

**Melvin A. Pingree (1845-1866) Photograph Album, circa 1865-1866**

**Series 75/31/27**

**1 Volume**

**Biography**

Melvin Augustine Pingree was born on September 7, 1845, at Woolwich, Maine. He entered Northwestern University after preparing at Northwestern University Preparatory School. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Pingree took his Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern in 1865. During the period following the Civil War he briefly worked as chief clerk and private secretary to James Harlan, then Andrew Johnson's Secretary of the Interior. Pingree died of yellow fever on August 23, 1866, barely two weeks before his twenty-first birthday.



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**Description of the Series**

This album, formerly owned by Melvin A. Pingree, contains photographic portraits of Northwestern University students and professors present in 1865. Much more notably, it also contains autographed photographs of two Union officers in the Civil War, Major General Elliot Warren Rice and Colonel John T Macauley. A third picture is labeled "George Lewis" and may depict Brigadier General George Lewis Gillespie, though this possibility is unverifiable. How Pingree met these men is unclear, though it seems likely that he became acquainted with them during his career in Washington. Several of the men photographed served in Company F of the 134<sup>th</sup> Illinois Regiment, known as the "University Guards" due to the many Northwestern students present. The photographs were made by multiple photographers, but most were taken by E. R. Gard's Photographic Palace in Chicago. General Rice's portrait, however, was taken by the notable Henry Ulke. Most pictures are undated, though it seems probable that they were taken between the years 1865-1866. Photographs are in the traditional carte-de-visite format.

The following list is based on the arrangement of the photographs in the album. For each photograph, the page number, image, name of the sitter (if known), name of photographer, and brief description of the sitter are noted.

**Restrictions:** None.

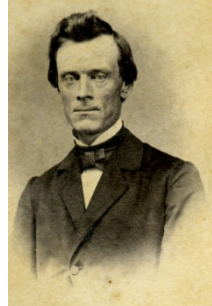


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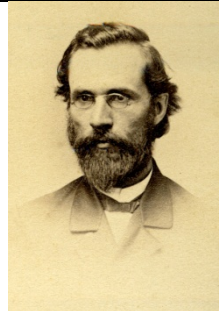


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1		Professor Henry Sanborn Noyes	H.T. Blanchard, Newport, VT.	One of Northwestern's original two faculty members, Henry Noyes served as professor of mathematics for the entirety of his stay at Northwestern. He served as the university president briefly in 1854 and again from 1860 to 1867.
2		Professor Oliver Marcy	Crater's Union Photographic Gallery, Chicago	Marcy was professor of natural history and physics during Pingree's studies at Northwestern, and would later serve as university president twice, once in the years 1876-1881, and briefly again in 1890.
3		Professor Daniel Bonbright	E.R. Gard, Chicago	Bonbright served as professor of the Latin language and Literature, notable for holding this position for a full 58 years.

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4		Professor Louis Kistler	E.R. Gard, Chicago	Kistler was Northwestern's professor of the Greek language and literature during the time of Pingree's studies.
5		Captain Alphonso C. Linn	E.R. Gard, Chicago	Himself a Northwestern graduate of 1860, Alphonso Linn acted as a tutor at Northwestern until May 1864, in which he volunteered to lead Northwestern students in Company F (the "University Guards") of the 134 <sup>th</sup> Regiment of Illinois Infantry. He died of typhoid fever on July 10, 1864, barely two months after enlisting.
6		Unknown	Unmarked	N/A

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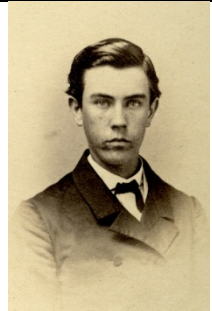
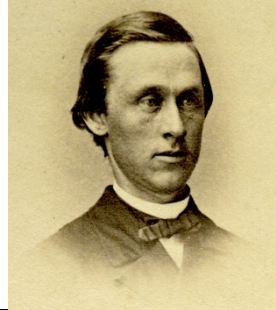

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7		Melvin A. Pingree	E.R. Gard, Chicago	Pingree entered Northwestern University after preparing at Northwestern University Preparatory School. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Pingree took his Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern in 1865. During the period following the Civil War he briefly worked as chief clerk and private secretary to James Harlan, then Andrew Johnson's Secretary of the Interior. Pingree died of yellow fever on August 23, 1866, about two weeks before his twenty-first birthday.
8		Unknown	Cargo Photographer, Pittsburgh	N/A
9		Unknown	E.R. Gard, Chicago	N/A

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10		Charles Cushman Bragdon	E.R. Gard, Chicago	Bragdon joined his classmates and Captain Alphonso Linn in the "University Guards," Company F, 134 <sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment. After completing his hundred days of service, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern. He then studied in Berlin, Prussia, before receiving his Master of Arts degree from Northwestern in 1868. He then began a teaching career that took him through Illinois, Ohio, and Massachusetts.
11		Lister Houstain Pearce	E.R. Gard, Chicago	Pearce was studying at the Garrett Biblical Institute during the time of the Civil War. Whereas most of his colleagues joined the Union Army for only one hundred days, Pearce served as the chaplain of the 132 <sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment throughout the full five-month span of the regiment's existence. In 1866 he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. He travelled extensively throughout Europe, Palestine, and Asia, and became the Presiding Elder of the Geneva (N.Y.) District of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in 1924.
12		N/A	N/A	N/A
13		James Frake	J. Carbutt, Chicago	Born in 1841 in England, Frake took both his Bachelor of Arts and his Master of Arts degrees from Northwestern in 1869. He served on the Chicago Board of Education, had four children, and became the first Northwestern alumnus elected to serve on the University's Board of Trustees.

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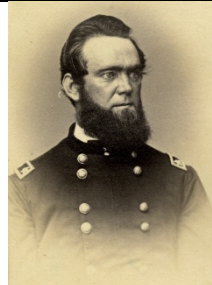
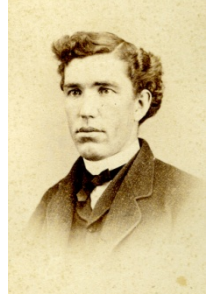

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14		Unknown	Unmarked	N/A
15		George Waitstill Winslow	E.L. Brand, Chicago	A student at the Garrett Biblical Institute and at Northwestern University, Winslow received both his Bachelor's and his Master's in Arts degrees at Northwestern and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Garrett Institute. He moved to Morgan Park, Illinois, and worked as a minister until his death in April, 1929.
16		Unknown	J. Gurney and Son, Broadway	N/A

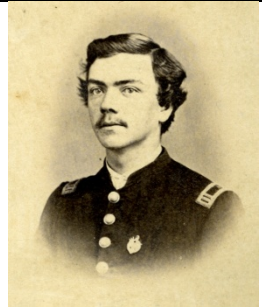
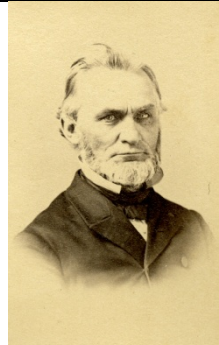
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17		Major General E.W. Rice	Henry Ulke, Washington D.C.	Elliot Warren Rice studied law in the state of Iowa with his brother Samuel until 1861, when both brothers responded to President Abraham Lincoln's call to arms. Rice's conduct in particular was highly praised, and he climbed the ranks of the Union Army, finishing the war as a brevetted major general. Among the battles in which he fought were Corinth, Belmont, and Shiloh.
18		Unknown	Unmarked	N/A
19		George Lewis	Unmarked	The man in this particular photograph is not fully identified, as no Northwestern alumnus or student from that period was named George Lewis. Given his proximity in the album to the Civil War officers, this may be an early photo of George Lewis Gillespie, a prominent Union combat engineer and (later) brigadier general notable for receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor. However, as no photographs of Gillespie are known to exist from the time period, such a possibility can only be treated as speculation.

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20		Colonel J.T. Macauley	G.W. Apple, Indianapolis	In 1861, John T. Macauley and his brother Daniel enlisted to fight for the Union in the 11 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Indiana Infantry. His brother would eventually be promoted to brigadier general, while John ended the war with the rank of colonel. While Daniel stayed in the army until his death in 1907, John joined his other brother, Bernard, in managing a theater in Louisville, Kentucky, eventually assuming full control of the enterprise. Until its dissolution in 1927, Macauley's Theatre was widely known throughout the region, featuring actors, actresses, and showmen such as Sarah Bernhardt, Edwin Booth, and "Buffalo Bill" Cody.
21		Professor Miner Raymond	C.L. Burpee, Chicago	Miner Raymond worked as the principal of Wesleyan Academy of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, from 1848-1864 before becoming professor of moral philosophy and systematic theology at the Garrett Biblical Institute.

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