

10a. Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial, 1884-1897



I. Related Documents from the National Archives

Note: *To access documents from the National Archives Catalog:*

a) Click on the link provided and Select the “Digital Copies” tab OR

b) Visit <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/> and enter the Identifier #

54th Massachusetts

Casualty List of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment from the Assault on Fort Wagner, South Carolina, 07/18/1863

National Archives Identifier 300389

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=300389>

Letter from Colonel Edward Hallowell to General Truman Seymour, 11/07/1863

National Archives Identifier 594671

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594671>

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Letter from Major General J. G. Foster to Governor John Andrew, 11/18/1864
National Archives Identifier 594891

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594891>

File of William H. Carney, ca. 1863 - ca. 1885 (54th Veteran)

National Archives Identifier 594831, 594893, 594896, 594895

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594831>

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594893>

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594896>

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594895>

Letter from 1st Sergeant Stephen Swails to the Adjutant General, 01/14/1864

National Archives Identifier 594888

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594888>

Letter from Colonel Edward Hallowell to the Governor of Massachusetts, 11/23/1863

National Archives Identifier 594699

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594699>

Letter from Colonel Edward Hallowell to the Governor of Massachusetts, 11/23/1863

National Archives Identifier 594679

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594679>

Letter from Governor John Andrew of Massachusetts to the Secretary of War, 11/09/1863

National Archives Identifier 594893

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594893>

Affidavit from Lewis Douglas, 1863 - 1865

National Archives Identifier 594896

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594896>

African American Soldiers in the Civil War

The Fight for Equal Rights: Black Soldiers in the Civil War

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/blacks-civil-war/>

War Department General Order 143: Creation of the U.S. Colored Troops (1863),

<http://ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=35>

To Colored Men!

National Archives Identifier 1497351

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=1497351>

Art and Archives

Petition from Lewis Douglass and Others to the Secretary of War, 1865

National Archives Identifier 594720

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594720>

Photograph of Private Hubbard Pryor before enlistment in 44th U.S. Colored Troops

National Archives Identifier 849127

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=849127>

Photograph of Private Hubbard Pryor After Enlistment in 44th U.S. Colored Troops

National Archives Identifier 849136

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=849136>

Deposition of Octave Johnson Describing His Life as a Slave, His Escape, and Joining the Union Army, 1863

National Archives Identifier 3854704

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=3854704>

Negro laborers at Alexandria, near coal wharf, ca. 1860 - ca. 1865

National Archives Identifier 524820

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=524820>

Letter from Brigadier General W. Sooy Smith to the Commander of the 1st Division of the 16th Army Corps, 03/27/1863

National Archives Identifier 4662544

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=4662544>

Contraband school: ca. 1860 - ca. 1865

National Archives Identifier 529344

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=529344>

Contraband camp, Richmond, Va, 1865: ca. 1860 - ca. 1865

National Archives Identifier 524494

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=524494>

Letter from a Battle Creek, Michigan African American Physician to the Union Secretary of War: 10/30/1861

National Archives Identifier 3854722

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=3854722>

II. Suggested Activities

- 1. Creative Activity:** Research the African American experience in the Civil War through the documents of the 54th Massachusetts. Based on this research, create a short play or newscast about their experiences.
- 2. Creative Activity:** Read about the experience of William H. Carney, Stephen Swails and others in the 54th Massachusetts. Write a journal article about your experiences.
- 3. Compare and Contrast:** Compare and contrast the photograph of Private Hubbard Pryor before and after enlistment (849127 and 849136). What are the major differences in his appearance? Why do you think this photograph was taken? What does that tell you about the time period?