n.d. (6 items)                                | Folder 8 |
| Rand-McNally War Map of the British Front, n.d. (1 item) | Folder 9 |

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| Drawings of Henry Willard<br>by Glenn H. Alexander, U.S.A. Deb. Hosp. #3, Jan. 28, 1919 (2 items) | Folder 10 |
| Tompkins County Veterans of the World War Association membership application<br>n.d. (1 item)     | Folder 11 |