

**Beauchamp-West Family Collection**  
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The 76 letters of the Beauchamp and West families span forty-four years. The bulk of the letters were sent by I. P. "Ike" Beauchamp to his wife, Elizabeth J. "Lizzie" West Beauchamp. Unfortunately, Ike Beauchamp's identity is difficult to determine. According to his compiled service record, his name is Isaac P. Beauchamp. However, census records and internet databases list an Isaiah Parker Beauchamp, who was born on January 5, 1828 in Georgia and died on February 19, 1863. Since Ike Beauchamp's last letter to his wife is dated December 22, 1862, it is entirely possible that he is the Isaiah Parker Beauchamp who died in February of 1863.

The earliest letter in the collection was written by Ike Beauchamp to Lizzie West prior to their wedding (which almost certainly occurred before the time of the 1850 census). Subsequent letters were written after their wedding when Ike Beauchamp was away from home on business. Census records indicate that Isaiah and Elizabeth Beauchamp resided in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1850 and in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1860. When the Civil War began, Ike Beauchamp enlisted as a private in Company H of the 20<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry. During the war he sent many letters to Lizzie Beauchamp. Between July of 1861 and December 1862 the 20<sup>th</sup> Mississippi traveled extensively throughout the South. In July 1861, the regiment was in Corinth, Mississippi. From here it moved to Iuka Springs. By August it was in Lynchburg, Virginia, and by the end of 1861 it was based at Dublin Depot. In 1862 the regiment was in Kentucky, Alabama, and Mississippi. The final letter from Ike Beauchamp to Lizzie Beauchamp in this collection is dated December 24, 1862. It is likely that Ike Beauchamp died not long after writing this letter.

The remainder of the collection are letters that were exchanged by members of the Wells family and the West family, which married into the Wells family. The most prominent figure in the Wells correspondence is John Yancey Wells, who in 1850 was a forty-year-old North Carolina-born grocery merchant in Rome, Georgia.

Aside from Elizabeth J. West Beauchamp, Robert West is the most prominent figure in the West family correspondence. Robert West, the nephew of Yancey and brother of Mag, was in the army in the 1850s. Throughout 1858 and 1859 he was stationed in Brownsville, Texas. He spent most of this time getting involved in minor skirmishes with Mexican bandits and avoiding catching Yellow Fever. By 1862 his sister Mag was at the Trans-Montaine Academy. In her letter to Robert from here she states that she is planning to get married and that their grandparents are opposed to the idea. Considering that she is living with them at the time, she admits that this may be a problem. In the same year she wrote to Yancey again. She informs him that she will come to live with him and her aunt when the war is over. By 1863, Mag had moved out of her grandparents' house and was boarding with her uncle, John Wells.

Sender	Recipient	Date	Location	File
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	West, E[lizabeth] J.	May 22, 1849	Stone Mountain, Geo[rgia]	Folder 5
	West, M. J.	April 1, 1852	Atlanta[, Georgia]	Folder 47
Beauchamp, I[saiah?] P[arker?]	My Dear wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	July 23, [18]54	Pontechtoula, L[ouisian]a	Folder 6
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Lizzie [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	March 1, 1855	Blakely, Ala[bama]	Folder 7
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Beauchamp, E[lizabeth] J. [West]	March 12, [18]55	Blakely, Ala[bama]	Folder 8
West, R[obert]	Beauchamp, I[saac] P.	June 10, 1857	Brownsville[, Texas]	Folder 48
M., Mag Wells, Henry	[Wells], [John] Yancey (uncle Yancey/son)	June 12, 1857	Trans-Montaine Academy	Folder 49
[West,] Robert	[West, Maggie?] (Sister)	Oct[ober] 18, 1858	Brownsville, [Texas]	Folder 50
West, R[obert]	[West, Maggie?] (Sister)	Oct[ober] 18, 1858	Brownsville[, Texas]	Folder 51
Bell, C[assie?]	[Wells, John], Yanc[e]y	Feb[ruary] 28, [18]59		Folder 52
Hutsell, Julia A. Hutsell, Mary A[nn Wells]	[Wells, John], Yancey (uncle Yancy/brother)	May 1/3 [?], 1859		Folder 53
B., I. P. [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Dec[embe]r 2, [18]59	New Orleans[, Louisiana]	Folder 9
W[est], R[obert]	[West], Maggie	Dec[ember] 18/22, 1859	Brownsville[, Texas]	Folder 54
	[West], Maggie	Jan[uary] 8, 1860	Rosedale	Folder 55
Beauchamp, I[saiah?] P[arker?]	Bryson, N. G.	June 6, 1861	Morton[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 10
Beauchamp, I[saiah?] P[arker?]	Curchelt, G. K.	June 6, [18]61	Morton[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 11
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Lizzie [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	July 4[, 1861]	Corinth[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 12
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Lizzie [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	July 7, [18]61	Camp Clark[,] Corinth[, Mississippi]	Folder 13
[Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Lizzie [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	July 9[, 18]61	Camp near Iuka Springs[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 14
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Dearest wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	July 27, 1861	Camp Russel[,] Iuka[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 15
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Lizzie [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	July 28[, 1861?]		Folder 16

Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Darling Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Aug[ust] 13, 1861	Camp Davis[,] Lynchburg[,] Vir[ginia]	Folder 17
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Darling Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Aug[ust] 23, [18]61	Camp Davis[,] Lynchburg[,] Vir[ginia]	Folder 18
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Darling Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Sept[ember] 17, 1861	Lynchburg[,] Vir[ginia]	Folder 19
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Sept[ember] 25, [18]61	Camp Floyd Meadow[,] Bluff[,] V[irgini]a	Folder 20
	My Dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Sept[ember] 29, 1861	Big Sewell Mountain[,] V[irgini]a	Folder 21
Beauchamp, I[saiah?] P[arker?]	My Darling Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Oct[ober] 29, 1861	Camp on Cotton Hill[,] Fayette Co[unty,] Vir[ginia]	Folder 22
[Illegible] [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Nov[ember] 16, 1861	Camp Dickinson[,] Fayette Co[unty,] Vir[ginia]	Folder 23
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Darling Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Dec[embe]r 12, [18]61	Dublin Depot[,] Vir[ginia]	Folder 24
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Darling Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Jan[uary] 4, 1862	Bowling Green[,] K[entucky]	Folder 25
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Jan[uary] 5, 1862	Camp near Bowling Green[,] K[entucky]	Folder 26
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Dearest Lizzie [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Jan[uary] 15, 1862	Head Quarters 10 <sup>th</sup> Miss[issippi] Reg[imen]t[,] Bowling Green[,] K[entucky]	Folder 27
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Darling Little Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Jan[uary] 19, [18]62	Head Quarters 20 <sup>th</sup> Miss[issippi] Reg[imen]t[,] Bowling Green[,] K[entucky]	Folder 28
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Jan[uary] 30, 1862	Bowling Green[,] K[entucky]	Folder 29
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Darling Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Mar[ch] 9, 1862	Huntsville[,] Ala[bama]	Folder 30
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My dear love [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Apr[il] 6, [18]62	Huntsville[, Alabama]	Folder 31
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	June 14, 1862	Grenada[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 32
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	July 2, 1862	Grenada[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 33

Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Dear Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	July 25, 1862	Grenanda[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 34
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Mon Ami [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Aug[ust] 14, [18]62	Grenada[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 35
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Mon Ami [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Sept[ember] 2, 1862	Grenada[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 36
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Mon Ami [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Sept[ember] 13, 1862	Grenada[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 37
Mag [West, Margaretta?]	My very dear Auntie [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Oct[ober] 14, 1862	Transmontane Academy	Folder 56
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Mon Ami [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Oct[ober] 18, [18]62	Forest[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 38
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Mon Ami [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Nov[ember] 11, [18]62	Morton[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 39
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My dear and only love [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Nov[ember] 18, 1862	SRR	Folder 40
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	My Darling Little Wife [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Dec[embe]r 14, 1862	Lake[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 41
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]	Mon Ami [Beauchamp, Elizabeth J. West]	Dec[embe]r 22, [18]62	Lake[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 42
Mag [Wells, Henry and Elizabeth Phillips Wells] (your father and moth[er])	[Wells, John Yancey] (My good Uncle/son) decuter [Wells, Decatur]	Dec[ember] 24, 1862	Cross Rook	Folder 57
Manley, William D.		May 4, 1863	Atlanta[,] Georgia	Folder 46
Wilson, V. F.	Beachum, M.	May 15; [18]63	Lake[,] Miss[issippi]	Folder 45
Margaretta	My darling Brother	Sept[ember] 20, 1863	Sandy Mush	Folder 58
Findley, J. J.	Wells, J[ohn] Y[ancey]	July 26, 1864	Dahlonga[,] G[eorgia]	Folder 59
Hutsell, Mary A. [Wells] C., J[ulia] E. [Hutsell]	[Wells, John] Yanc[e]y (Brother/Uncle Yancy)	Nov[ember] 27, 1864	Sulphur Springs	Folder 60
Lane, Kate	Magga, Johnie D.	Sept[ember] 27, 1865		Folder 61
[Hutsell], Mary A[nn Wells]	[Wells, John Yancey] My very dear Brother	Feb[ruary] 25, 1866	At Home	Folder 62
West, A. J.	Butts, J. J.	April 21, [18]66	Atlanta[,] G[eorgia]	Folder 63
Pound, E. S.	Wells, J[ohn] Y[ancey]	Ap[ri]l 6, 1867	Barnesville[,] Geo[rgia]	Folder 64
	Wells, J[ohn] Y[ancey]	Feb[ruary] 21, 1880	Rome[,] Georgia	Folder 65

Mattie	May	Mar[ch] 1, 1885	Silver Creek	Folder 66
Poole, Willie F.	[Mag?]	July 27, 1886	Morgan Hill, Arkansas	Folder 67
Keeton, Josie		July 31, 1886	Morgan Hill, Ark[ansas]	Folder 68
	Dear May and all the rest	Jan[uary] 23, 1887	Ozark[,] Ark[ansas]	Folder 69
Bell, May		June 3, [18]87		Folder 70
		Jan[uar]y 22, 1888 [?]	Milledgeville[, Georgia]	Folder 71
Carter, Mary	Baker, Mary	M[ar]ch 12, 1891	Angeline[,] N[orth] C[arolina]	Folder 72
[Illegible]	My Dear Sister	July 25, [18]93	Texarkana, Ark[ansas]	Folder 73
Horton, C. E.	Mother	March 28		Folder 74
Gildeux, Willie L.	Beauchamp, M.	June 13	Chambers Co[unty,] Ala[bama]	Folder 44
C., M. [mother]	Maggie	Dec[ember] 12 & 14	Orrville	Folder 75
Hipps, [Illegible] H. L.	Dear Brother		Lescester[,] N[orth] C[arolina]	Folder 76
Huger, Ernest H.	Wells, May			Folder 77
		[undated]		Folder 78
[Illegible], D. M.	May			Folder 79
Fleming, Leonidas F.	West, Maggie			Folder 80
Ike [Beauchamp, Isaiah Parker?]				Folder 43