

# Guide to the Frederick Townsend Ward Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1666

**CREATOR:** Ward, Frederick Townsend, 1831-1862

**TITLE:** Frederick Townsend Ward papers

**DATES:** 1862

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** The material is in Chinese. Brief English summaries are included.

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence and documents related to Frederick Townsend Ward's role as commanding officer of the "Ever Victorious Army" which helped crush the Taiping Rebellion in China (1850-1864). Material of a personal nature is minimal and pertains to his wedding arrangements.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection, MS 352.

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## Biographical / Historical

"Devil Soldiers" and the "Ever Victorious Army." Ward, a naturalized Chinese subject, married Chang Mei, the daughter of a mandarin, in 1862. Ward died on September 22, 1862 in Ningpo from wounds suffered in battle.

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b. 1, f. 1	A roll call: list of soldiers on board a steamer wherein is noted their presence, absence, state of health	undated
b. 1, f. 2	Letter wrapper [possibly from above item]	1862 April
b. 1, f. 3	Book explaining matters relating to the Military Board, the Board of Revenues and Board of Ceremonies	undated
b. 1, f. 4	Letter wrapper from [Ching Poo?]	1862 November
b. 1, f. 5	Order of the Viceroy to the various commanders to send up reports on their troops	1862 April
b. 1, f. 6	[Woo Tautae?] exhorts Ward to use his best endeavors with his men to protect Shanghai from the incursion of the rebels, and possible promotion	undated
b. 1, f. 7	Shanghai maritime inspection of the American ship, "Cricket"	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Account of the manner of Ward's promotion to generalship, written by [Woo Tautae?]	1862 March
b. 1, f. 9	Note from [Woo Tautae?] to Mr. Fitzroy making mention of cannon and cannon balls	undated
b. 1, f. 10	List of names of soldiers	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Unidentified	1862 April
b. 1, f. 12	Certificate of promotion of [Hoo Chang Too?]	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Travel pass issued by the T'ai-p'ing authorities to a "foreigner" to go from Chia-hsing to Shanghai for the purpose of conducting business	
b. 1, f. 14	<a href="#">Imperial edict discussing the possibility of rewarding/promoting Ward and Henry Burgevine for bravery in battle</a>	1862 April 9
b. 1, f. 15	Travel pass to a foreigner, issued by a Taiping officer, Zhong Liangxiang	undated
b. 1, f. 16	Petition from the first and second columns of the Ever Victorious Army requesting permission to accompany Ward back to Sung-chiang	1863 Jun27-July 26
b. 1, f. 17	Letter to Ward from Cheng Xueqi, colonel of the Hui Army, discussing his resources	undated
b. 1, f. 18	Letter from Wu Hsu to Ward congratulating him on a victory	undated
b. 1, f. 19	<a href="#">Formal notes exchanged between the parents of bride and groom when a marriage is agreed upon [from Fan Sheng-fu to Ward]</a>	undated
b. 1, f. 20	Order to Ward from Li Hongzhang, acting governor of Jiangsu, to fight rebels	1862 July 8
b. 1, f. 21	<a href="#">Letter from Wu Hsu to Ward expressing delight in Ward's victory against 30,000 rebels by 600 soldiers of the foreign-gun-troop</a>	undated
b. 1, f. 22	Order from Wu Hsu to Ward asking Ward to send his armed ships to attack rebels in Dujiahang	undated

b. 1, f. 23	Pass for a foreigner issued by an officer of Taiping	1862 January 20
b. 1, f. 24	<a href="#">Account of monies for soldiers, interpreters, drummers, and others</a>	undated
b. 1, f. 25	Letter from Wu Hsu to Ward to proceed to Ch'ing-p'u to fight the rebels and to abstain from entering the city after the expulsion of rebels to avoid criticism	undated
b. 1, f. 26	<a href="#">Note from Wu Hsu concerning customs</a>	undated
b. 1, f. 27	Letter from unidentified person informing Ward that the rebels have left	undated
b. 1, f. 28	Men's names	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

China -- History -- Taiping Rebellion, 1850-1864

### **Names**

Ward, Frederick Townsend, 1831-1862