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Junior Class of 1941. 1941 Spectrum. Gettysburg, PA: Gettysburg College, 1941.

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Soglow, O. 1942. Be Smart Act Dumb! GettDigital: World War II Poster Collection, Special Collections & College Archives/Musselman Library, Gettysburg College, 9 February 2015, http://gettysburg.cdm/singleitem/collection/p126301coll3/id/5/rec/9

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Robert E. Lee, letter to David McConaugh, August 5, 1869. *MS-022: David McConaughy Papers*, Special Collections & College Archives/Musselman Library, Gettysburg College.

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Tanner, Henry Schenck. New Map of Pennsylvania. 1833. Stuckenberg Map Collection. Special Collections & College Archives/Musselman Library, Gettysburg College.

Oral History:

Interviewer. Title including name of interviewee. Date. Name of collection. Name of repository, Place.

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Keve, Shannon. Interview with Robert Hulton, 26 April 1994. Oral History Collection, Special Collections & College Archives/Musselman Library, Gettysburg College.

Photograph:

Artist. Item. Date. Name of collection. Name of repository, Place.

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Tipton, W. H. Aerial View of Gettysburg College. 1925. Photograph Collection. Special Collections & College Archives/Musselman Library, Gettysburg College.

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Smith, Ned. *The Second Maine Calvary in the Civil War: A History and Roster*. Jefferson, North Carolina: MacFarland & Company, Inc., 2014.