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SOLDIER LETTERS COLLECTIONS

Overview

In addition to the hundreds of letters written by Confederate soldiers that reside elsewhere in the collection, larger collections of letters from one soldier have been segregated into “Soldier Letter” collections. Below is a simple listing of these collections. Detailed inventories are available for collections highlighted in hypertext.

Capt. George Edward Apps, Washington Artillery of New Orleans
6 letters, September 1861-February 1862; October 1864-January 1865
[transcripts of these letters were published in Volume I, Number 1 of *Civil War Regiments*]

Edward H. Armstrong, 3rd North Carolina Infantry
4 letters: September 22, 1861; July 25, 1863; March 6, 1864; June 10, 1864
Corp. Thomas J. Armstrong, 38th North Carolina Infantry, Co. A
1 letter: March 22, 1865 (near Petersburg)

Cpl. Andrew Sydnor Barksdale, Halifax Artillery (Young’s Battery), Virginia Artillery
10 letters, 1862-1864

Pvt. Spencer Barnes, Co. F, 30th North Carolina Infantry
13 letters, March 1862-March 1865 [photocopies]

Cpl. Charles Christian Baughman, Otey Battery, Virginia Artillery,
63 letters, May 1861-March 1865

*Baughn Family. Co. H, 13th North Carolina Infantry and 45th North Carolina Infantry
and John Henry Stone*
Transcribed letters, 1862-1865

Sgt. Issac (“Ike”) P. Beauchamp, Co. H, 20th Mississippi Infantry
40 letters (31 wartime), June 1861-December 1862 (part of Beauchamp-West Letters,
Family History Collection Series)

Cpl. Fred A. Brode, Washington Artillery of New Orleans
11 letters, December 1861-January 1862; December 1863; January 1864-January 1865
[transcripts of these letters were published in Volume V, Number 1 of *Civil War Regiments*]

Surgeon John Buchanan, 4th Tennessee Infantry
6 letters, August, October 1864, January 1865, plus letters from prison

Lt. Seth W. Cobb, 18th Battalion, Virginia Heavy Artillery
18 letters, September 1862-August 1863

Pvt. and Asst. Surgeon Clayton Coleman, 23rd Virginia Infantry and 24th Virginia Infantry
33 letters, 1862-1865 (including 10 not from Coleman)

Capt. E. L. Coleman, 4th Bn. Louisiana Infantry
3 letters, September 1862-January 1863}

Lt. John B. Coleman, 16th Mississippi Infantry, Co. G
4 letters, March-April 1863, January 1864

Pvt. Stephen Cop[e]land, Co. B, 46th Virginia Infantry
from Chaffin's Farm, August 12 and September 3, 1863
from Adams Run, SC, February 8, 1864

Pvt. William W. Diggs, Co. C, 16th Virginia Infantry
from Chimborazo Hospital, December 4, 1862

Lt. Alfred E. Doby, Co. E, 2nd South Carolina Infantry; ADC to Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw
8 letters from camps near Fredericksburg, January 1863]

Pvt. Arthur Evans, Co. F, 4th North Carolina Infantry
Letters, September 1860-December 1865 [photocopies]

Pvt. Ethelbert Fairfax, C.S. Signal Corps, Heth's Division
9 typescript letters, March – December 1864

Pvt. Randolph Fairfax, Rockbridge (Virginia) Artillery (Poague's Battery)
43 typescripts of letters, July 1861-December 1862

Pvt. John C. Fite, Co. F, 9th Texas Cavalry and Co. C, 1st North Carolina Artillery (10th Regiment North Carolina State Troops)
23 letters, 1861-1865 (part of larger collection of 283 family letters)

Pvt. Daniel H. Gilley, Co. F, 16th Virginia Infantry, 13 letters, 1862-1865

Pvt. John F. Hamilton and Pvt. Henry Hamilton, 2nd Rockbridge Artillery
32 letters, 1862-1865 [photocopies and transcripts]

Pvt. Samuel H. Harris, Co. G, (Old) 1st Florida Infantry
2 letters from Camp Harris, near Warrington, Florida, November 20 and December 9, 1861

Pvt. William J. Hatchett, Co. B, 22nd Battalion, Virginia Infantry, 1862-1864
Letters [Photostats]

Pvt. Jesse Hill, Co. K, 21st North Carolina Infantry
Letters, January 2, 1864-March 7, 1865 [transcripts]

Pvt. John R. Hill, 8th Georgia Infantry
8 letters, April 28, 1861 – December 29, 1861, May 9, 1862

Adjutant Linden Kent, 1st Battalion, Virginia Reserves
1 letter from Intermediate Lines, 3 miles outside Richmond, October 2, 1864
Battle of Fort Harrison

Pvt. James M. Kersey, Lee (Lynchburg) Artillery
2 letters from Yorktown, Virginia, December 16, 1861 and January 20, 1862

Lt. Whitfield G. Kisling, 10th Virginia Infantry
18 letters, March 1861-May 1864

Lt. George M. LaLane, Co. I, 2nd South Carolina Infantry
5 letters (Camp near Winchester, VA; Fort Wagner, SC; Secessionville, SC)

Col. Merriwether Lewis, 9th Virginia Cavalry
2 letters, December 20, 1861 and April 9, 1862 (from Aquia, Virginia)

Lt. Albert Livingston, Co. G, 3rd Florida Infantry
9 letters, January 1863 – March 1865

Sgt. Archie Livingston, Co. G, 3rd Florida Infantry
22 letters, October 1862-May 1865
[excerpts of these letters were published in April 2003 *North & South*]

Cpl. Theodore Livingston Co. A & G, 3rd Florida Infantry
12 letters October 1862-May 1865

Capt. John L. Inglis, Co. D, 3rd Florida Infantry
3 letters, January – May 1864

Lt. John Thompson Mason, CSN
CSS Hampton and CSS Shenandoah
90 letters, 1856-1860

Pvt. Edward C. Mayo, Co. B, 44th Virginia Infantry
13 letters, July 1861- March 1862
[transcripts in drawer]

Pvt. Joseph C. Morris, Phillips Legion Cavalry, Georgia
12 letters, March 1863-February 1865

Col. John Quincy Adams Nadenbousch, 2nd Virginia Infantry and commander of post of Staunton, VA
121 letters, 1849, 1855, 1858, March 1861-July 1866

Hugh Sally Nelson, 6th Virginia Infantry (and other units)
20 letters, 1862, 1864, 1865
[transcripts available]

Thomas Osborne, Pvt., 6th Kentucky Infantry
Photocopies of letters, 1863-1864

John Daniel Petty, 9th Virginia Cavalry, Co. G
6 letters, 1861-1864
Camp Ashland; Middle Mountain, [West] Virginia

James Pleasants, Pvt., 4th Virginia Cavalry, Co. F (Goochland Light Dragoons)
July 24, 1861 (Bull Run) and November 23, 1861 (“Camp Frontier”)

Sgt. Tucker St. Joseph Randolph, Co. F, 21st Virginia Infantry and staff of Gen. John Pegram
38 letters, May 1861-May 1864

Pvt. Adolphus Ribley, 19th Texas Cavalry, Co. E
61 letters between Ribley and wife, Ellen (37 from him), 1857, 1858, 1860, July 23, 1862-May 7, 1865, postwar

Pvt. Rosser D. Rock, Goochland Artillery, Virginia Light Artillery
7 letters, May 1863 - November 1864

Pvt. John B. and Pvt. Robert Royall, 1st company, Richmond Howitzers
46 letters, July 1861-February 1865, 1894

Pvt. William H. Routt, Wise's Battery and Eubanks' Battery, Virginia Light Artillery
21 letters, November 1862-January 1865

Maj. Thomas J. Rowland, West Point cadet, cavalry camp of instruction, Ashland, VA, and staff of Gen. Robert Ransom
250 letters. 1857-1868

Pvt. Benjamin F. Sherwood and Pvt. Edwin A. Sherwood, Co. E, 11th Alabama Infantry
13 letters, August 1861-April [1863] [typescripts]

Pvt. William B. Short, Co. E, 56th Virginia Infantry
19 letters, February-August 1863

Col. William F. Slemons, 2nd Arkansas Cavalry
62 letters, 1860, March 1861-June 1865

Maj. John Taylor Smith, Co. I, 13th Alabama Infantry
37 letters, 1858-1863 (17 wartime)
[excerpts of these letters were published in January 2002 issue of *America's Civil War*]

Capt. Joseph M. Storey, 43rd Georgia Infantry, Co. G
4 letters, May 3, 1861; June 19, 1861; June 23, 1861, and May 2, 1862

Lt. Col. Theodore Trimmier, 41st Alabama Infantry
11 letters, January 1862-April 1865 [typescripts with annotations]

Lt. Jefferson Davis Van Benthuyzen, 6th Louisiana Infantry, Co. G
5 letters, 1861 (2), 1862 (1), 1864 (2 from Johnson's Island) and other letters written to

Capt. Alfred Van Benthuyzen, Confederate States Marine Corps
1 letter (October 1862)

White brothers: Capt. Joseph Harvey White, Co. B, 53rd North Carolina; Col. John McKemie White, Co. H, 6th South Carolina; Dr. William Edward White, Asst. Surgeon, 7th North Carolina; Capt. James Wilson White, 1st South Carolina Cavalry; Samuel White, 7th North Carolina
[bound transcript of letters and biographies]

Capt. Leonard Williams, Co. K, 2nd South Carolina Cavalry, Co. B, Hampton's Legion
131 letters, July 1861-February 1865 [typescripts of originals in private collection / restricted]

Pvt. John P. Wilson, 36th Virginia Infantry
11 letters, 1864-1865

John Christopher Winsmith, captain, 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry
262 letters, 1859, April 1861-October 1864, December 1865

Pvt. Theodore H. Woodard, Co. D, 6th Louisiana Infantry

5 letters, 1861, 1865

[excerpts of these letters were published in January 2003 issue of *America's Civil War*]

Sgt. William Samuel Woods, 20th Alabama Infantry

45 letters, November 1861-June 1864

[excerpts of these letters were published in March 2004 issue of *America's Civil War*]

Pvt. Thomas Wragg, 8th Georgia Infantry

11 letters, July-December 1861, 1863-1864 [typescripts]

Other Collections containing significant letters from soldiers

"Soldier Letters Collection"

box of sundry letters, many from unidentified men (soldiers and civilians), currently arranged by state from which letter was sent

77 letters, most written in 1865

POW Collection

The collection includes several letters from Confederate soldiers after their release, most notably letters from William Wim Davis, of the Washington Artillery, and D. H. DaSilva, of Louisiana, 1st Inf. (Nelligan's).

Detailed inventory available in library

Detailed Inventories of selected Soldiers Letters Collections

Cpl. Charles Christian Baughman, Otey Battery, Virginia Artillery

to	Date	place
Greer	May 31, 1861	Camp Game Point near Acquia Creek
Ma	August 7, 1861	Camp on Valley Mountain, Randolph Co. [West Virginia]
Ma	October 22, 1861	Warm Spring
Pa	May 9, 1862	Shannons Gap, Pulaski Co.
Pa	May 15, 1862	Camp Success
Ma	May 19, 1862	Camp Success, Giles Co.
Em	May 31, 1862	Salt Sulphur Springs
Pa	July 30, 1862	Camp McCausland
Ma	August 11, 1862	Camp McCausland
Pa	August 20, 1862	Camp Caperton
Ma	November 19, 1862	Camp Narrows
George	November 24, 1862	Camp Cloyd near Dublin
Ma	November 24, 1862	Camp Cloyd near Dublin
Ma	April 25, 1863	Camp near Abingdon
Pa	June 6, 1863	Shady Spring Raleigh Co.

Pa	June 21, 1863	Camp Shady Spring
Ma	August 10, 1863	Camp near Liberty Mills Orange Co., VA
Ma	August 19, 1863	Camp near Liberty Mills Orange Co., VA
Ma	August 20, 1863	Camp near Liberty Mills
Pa	June 26, 1863	Camp McCausland
Ma	August 25, 1863	camp near Liberty Mills
Pa	September 14, 1863	Wytheville, Va.
Pa	September 17, 1863	Camp near Saltville, Va.
Pa	October 26, 1863	Camp near Abingdon, Va.
Mother	November 6, 1863	Camp in Sullivan Co., Tenn.
Pa	April 23, 1864	Camp near Abingdon
[mother]	May 2, 1864	Camp near Abingdon
Ma	May 19, 1864	Camp 10 miles from Christianburg
Pa	September 8, 1864	In the "Trenches" [Petersburg]
Greer	September 9, 1864	Trenches
Greer	September 11, 1864	Trenches
Pa	September 14, 1864	In Camp [Petersburg]
Mother	September 18, 1864	In the Trenches
Mother	September 23, 1864	Trenches
Mother	September 28, 1864	Trenches
Sister [Minnie] with second page	September 30, 1864	In Camp
Pa	October 1, 1864	Trenches
Pa	October 1, 1864	Trenches
Pa	October 4, 1864	Trenches
Mother	October 7, 1864	Trenches
Pa	October 13, 1864	Trenches
Mother	October 14, 1864	Trenches
Pa	October 15, 1864	Trenches
Pa	October 20, 1864	Trenches
Pa	October 28, 1864	Trenches
Ma	October 25, 1864	Trenches
Mother (with diagram)	October 29, 1864	Trenches
Pa	November 1, 1864	Trenches
Mother	November 10, 1864	Camp Walker
Minnie	November 13, 1863	Camp Walker
Pa	November 16, 1864	Camp Walker
Pa	November 21, 1864	Camp Walker
Mother	December 4, 1864	Camp Walker
Mother	December 14, 1864	Camp Walker
Mother	December 20, 1864	Camp Walker

Ma	January 7, 1865	Camp Walker
Mother	January 19, 1865	Camp Walker
Pa	January 25, 1865	Camp Walker
Ma	February 1, 1865	Camp Walker
Mother	February 6, 1865	Camp Walker
Ma	February 9, 1865	Camp Walker
Pa	March 5, 1865	Camp Pegram

Cpl. Andrew Sydnor Barksdale, Halifax Artillery, Virginia Artillery

* indicates typescript only

to	Date	place	content
Sister Omis *	June 4, 1862	Christian's Farm	battle of last Saturday and Sunday [Seven Pines] described (though he was not engaged); losses in battle and bill passed by "Old Abe" will stiffen Confederate resolve; called on First Company, Richmond Howitzers
Teedy [Bettie] *	February 11, 1863	Camp French, Petersburg, Virginia	chides sister for not writing; ponders whether he wants to sign up to run the blockade to Europe
Bettie *	September 1, 1863	Camp French, Petersburg	back in old winter quarters to find that all but two buildings had been torn down by Ransom's brigade; tells of shooting rogue dogs that had been stealing their food; he and others feel like they're "in prison all the time," but no prospects of change; misses the company of women; poem
[fragment] *		Scott's Hill	had been sick; pranks and "hideous" music in our mess
Sister Omis	March 29, 1864	Scott's Hill	responds to question about what church he wants to join: Presbyterian; Morton catching and eating rats; family news
Sister Omis	May 4, 1864	Masonsboro Inlet [N.C.]	stationed where they can catch clams, oysters and crabs – getting used to them; rumors of Gen. Price's victory in west; spring campaign about to open – expects more bloodshed; saw largest steamer yet carrying food supplies into Wilmington – enemy will never starve them out; went out last evening on battalion drill led by Col. Frobelle
Sister Omis	June 7, 1864	Dunns Hill, Petersburg	back in VA – arrived yesterday morning; a few men hurt in accident near Goldsboro; details activities of his mess; getting camp set up (rain); hears guns in distance
Sister Omis	August 1, 1864	Petersburg	activities of mess and food; very detailed account of battle of Crater, including treatment of U.S. Negro soldiers by Mahone's brigade and sighting of General Lee on battlefield; description of gruesome death of Corporal Edward R. Sherman; renewed resolve of soldiers
Sister Omis *	Undated	Petersburg, Va.	thanks for description of wedding; war deprives

him of little pleasures; hopes for peace soon

collection also includes a letter from Morton Barksdale to Sister Omis, December 6, 1863

Clayton Coleman [Soldiers and Family] Letters

To	Date	place	Content
Louise Breedin	March 8, 1862	Strasburg, VA	arrived in Strasburg; comments on future travel plans
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	March 25, 1862	Woodstock, VA	battle of Kernstown
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	April 12, 1862	Camp Near New Market, VA	
Lucy C. Breedin	December 30, 1862	Goldsboro, NC	transfer to hospital in Goldsboro
Lucy C. Breedin	February 12, 1863	Goldsboro, NC	recent illness, attempts to be transferred to Virginia
Lucy C. Breedin	May 20, 1863	Camp near Hanover Junction, VA	transfer to 24 th Virginia Infantry
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	June 18, 1863	Camp at Paris, Fauquier Co., VA	marching from Culpeper Court House, VA; news of Winchester
[Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman]	August 14, 1863	Camp Pickett's Division Near Rackoon Ford	complains about lack of letters
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	August 26, 1863	Camp Pickett's Division	comments about Lt. Col. Maury
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	September 18, 1863	Head Quarters 24 th VA Infantry	attempts to find lodging for Anna
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	March 20, 1864	Fort Campbell	complains about lack of medicine and complains of duties
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	April 7, 1864	Tarboro, NC	hardship of marching and insufficient rations
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	April 21, 1864	Plymouth, NC	enduring shelling; took prisoners and plundered
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	April 24, 1864	Camp near Newton [?], NC	comments on actions at Plymouth, NC and plunder and prisoners; attempts to be transferred
Friend [Coleman?]	May 14, 1864	Infirmery	comments on mail delivery, desire to return home; wonders about brigade
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	June 5, 1864	Pickett's Field Hospital Near Mechanicsville, VA	battle with Grant [Cold Harbor]; thinks that the end of the war is near
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	July 29, 1864	Headquarters Hospital	met with his father
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	August 9, 1864	Howard Grove, VA	will be able to meet with Anna on Wednesday
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	September 16, 1864	Central Depot	will meet with Anna on September 17 th — would come later, but will have wounded

			from Petersburg
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	September 22, 1864	Union Hill	comments on transfers of others—particularly to Stuart Hospital—and Valley Campaign
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	October 18, 1864	Howard Grove, VA	family news
Anna Sherrard Breedin Coleman	April 9, 1865	General Hospital Headquarters, Richmond, VA	comments on the last events of the war

Lt. John B. Coleman, Co. G, 16th Mississippi Infantry

to	Date	place	content
Annie (cousin)	March 26}, [1863]	camp of 16 th Miss.	advice on romance with soldiers; character of soldiers
Annie (cousin)	April 18, [1863]	camp of 16 th Miss.	romance; family; hopes to have image made
Aunt	April 19, 1863	camp of 16 th Miss.	optimism about coming campaign; sufferers on the homefront command our sympathies
	January 11, 1864	camp of 16 th Miss. [Hansborough, Rapidan River]	death of his brother (a soldier); regiment on picket duty

Capt. E.L. Coleman, 4th Bn. Louisiana Infantry

to	Date	place	content
	September 24, 1862	Camp Van Dorn, Savannah, GA	
	Frag		
Annie	January 19, 1863	Camp Stewart north of Wilmington, NC	news from John about Fredericksburg; advice to friend who is trying to hire substitute; Wilmington area military affairs; contrast between war and gay season; friends in Port Gibson

Lt. Seth W. Cobb [aka “Black Eagle”], 18th Battalion Virginia Heavy Artillery

to	Date	place	content
Victoria Davidson	n.d.		love letter
Victoria Davidson	September 7, 1862	Battery No. 4, Richmond defenses	love letter with “An Accrostic”
Victoria Davidson	October 22, 1862	camp near Quarantine Hospital	
Victoria Davidson	December 19, 1862	Battery No. 4, Richmond defenses	illness (chicken pox) in the compa
Victoria Davidson	December 30, 1862	Battery No. 4, Richmond defenses	no news from the battery; ladies s turn out for dress parades
Victoria Davidson	April 8, 1863		is on duty and cannot attend lectur with her tonight
Victoria Davidson	April 18, 1863	“Seat of Dullness”	
Victoria Davidson	May 12, 1863	camp near Orange Court House	has been serving as judge advocat court martial; assessment of count around camp; death of Jackson; Stoneman’s Raid (Richmond not s since the “bloody 18 th ” left);
Victoria Davidson	May 26, 1863	Battery No. 8, Richmond	love letter, playfully atoning for h “crimes”
Victoria Davidson	July 5, 1863	Battery No. 8, Richmond defenses	love letter; orders received to put battery in “fighting condition”
Victoria Davidson	July 30, 1863	Battery No. 8	“torture” of last five days not hear from her; love letter
Victoria Davidson	Monday, August 3, [1863?]	Camp near Taylorsville, Hanover Co. Va	
Victoria Davidson	Sunday, August 16, 1863	Camp 18 th Va. Battn. near Taylorsville	
Victoria Davidson	Tuesday evening		love letter
Victoria Davidson	n.d		love letter
	Wednesday Evening		
	Friday		love letter
	Sunday evening	At Camp	love letter; regarding visit this evening

Pvt. Daniel Gilley, Co. F, 16th Virginia Infantry [Full collection of Gilley's letter (facsimiles and typescripts available in published book edited by Joseph W. Gilley.)]

To	Date	place	Content
	April 27, [1862]		Has been assigned to 16 th Virginia Regiment; if he had \$350 he would hire a substitute
Father, mother and sisters	July 13, 1862	[Drewry's Bluff]	Sick with diarrhea; diet of meal, flour, and old beans; stationed at Drewry's Bluff; "I have seen awful sites where they have been fighting..."
Father, mother and sisters	August 3, 1862	[Drewry's Bluff]	Bob is not well. "There is a heap of sickness now in camp."
Mother	June 9, 1863	[near Fredericksburg]	Now in the entrenchments at Fredericksburg waiting for the Yankees; Stuart and Longstreet have gone to get in their rear; details the clothes that he has
Father	June 16, 1863	[Culpeper Court House]	Have been marching; destined probably for Manassas or Winchester;
?[fragment]	June 23, [1863]	Potomac River above Harpers Ferry	Hard marching; expect to cross river in the morning; probably the last letter you will get from me in a while
[E. A. Turner to Mary Gilley]	December 22, 1863		"Tell Lin I saw her sweetheart last week."
Father	January 12, 1863 [1864]		Weighs 15 pounds more than when he left home; received the box he sent
Father	March 28, 1864		Responds to petition that his father sent here; shelling on the river today; deep snow fell last week; two soldiers brought in last week – will likely be shot if court martialed
Mother	May 1, 1864	Orange Co., VA	"Times is very gloomy here. We have not fought any yet but expect it every day and the very hardest sort..." more concerning father's petition (for detail)
Father	September 4, 1864		Responds to father's news on crops; "Times is hard here and gloomy it seems like fighting going till the last day"; out of paper and money
Mother	September 12, 1864		"They keep fighting yet every day. The Yankees keeps inching up on us at different points in the line." Doesn't think he can get a furlough.
Sister	January 2, 1865		"I am thankful that I am spared so far." I want you all to stop writing about deserting it don't do any good. I am a man of my own head."

Pvt. Joseph C. Morris, Phillips Legion Cavalry, Georgia

to Miss Sylvanie A. Bremond, Stanardsville, Green Co., VA / Keswick Depot, O[range] & A[lexandria] RR, Albemarle Co., VA / Baltimore, MD

place	Content
February 25, 1863 Rose Cottage [Honeyville, VA]	apology for introducing her to low characters [unnamed comrades]
March 10, 1863 Camp Baker, VA [Cross Keys, Rockingham Co.]	unit has settled down near Cross Keys; trip over from Stanardsville
April 12, 1863 Camp near Buckingham C.H.	love letter; quotes Shakespeare
September 12, 1863 Conyers, Georgia	unwell since he last communicated; at home where “deep gloom prevails”; expects to stay only half time due him; Georgia being invaded; cannot believe she spurns his devotion
October 22, 1863 Camp near Culpeper C.H.	left home on October 7; difficulty in traveling back to VA; on relationship
February 19, 1864 Abingdon, VA	returned from duty in East Tennessee
July 9, 1864 Stony Creek Depot, VA	regarding letter he never received; was gone from VA from Dec. to April;
October 25, 1864 Camp 1 st VA Cav., New Market, VA	love letter; spent good part of las winter and spring raising a battalion of cavalry, but is not recognized by War Dept.; spent time in SW VA and East Tennessee; returned to old company in September
n.d. [ca. July 1863] Staunton, VA	details on wounding of brother at Gettysburg; transporting and crossing with him at Williamsport; on “human suffering” during 12 days in PA
February 14, 1865 Camp Starvation	gushing love letter
n.d. Buckingham Co., VA	love letter replete with poetry; under orders to return to Culpeper C.H. via Cobham Station; would like to be able to get away to visit her
n.d. [possibly ca. March 1863] [camp near Fredericksburg, VA]	love letter; comments on Mr. Reagan’s mail service; Phillips Legion detached from Hampton’s brigade; stationed near Fredericksburg [brigade near Culpeper]; Federals have crossed at Fredericksburg and fighting is going on near Kelley’s Ford

J.Q.A. Nadenbousch Letters, 1849-1866

John Quincy Adams Nadenbousch was born in Berkeley County [West] Virginia on October 31, 1824. He was captain of the pre-war militia company, the Berkeley Border

Guards, and became captain of Company D of the 2nd Virginia Infantry in May 1861. He served as captain of that company in the famed “Stonewall Brigade” during the campaigns from First Manassas through Gettysburg and was wounded in the groin at the battle of Second Manassas. He was promoted to colonel of the 2nd Virginia Infantry in March 1863, with the rank effective from the date of the battle of Sharpsburg, September 17, 1862. Twice he was detailed from the field army: from November 1861-February 1862 as provost marshal of his native Martinsburg; and from August 1863 as commander of the post at Staunton, Virginia. He resigned his commission because of disability on April 12, 1864. Nadenbousch died on September 13, 1866 and is buried in Old Norborne Cemetery, in Martinsburg.

Nadenbousch’s letters chronicle his service, especially in the Valley of Virginia, but they dwell especially on his concern over his home and family. While in the service, Nadenbousch became involved in a hotel business venture in Staunton, and his letters provide an interesting glimpse of a soldier/entrepreneur. Another group of Nadenbousch papers — relating primarily to his business and personal life before and after the war — are in the collections of the Virginia Historical Society.

Inventory of J.Q.A. Nadenbousch Papers

by Lloyd Montgomery, July-August 1998

All letters written to wife, Hester J. Nadenbousch, except where indicated with asterisk

date	place	content
Sept. 1, 1849	Martinsburg, Va.	asking whether she needs money, etc.
Aug. 25, 1855	Martinsburg, Va.	Samuel Harrison’s black boy Thornton ran off; he spent all night hunting for him
Oct. 11, 1858 * to Hester Nadenbousch from James M. Clark	Newport, Ky.	children are fine; a Catholic church in Covington burned
Feb. 25 * to Hester Nadenbousch from sister Mary	Hedgesville	family matters
March 13, 1861	Strasburg, Va.	he is provost marshal in Strasburg; has heard that Yankees are in Martinsburg; advice on family and farm
April 18, 1861	Harpers Ferry	things are quiet, but confused; destruction at Harpers Ferry; request for items
Tuesday Morning * to “Dear Sister”		request for yarn

from Mary		
April 22, 1861	Harpers Ferry	all is well; advice on family and farm
April 22, 1861 (tg)	Harpers Ferry	please send first volume Scott's Tactics
April 28, 1861	Harpers Ferry	he has read letter from Mr. Staub; advice on family and farm
May 2, 1861	Harpers Ferry	new commander is Col. Jackson; on plans for volunteer troops; advice on farm; health
May 5, 1861	Harpers Ferry, Va.	advice on farm and family
May 7, 1861	Harpers Ferry, Va.	drilling; rumors of strong Unionism in county which he fears will cause Negro uprising
May 7, 1861	Harpers Ferry, Va.	advice on farm and family
May 8, 1861	Harpers Ferry	advice on farm and family
May 14, 1861	Harpers Ferry, Va.	tired because of forced march; advice on money
May 14, 1861	Harpers Ferry	false alarm yesterday; two regiments marched to Shepherdstown; rain & hail; will send dirty clothes
June 4, 1861	Camp Jackson, Boliver [Bolivar], Jefferson Co., Va.	expected to leave for Manassas, but did not; not expecting a fight; heard the U.S.S. Pawnee was sunk
June 9, 1861	Camp Jackson, Boliver [Bolivar]	regiments around them are from Miss., Ala., and Ga.
June 15, 1861	Charlestown	encamped at Fair Grounds; expect to leave for Winchester; Ferry is nearly evacuated
May ?, 1861 *		34,000 Federal troops within 7 miles
June 16, 1861	Charlestown, Jefferson Co., Va., near	marched toward Battletown toward Winchester; advice on farm
June 24, 1861	Martinsburg	prepare to move back; all is well
July 10, 1861	Winchester	rumors of troop movements; advice on money; Hawks & Kersley promoted
July 19, 1861	Manassas Junction	report on battle; numbers killed, wounded, or captured
July 21, 1861	Manassas Junction	in line of battle; -July 22- after battle; list of troop disposition, items captured, etc.
July 22, 1861		Sgt. Dugan visiting Millwood; he is wounded, take care of him
July 24, 1861	Bull Run	details of battle; list of captured equipment; greetings to family
July 31, 1861	Bull Run near Manassas	no new fighting; talk of duty & patriotism; advise on family &

August 3, 1861	Centreville Fairfax Co.	moving; re-cap of battle advise on moving & food; talk of children; visitation by Berkeley citizens; various rumors
August 6, 1861	Centreville	everyone in good health; rumor of troop movement up valley; advise on moving
August 8, 1861		commissary receipt- pay to Capt. Nadenbousch \$1617.90
August 8, 1861	Centreville Fairfax Co.	tried to visit at Millwood; rumors of threats to seize his property; talk of moving; Louis Napoleon passed through to see Jackson
August 10, 1861	Fairfax Co. Va.	last will is enclosed; rumors of troop movement; talk of patriotism & duty; advise on moving; local news
August 12, 1861	Centreville	troop movements (Leesburg & Alexandria); advise on moving; questions about local news
August 15, 1861	Manassas, Fairfax Co., Va.	troops drilling; new rumors; family & local news; items lost in burglary
August 17, 1861	Centreville	advise on moving; talk of President Davis' proclamation; news from home
attached to above to "Dear Hester" from Mary L. Kelley		note about making calico shirts
August 18, 1861	Centreville	asking for clothing mentioned earlier; arraignments with Mary Kelley
August 26, 1861	Centreville	skirmishing below Fairfax CH twice; received gifts from friends; asks about family
August 26, 1861	Centreville	sending deposit cert.; Jos. Ryan is C.O. of forces; advise on moving
August 28, 1861	Centreville	news of troop movements & fighting; advise on family, money, & food
September 1, 1861	Centreville	details on camp life; advise on farm, money, food, & clothing; troop movements
September 5, 1861	Centreville, Camp _____	rumors of battles; details on running a distillery; advise on moving; love to family; talk of shortages
September 16, 1861	near Fairfax Co. Va.	troops on the march; some skirmishing; advise on moving, scarcity of food; word on friends &

September 26, 1861	Camp near Fairfax C.H.	family discussion of various peoples health; talk of house & distillery; advise on moving-Sept. 28-big storm ; talk on making camp beds
September 26, 1861 *to Master Q.F.Nadenbousch*	Camp near Fairfax C.H.	Take care & study; talk of house & distillery; troops around Loonesville [Lewinsville]
September 29, 1861	Camp near Fairfax C.H.	advise on family, slaves, food, & moving; talk of house & distillery; sound of cannon at Leesburg; sent \$600
October 19, 1861	Centreville	talk of distillery, letters, & packages sent; expecting a fight soon; advise on provisions
October 22, 1861	Centreville	details of battle of Leesburg; talk of his position in army; talk of business
October 28, 1861	near Fairfax Court House	on picket duty; rumor of Fed. troops in Martinsburg; advice on moving home
November 4, 1861	Centreville	Gov. Letcher reviewed Va. regts. & gave each a flag; talk of camp life; news about home; advise on moving
November 19, 1861	Winchester	moving towards Martinsburg; business news; sending items home
December 3, 1861 January 5, 1862	Bath, Morgan Co., Va.	advise on farm; will try to visit news of battle; rumor of destruction of dams & railroads; expect to be home soon
January 9, 1862	Ungers Store	in temporary camp; discussion of fathers death & estate; advise on moving
February 2, 1862	Martinsburg	talks of provost job & consequences; moving into town; rumor of Gen. Jackson resigning; advise on moving & family
February 20, 1862	Martinsburg	Co. is on provost guard; difficulties at home; talk of moving
February 24, 1862	Martinsburg	troop movements; news of home; tried to visit but having trouble getting away
March 1, 1862	Camp near Winchester	arrived here safely; rumors in great numbers; he is now provost marshal
March 4, 1862	Winchester, Va.	rumors of troops at home; advise on moving , slaves, & money
March 16, 1862 *	Winchester	letter defending the character &

to General Jackson from Mrs. Philip Williams March 14, 1862	Strasburg	loyalty of her friend, Mr. Lyndon, who was arrested for being from the North now stationed here & doing well; advise on moving, children, & slaves; write Mary Kelley
April 18, 1862	Camp near Harrisonburg	wounded at Kernstown; advise on money & children; please write
April 14, 1862* to "Dear Friends" from Caroline M. Custer April 28, 1862	Madison Jefferson Co. Swift Run Gap, Rockingham Co.	asking about fate of family & friends, have not heard from them in over a year; send to Millwood or Berryville
May 26, 1862	Camp near Winchester	please try to write; advise on farm, mill, money, & children; curses for Yankees; skirmishing at our front advise on moving, children, & slaves; Conf. forces in Martinsburg; list of wounded; advise on sending letters please help by attending to anything my family may need; send surplus funds to wife or Moses
June 3, 1862 * to H. L. Staub, Esq.		pay to my wife any funds you may get in to cover my debts
June 3, 1862 * to S.B. Harrison, Esq. June 3, 1862	Mount Jackson	advise on children & money; intend to resign when 1 year is up; news on home
June 21, 1862	Camp near Gordonsville	talk of army news; advise on business & slaves; greetings to children
June 22, 1862		advise on children & supplies; talk of bad news at home, bogus election; advise on how to handle threats & ridicule
July 9, 1862 /July 11, 1862	Camp at White Lake [Oak] Bottoms	weather; news & rumors of army; advise on farm, money, mill, & money
July 20, 1862* to Capt. O'Brien- A.A.Genl. from Peter Hauff*	Camp near Gordonsville	request from P.E. Hauff for a discharge from active service due to being over 35 years of age. Hauff is a member of Nadenbousch's regiment
July 23, 1862	Camp near Gordonsville	greetings to family
August 1, 1862		advise on money & farm; please write
August 7, 1862/August 15, 1862	Camp near Gordonsville	advise on slaves & money; greetings & advise to son; fight w/ Popes forces; took prisoners from Kerns Co.
September 2, 1862* to Hester	Hedgesville	wanted to visit but oath has kept her away; rumors of war; talk of family

Nadenbousch from Mary J.N. (sister)		& friends
October 10, 1862	Winchester	arrived safe; send bill of sale for tobacco; buying Conf. bonds worth \$10,000
November 24, 1862	Woodstock	leaving for the valley; advise on property
December 4, 1862	Camp near Guineys Station	now in charge of Regt.; food is scarce; still intends to resign; unsafe to return home due to Yankees; idea of opening tavern in valley
December 19, 1862	Camp on road near Fredericksburg	list of killed & wounded in fight on 13 th ; talk of quitting & reflections in horrors of war; advise to family
December 22, 1862	camp	details of fight at Fredericksburg; talk of resigning; advise on farm & children
January 4, 1863	Camp Winder Mosses Neck	Fredericksburg; advise on farm & money; rumors of army-war over soon; talked w/ Fed. troops
January 13, 1863 January 7, 1863	Camp Winder	advise on money & farm comments on war; talk of coming home
January 15, 1863	camp	talks of Fed. troops at home 'administering the oath'; planning to resign; news of other officers
January 26, [1863] * to sister from	Hedgesville	sympathies on death of her child; various religious comments; news of friends & family; talk of visiting
Mary Nadenbousch February 16, 1863	Camp Winder	still in winter quarters; rumors of armistice; troops are well; talk of friends; advise on slaves
February 21, 1863 * promotion to colonel		official document promoting Nadenbousch from Lt. Col. to Col.
February 9, 1863 * to Hester Nadenbousch from cousin, Mary Allan		news of family & death of sister-in-law; please send news of family
February 4, 1863		will try to get home soon; advise on children
February 2, 1863	Camp Winder	camp theatre; Hooker taking command; blockade in S.C.; Dr. Boyd murdered; please write; Jan. 3- advice on school & children; talk of

March 15, 1863		returning in spring wonders why he has received no letters from her; still in winter quarters & planning to resign; talk of friends & going to church
March 27, 1863		still waiting to hear from her; rumors of destruction of their property; advise on children, horses, & slaves; thanksgiving & religious revival
March 30, 1863	Camp Winder	discussion of washday; expecting action; still have not heard from home; please write
April 4, 1863	Camp Winder	still has not heard from home & is getting upset about it
April 4, 1863 *	Camp Winder	asks if this person could help him get news from home
May 12, 1863	Camp near Fredericksburg	heavy fighting at Chancellorsville (US Ford) list of forces & losses; Jackson's death; news of others from hometown; still no letters from home
May 15, 1863	Camp near Fredericksburg	still no news from home; heard of sons illness; brigade losses; intent to resign; talk of those from home killed or wounded
June 15, 1863	camp on road	near Winchester after severe fight; list of captured & wounded; talk of visiting; greetings to son; talk of finding slaves in Winchester
June 19, 1863	camp on road	in camp in MD.; rumors of war ending; new horse; advise on house & living
June 22, 1863	Camp Stonewall	in sight of enemy in Sharpsburg; disposition of troops; talks of pursuing Negroes; will visit; advise to son
August 11, 1863	Camp near Orange Court House	arrived safe; talks of sending in resignation; talks of buying land; wonders if he will be allowed to return; greetings to children
August 26, 1863	Staunton	posted here w/ other officers; looking to buy a place & send for them; prices high
September 2, 1863	Staunton	he is commandant of post; trying to buy house; advise on clothing, property, & food-list of food prices
September 10, 1863	Staunton	send word via messenger; rented a

September 16, 1863		house; asks for plans still no word; advise on writing; questions on events at home
September 22, 1863	Staunton	letter of introduction-Miss M.S. Heiskell, on her way to Philadelphia; allow her to stay & assist her; note on back- your husband is well, etc.
September 22, 1863	Staunton	rented a house; still no word from home; has heard about family through others; greetings & advise to children
September 29, 1863 *to Mrs. Nadenbousch from Jane M. Gregg	Winchester	does she ever hear from Hedgesville & can she get word to people there; will try to get letter to her husband
September 24, 1863	Staunton	all is well; still no word from home; send letter by flag of truce
October 11, 1863 * to Hester Nadenbousch from Roebuck	Phelix County, Arkansas	talk of family; rumors of fighting
October 27, 1863 * to Frederick from father	Staunton, Va.	advise on various things; he & a friend have purchased a hotel; news on family & friends
November 1, 1863		plans to open hotel; talk of her moving; advise on children
December 30, 1863	Staunton	talk of children & hotel
January 2, 1864 * to H.J. Nadenbousch from "Mr. Nobody"		talk of hotel, children, moving, & items needed; greetings & news from home; talk of quitting army
January 4, 1864	Staunton	talk of moving & sending supplies
January 27, 1864		talk of hotel; list of items needed; discussion of land & moving
February 13, 1864	Staunton	in poor health; talk of hotel; plans to resign; talk of servants & friends
February 15, 1864 * to Hon. James A. Seddon from A.R. Boteler	Richmond	recommending Dr. G.A. Hammill for surgeon in Conf. army
February 23, 1864	Staunton	talk of hotel; he has offered his resignation again; letter he sent fell into Fed. hands; please write
February 27, 1864	Staunton	still waiting on resignation; please write & send photos; come visit
March 6, 1864		letter via a lady going north, extend her every courtesy; no word on

March 9, 1864		resignation advise on home & servants; list of items needed; money problems
March 16, 1864		received photos; advise on children; resignation not accepted; discussion of family; please write
April 11, 1864	Staunton	still in poor health; problems at home w/ confiscated property; description of hotel & people
April 30, 1864	Staunton	resignation accepted; still ill; talk of going home; discussion of troops; advise on money, property, & children; news of friends
May 8, 1864	Staunton	still ill; rumors of fighting; list of losses; talk of hotel; advise on farm & mill
May 28, 1864	Staunton	feeling better; business is quiet due to fighting; list of wounded & dead, including JEB Stewart [Stuart]; greetings
June 21, 1864	Staunton	will send word; railroad destroyed; discussion of pass through lines; business is down
June 9, 1864	Staunton	Fed. forces in town-Gen. Hunter & staff in hotel; business is bad-planning to close; advise on children
June 22, 1864	Staunton	discussion of health & business; list of boarders; news of friends & family; greetings to children; rumors of war
June 29, 1864	Staunton	making arrangements to see her; letter carried by Dr. McChesney, his partner
July 15, 1864	Staunton	arrived safely; talks of son, money, & business; list of items he needs
July 26, 1864	Staunton	carrier could not get through w/first letter, sending another
July 28, 1864	Staunton	talks of hotel, Freddy (son), & Louise (slave); discussion of her moving long & troublesome journey; talk of Henrys death; discussion of hotel & livestock; lost some items on trip home
August 8, 1864	Staunton	long & troublesome journey; talk of Henrys death; discussion of hotel & livestock; lost some items on trip home
August 9, 1864	Staunton	very busy; hoping to come & visit soon; talks of son & moving
August 10, 1864	Staunton	talk of problems at home; talk of

August 23, 1864	Staunton	problems with him moving home; news of friends & family
August 27, 1864*		hope to visit soon; recap of last letter
military document		recommendation for a 30 day furlough for Charles Wiltshire-Co.A, 12th Cav.-Rossers Brigade; due to gun shot wound in the leg
November 16, 1864	Staunton	hope to get home soon; cannot sell hotel for any useful amount of money; prices of food; talk of business at home, Lincoln's re-election, & peace; advise on dealing w/ obnoxious creditor
December 3, 1864	Staunton	separation from family; talk of selling hotel & problems w/ Conf. money; news of friends & family; greetings to family
December 19, 1864	Staunton	news of trip to Richmond to buy supplies; plans to open business; talk of selling hotel; talk of friends & family; news of troops 'passing down the valley'
January 24, 1865	Staunton	news of son; talk of war ending; hotel & store; sending her bank drafts for northern funds; talk of friends
February 13, 1865	Staunton	news of friends & family; new determination among the people; sending 2 more bank drafts
March 26, 1865	Staunton	talk of friends; railroad destroyed; discussion of moving; news of friends; talk of investments
April 1, 1865	Staunton	thinking of closing down & going home; talk of children & business; questions if he can come home w/out taking the oath; prices are high
April 22, 1865	Staunton	talk of friends & family; planning on leaving next week; talk of closing businesses; Conf. money has crashed; army is gone
May 15, 1865* pass (barely legible)signed R.____. Merritt(?)	Staunton	safe pass for the American Hotel for ten days
July 26, 1865	Staunton	talk of business & repairs; will be home next week; money is scarce
August 30, 1865	Staunton	arrived safely; tobacco is ready to

September 5, 1865	Staunton	ship; going to Richmond w/ pardon papers; talk of business back from Richmond, papers approved; discussion of business; upon returning home will go to Washington to see to his pardon; in poor health
March 10, 1866	Staunton	discussion of family & business; disposition of remains of a friend; repairs proceeding
March 16, 1866	Staunton	talk of business, farm, & hotel; eye is still bad, doctor recommends going to springs; talk of lawyers
March 18, 1866	Staunton	eye still giving him trouble; reply so he can know if he can return home; advise on farming; going to Lexington
March 24, 1866	Staunton	talk of money, farming, & business; money problems
July 10, 1866		death of her uncle James; preparation for trip & funeral
n.d. Dear John from Mary		Mary Ellen has died; talk of burial arrangements

Sgt. Tucker St. Joseph Randolph Letters

To	Date	Place	Content
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	30 May 1861	Potomac Creek Bridge Battery	He is safe; firing of guns to bring up troops from Fredericksburg; exchange with gunboat on creek.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary (Nora)]	23 May 1864	Near Hanover Junction	General Lee in glorious spirits; Stonewall brigade engaged; summary of action from May 7-13 th [Overland Campaign; Wilderness and Spotsylvania]; Lee and Gordon at Mule Shoe Spotsylvania, Lee to the rear incident; summary of skirmishing from 13 th -18 th ; casualties in brigade; discussion of reinforcements and strength of the army; effects of constant fighting.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	30 Sept 1862	Lexington, Kentucky	Problems with communication; prisoners taken; skirmishing with cavalry near Covington; burnt a railroad bridge; misses the Old Dominion.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	5 Nov 1861	Camp about 5 miles from Staunton	Weather cold; movements done in a bungling manner; desires boots to be sent.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	11 Dec 1861	Camp near Staunton	Acquires boots; discussion of Randolph's request to be granted a commission.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	13 Dec 1861	Staunton	Complaints of lodging; General Loring's orders not to let soldiers drift to Richmond; discusses boots; well wishes to home.
Pa	30 Dec	Camp near	Inspection of brigade, strength about 2200 men;

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[Randolph, J. W.]	1861	Winchester	Christmas wishes, etc.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	31 Dec 1861	Camp near Winchester	Rumors of advancing Yankees; inspection and muster; Jackson' brigade finest in service, equipped with Enfield rifles.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	Dec 1861	Staunton	Money issues; stables caught on fire and the effort to put the fire out; heard about Mason and Slidell incident.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	12 Jan 1862	Camp in Morgan	Jackson granting furloughs; discussion of furloughs; weather mild.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	19 Jan 1862	Camp Near Romney	Typescript of 19 Jan 1862 letter (2 copies).
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	19 Jan 1862	Camp near Romney	Discussion of Jackson's men; enlistments expire, but greater portion of men will stay.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	8 Feb 1862	Winchester	Desires to come home, will attempt to get a furlough.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	9 Feb 1862	Camp 3 miles from Winchester	Weather, marching; desire to reenlist with artillery; wants a commission; difficulty of visiting home.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	10 Feb 1862	Camp near Winchester	Reenlistments going on rapidly; reenlisting and gaining commission.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	17 Feb 1862	Camp near Winchester	Expects to go to Manassas; expectation for struggle in VA in spring; discussion of reenlisting, considers the Marine Corps; hasn't been paid.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	23 Feb 1862	Camp near Winchester	Letters, packages not arrived; Jackson ordered no more furloughs; discussion of raising a company so he can get commission; talk of the weather; disease kills more men than the sword.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	1 Mar 1862	Camp near Winchester	Bundle of goods arrived; expecting reinforcements; asks farther to look into possibility of getting him into Crenshaw battery as a Sgt.; weather.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	6 Mar 1862	Camp near Winchester	Discussion of reenlistment and the draft.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	21 Mar 1862	Camp near Mt. Jackson	Discussion of letters; militia arrive; Col. E. Johnson arrives.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	March		Account of battles previous, ordered to support Pendleton's battery near Winchester; bruised in the foot by enemy fire.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	1 Sept 1862	Richmond, Kentucky	Arrived in the morning with Heth as part of bodyguard; discussion of fighting at Richmond and aftermath; advance on Lexington; Manson's capture and description of town.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	16 Oct 1862	Camp near Big Hill, Madison County, Kentucky	Men carrying parents' letters had been captured by bushwhackers; on the retreat from Kentucky; Bragg and Smith. shamefully outgeneraled; sent out a reconnaissance with 50 men and captured men from 1 st Ohio Cavalry; didn't get along with Captain in old company; discussion of possible future posts.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	30 Oct 1862	Knoxville	Was on a mission to carry dispatches; discussion of troops movements; riding with H.M. Ashby, cousin to Turner Ashby.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	6 Nov 1862	Knoxville	Acting as H.M. Ashby's adjutant general; men curse Bragg and Smith, need someone like Johnson or Beauregard; Heth could have taken Covington and Cincinnati if not for Smith;

To	Date	Place	Content
			criticizes Smith.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	12 Nov 1862	Knoxville	Waiting in Knoxville for Kirby-Smith; Pegram assigned to brigade, which means Ashby is back to regiment and Randolph to old company; prices high; John Morgan's brother killed near Lexington.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	5 Dec 1862	Camp near Murfreesboro	Pegram visited Randolph's mother in Richmond; cavalry brought in prisoners.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	8 Dec 1862	Headquarters 1 st Tennessee Cavalry near Murfreesboro	Morgan made another raid; Pegram took command of brigade; brigade is prejudiced against Pegram.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	9 Feb 1862	Somerville Ford	Exciting times; skirmishes with enemy; artillery shelled enemy; Gordon's brigade and Randolph's did all the fighting.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	20 Oct 1862	Near Rappahannock Station, Headquarters, Pegram's Brigade, Early's Division, Ewell's Corps	Warrenton Springs destroyed; country desolate; marched to Bristoe Station but arrived too late.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	20 Jan 1864	Somerville Ford	Please write; bored; detailed discussion of daily routine; deserter executed (includes diagram of the set-up for the execution); requests that a French grammar be sent.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	21 Jan 1864	Somerville Ford	Talks about being bored.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	24 Jan 1864	Somerville Ford	Copy of General Orders #7 [also in OR Ser I. Vol XXXIII, 1117]; comments on Lee's good qualities; went to Clark's Mountain; asks for socks.
Harmon [?]	28 Jan 1864	Somerville Ford	Doesn't get many letters; weather poor.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	3 Feb 1864	Somerville Ford	Father's horse lost or stolen; French grammar arrived; wants paper and envelopes; needs something to read.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	13 Feb 1864	Somerville Ford	Will not buy another horse; Yankee pickets extra alert.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	23 Feb 1864	Somerville Ford	Morrison will visit Richmond; had a good time riding to Clark's Mountain.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	11 Mar 1864	Somerville Ford	Stable at home has been burnt; mention of Dahlgren raid; hard to live on soldiers' pay.
Pa [Randolph, J. W.]	17 Mar 1864	Somerville Ford	Saddle was stolen, will try to obtain a replacement from saddles captured during the Dahlgren raid.
Ma [Tucker, Honoria Mary]	16 May 1864	Headquarters, Pegram's Brigade, 3 miles from Spotsylvania Courthouse	Reached here on the 10 th ; not heavily engaged. Summary of battles at Spotsylvania, Mule Shoe, Lee to the rear incident. Most desperate charge, brigade supported by Gordon; Gordon made Major General.

Lieutenant T.D. Rock, Co. F, 1st Texas Infantry

to	Date	place	content
Father and Mother [patriotic stationery]	August 20, 1861	Camp Walker near Alexandria, VA	just arrived; spent a month in Richmond as regiment organized; expect to move forward in few days

Pvt. Rosser F. Rock, Goochland Artillery, Virginia Light Artillery

to	Date	place	content
Sister (fragment)	May 17, 1863	V.M.I.	
Sister (fragment)	December 15, 1863	Chaffins Bluff	
Sister	January 29, 1864	Chaffins Bluff	
Sister (fragment)	May 27, 1864	Fort Harrison near Chaffins Bluff	
Sister	August 1, 1864		
Sister	September 19, 1864		on the digging of the Dutch Gap Canal and efforts to prevent it; long discussion of morale in the army; news from home
Sister	November 25, 1864	Chaffins Bluff	

Pvt. William H. Routt, Wise's Battery and Eubanks' Battery, Virginia Light Artillery

[also includes statement by Lt. M.S. Leake, commanding Taylor Battery about Routt's service in the battery, with physical description]

to	Date	place
Bettie	November 25, 1862	camp near Fredericksburg
Bettie	January 25, 1863	Head Quarters Artillery
Bettie+	March 13, 1863	Head Quarters Artillery Camp
Bettie	May 10, 1863	Camp near Salem Church
Bettie	May 27, 1863	Artillery Camp
Bettie	June 23, 1863	Camp near Milwood Clarke County Va
Bettie	July 16, 1863	Camp near Bunker Hill Frederick County, Va
Bettie	August 1, 1863	Mitchell Station Culpepper Co.
Bettie	September 6, 1863	

Bettie	September 26, 1863	Camp near Ringgold, Potoosa County, Georgia
Bettie	September 28, 1863	Camp near Ringgold, Potoosa County, Georgia
Bettie	October 4, 1863	Camp near Chattanooga Hamilton County Tennessee
Bettie	October 8, 1863	Camp at the foot of Lookout Mountain in sight of Chattanooga
Bettie	October 18, 1863	Camp near Chattanooga
Bettie	October 28, 1863	Camp near Chattanooga
Bettie	November 12, 1863	Camp near P__ville, Spencer County, Tennessee
Bettie	May 21, 1864	Artillery Camp near Spotsylvania Court House
Bettie	July 20, 1864	Howletts
Bettie	October 9, 1864	In the trenches
Bettie	October 18, 1864	In the trenches
Bettie	November 26, 1863	
Bettie	December 7, 1864	In the trenches

Private William Burch Short Letters, 1863

Acquired by donation in 1976, the letters of Pvt. William Burch “Sambo” Short to his wife document Short’s entire service with Company E, 56th Virginia Infantry. A native of Brunswick County, Virginia, Short (1832-1863), Short initially was exempted from service because of stomach illness, then conscripted in February 1863. The letters to his wife, Barbara (whom he married in December 1861) begin immediately upon his enlistment. The last of the letters was written from a hospital in Chester, Pennsylvania, where he convalesced after his capture at Gettysburg and imprisonment at Fort Delaware. He died three weeks later of scorbutus (scurvy); his body was later reinterred at the C.S.A. section of the Philadelphia National Cemetery. [source: William A. and Patricia C. Young, *56th Virginia Infantry*, p.175]

Throughout his correspondence, Short dwelled on his own health and his efforts to obtain a discharge; he also gave his wife detailed instructions on managing the family farm. The inventory of letters below describes contents of the letters other than such details.

dates	places	description
February 2, 1863	Chester, VA	camp and facilities;

February 27, 1863	Chester Station, VA	assignment to 56 th rumor of movement to Petersburg; attempt to get discharge
March 6, 1863	Prince George Co., VA	women cheering in Petersburg; incompetence of surgeons; instructions for plantation management
March 14, 1863	Pitt County, near Greenville, NC	movements; terrain of eastern NC
March [25?], 1863	Gray Swamp Church, Pitt County, near Greenville, NC	movements around Plymouth, NC
April 18, 1863	Washington, NC	guard duty; artillery fire; clothing and equipment shortages
April 25, 1863	Nansemond County, near Suffolk, Virginia	details about Suffolk fortifications
April 27, 1863	Nansemond County, near Suffolk, Virginia	details about Suffolk fortifications
May 15, 1863	Rice's Turnout, Chesterfield County, VA	describes trip from Suffolk to Richmond; funeral of Stonewall Jackson
May 20, 1863	Hanover Junction, Hanover County, VA	rumors of impending movements; diet; drill; heat
My 24, 1863	Anderson's Turnout, Hanover County, VA	health; treatment by surgeons
May 26, 1863	Taylorville, Hanover County, VA	camp life
June 1, 1863	Anderson's Turnout, Hanover County, VA	rumors of impending movements; management of plantation
June 11, 1863	Culpeper CH, Culpeper, VA	on battle of Brandy Station
June 19, 1863	Fauquier County, VA	route of march; effect of heat on men
June 23, 1863	Snickersville, Snicker's Gap, Clarke County, VA	describes country; rumors of invasion of North; request for clothes
June 26, 1863	Greencastle, Pennsylvania	march into Pennsylvania; describes country; execution of deserter
June 30, 1863	Chambersburg, Pennsylvania	movements of army
August 18, 1863	Chester, Pennsylvania	capture at Gettysburg; treatment by "ladies" at

hospital

The Civil War Letters of Captain Leonard Williams, 2nd South Carolina Cavalry

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Letters from Williams to Dear Anna (wife)

Camp Ashland, VA

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July 18, 1861

July 21, 1861

Camp Ashland, VA

July 24, 1861

Hanover Junction, VA

July 27, 1861

Manassas, VA

August 29, 1861

Bacon Race Church, VA

September 9, 1861

Bacon Race Church, VA / Camp Griffin

September 10, 1861

undated

Bacon Race Church, VA / Camp Griffin

September 16, 1861

4 miles from Bacon Race Church, VA

September 17, 1861

Bel Ayre, VA, near Bacon Race Church

September 26, 1861

Camp Griffin, VA

October 10, 1861

Camp Connor

November 24, 1861

Camp Butler, VA

December 29, 1861

Camp Walter, VA

January 13, 1862

Camp Wigfall, VA

January 22, 1862

Camp Wigfall, VA

January 25, 1862

Camp Wigfall, VA

February 2, 1862

Bacon Race, VA

March 3, 1862

Camp Evans, VA / Catlett's Station

March 30, 1862

Camp Bartow near Fredericksburg, VA

April 2, 1862

Camp Bartow near Fredericksburg, VA

April 3, 1862

May 8, 1862

New Kent C.H., VA

May 10, 1862

Bivouac near Richmond

May 20, 1862

Cavalry Camp HQ 2 miles from

	Richmond
May 21, 1862	Cavalry Camp HQ 2 miles from Richmond
May 24, 1862	Cavalry Camp HQ 2 miles from Richmond
June 15, 1862	near Richmond
June 19, 1862	Cavalry Camp near Richmond
June 21, 1862	Cavalry Camp HQ 2 miles from Richmond
June 26, 1862	Cavalry Camp HQ 9 miles from Richmond
July 7, 1862	Bivouac 30 miles from Richmond
July 10, 1862	Camp near Richmond
July 14, 1862	Camp in Hanover Co., 9 miles from Richmond
July 16, 1862	Camp Discipline, 9 miles from Richmond
July 24, 1862	Camp near Hanover C.H., VA
August 19, 1862	White Oak Swamp, 15 miles below Richmond
August 26, 1862	Camp on North Anna, 35 miles above Richmond on Central RR
September 7, 1862	Camp near Urbana, MD
September 25, 1862	Camp on the Potomac, 7 miles north of Martinsburg
September 28, 1862	Camp near Martinsburg
October 9, 1862	Camp near Martinsburg Camp near Martinsburg
October 21, 1862	Camp near Martinsburg
October 24, 1862	
November 12, 1862	Rappahannock Co., near Little Washington, VA
December 6, 1862	Camp on the Rappahannock, 15 miles above Fredericksburg, VA
December 11, 1862	Camp on the Rapidan River
December 20, 1862	Camp near Raccoon Ford, VA
January 1, 1863	Camp near Raccoon Ford, VA
January 8, 1863	Camp near Kelly's Ford, VA
January 9, 1863	
January 23, 1863	Camp near Stephensburg, Culpeper Co., VA
February 5, 1863	Camp near Stephensburg, Culpeper Co., VA
March 22, 1863	Sta[u]nton, VA
March 31, 1863	Nelson County, VA
April 10, 1863	Nelson County, VA
April 29, 1863	New Market, Nelson Co., VA
May 11, 1863	near Gordonsville, VA
May 14, 1863	Camp near Gordonsville, VA
May 16, 1863	Bivouac near Culpeper Co., VA
May 19, 1863	Camp near Culpeper, VA
June 8, 1863	Camp near Culpeper, VA
June 11, 1863	Camp near Brandy Station, VA
June 24, 1863	Camp on Shenandoah
June 30, 1863	Camp 5 miles north of

July 11, 1863	Chambersburg, PA
July 14, 1863	Washington Co., MD
July 19, 1863	Camp near Martinsburg, VA
July 28, 1863	
July 29, 1863	Camp near Culpeper, VA
August 2, 1863	Camp near Culpeper, VA
August 8, 1863	near Gordonsville, VA
August 13, 1863	Clifton, Orange Co., VA
August 18, 1863	Camp near Brandy Station, Culpeper Co., VA
August 22, 1863	Camp near Brandy Station, Culpeper Co., VA
August 27, 1863	Camp near Brandy Station, VA
September 5, 1863	Camp near Brandy Station, VA
September 15, 1863	Raccoon Ford, Orange Co., VA
September 19, 1863	Camp near Orange C.H., VA
September 25, 1863	North of Rapidan, Orange Co., VA
October 1, 1863	Camp between Robinson and Rapidan River
October 8, 1863	Camp between Robinson and Rapidan River
October 22, 1863	Bivouac near Hazel River, Culpeper Co., VA
October 26, 1863	Camp near Stephensburg, VA
November 6, 1863	Camp near Stephensburg, VA
November 13, 1863	Camp near Orange C.H., VA
November 19, 1863	Camp near Orange, VA
November 26, 1863	Orange C.H., VA
December 17, 1863	Camp near Fredericksburg, VA
December 1863	Camp near Fredericksburg, VA
December 23, 1863	Camp near Hamilton's Crossing, VA
January 5, 1864	Camp near Hamilton's Crossing, VA
January 7, 1864	
January 20, 1864	Camp near Hamilton's Crossing, VA
February 4, 1864	Camp near Hamilton's Crossing, VA
February 12, 1864	Camp near Hamilton's Crossing, VA
February 15, 1864	Camp near Hamilton's Crossing, VA
February 26, 1864	Camp near Hamilton's Crossing, VA
March 5, 1864	Camp, Hamilton's Crossing, VA
March 12, 1864	Camp, Hamilton's Crossing, VA
March 15, 1864	Camp, Hamilton's Crossing, VA
March 18, 1864	Camp, Hamilton's Crossing, VA
March 19, 1864	Camp, Hamilton's Crossing,

	VA
March 24, 1864	Chesterfield Station, VA
April 24, 1864	Columbia, SC
April 26, 1864	Columbia, SC
May 7, 1864	Georgetown, SC
May 9, 1864	Camp Jackson, near Georgetown, SC
May 12, 1864	Camp near Georgetown, SC
June 8, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
June 13, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
June 15, 1864	Newberry, SC
June 18, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
June 20, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
June 23, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
June 25, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
June 27, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
June 28, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
July 3, 1864	Camp Jackson [near Georgetown, SC]
July 13, 1864	Mt. Pleasant, SC
July 20, 1864	Chisholmville, near Green Pond, SC
July 24, 1864	Chisholmville, SC
July 30, 1864	Chisholmville, near Green Pond, SC
September 28, 1864	Chisholmville, SC
October 5, 1864	Chisholmville, SC
October 21, 1864	near Green Pond, SC
December 7, 1864	Wilmington, NC
January 30, 1865	Wilmington, NC
February 8, 1865	Wilmington, NC
February 11, 1865	Wilmington, NC

W. R. Martin, 12th South Carolina Volunteers to “Dear Cousin”

January 25, 1862	Colleton Dist., Green Pond, SC
February 25, 1862	Green Pond, SC

Captain John Christopher Winsmith letters, 1859-1866

[262 letters]

The letters of John Christopher Winsmith (who went by Christopher), Company G, 5th South Carolina Infantry and 2nd Company H, 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry (Hagood’s regiment), is the most extensive collection in the Museum’s holdings. Winsmith wrote to his mother and father (usually separately) several times a week without fail. The continuous run of letters (broken only in early 1863) provides great details on Winsmith’s service with the Army of Northern Virginia, in defense of Charleston, and in East Tennessee. Winsmith was seriously wounded in the shoulder at the battle of Peeble’s Farm (September 29, 1864) and did not return to service. He survived the war and was appointed brigadier general of state militia in 1865-1866.

The Winsmith letters are sequentially numbered, with the numbers written in pen on the letters themselves. What follows is a very general calendar of the letters, divided into groups according to the places from which Winsmith wrote.

item number(s)	place(s)	date range
1-3	Columbia, SC	1859
5-10	Charleston, SC	April 1861
11-27	Camp Beaufort, Sullivan’s Is., SC	April-May 1861
28-40	camps near Manassas, VA	June 1861-Jan. 1862
41-43	Columbia, SC	Jan.-May 1862
44-50	Charleston, SC	May 1862
52-73	James Is., Charleston, SC	June-July 1862
74-76	Columbia, SC	July 1862
77-85	James Is./Secessionville, Charleston, SC	July-August 1862
86	Columbia, SC	July 1862
87-88	Richmond, VA	August 22, 1862
89-90	Gordonsville, VA	August 1862
91-95	Maryland campaign (including one from Frederick, MD)	September 1862
96-114	Camp near Winchester, VA	September-Oct. 1862
115-123	Camp near Culpeper, VA	November 1862
124-137	near Fredericksburg, VA	November-Dec. 1862
138	Charleston, SC	July 25

139-140	Fredericksburg, VA	January 1863
141-154	Camp near Petersburg, VA	July-September 1863
155	from James P. Boyce to Dr. W.	September 26, 1863
156	Atlanta, GA	September 20, 1861
157	Ringgold, GA	September 21, 1863
158-175	near Chattanooga, TN	September-Nov. 1863
176-177	along railroads in northern GA	November 1863
178-182	near Knoxville	November-Dec. 1, 1863
183	near Rogersville, TN	December 4, 1863
184	Camp near Bean's Station, TN	December 17, 1863
185-186	Camp near Morristown, TN (including letter from P. Bearden)	December 1863
187	Columbia, SC	January 3, 1864
188-195	Camps near New Market and Strawberry Plains, TN	February 1864
196-207	Bivouacs near Bull's Gap and Russelville, TN	February-March 1864
208	near Greenville, TN	March 1864
209-213	Camp near Zolicoffer, TN	April 1864
214	Lynchburg, VA	April 19, 1864
215-216	near Charlottesville, VA	April 1864
217-219	Cobham's Station, VA	April-May 2, 1864
220	Gordonsville, VA	May 4, 1864
221-222	Battlefield near Spotsylvania, VA	May 14-15, 1864
223-227	near Pamunkey River, VA	May-June 1864
228	near Malvern Hill, VA	June 1864
229-236	near Petersburg, VA	June-July 25, 1864
237-243	Chaffin's Bluff	August 1864
244-252	near Petersburg, VA	August-September 1864
253	Rural Point: letter from Tommie Robertson to Aunt	September 30, 1864
254-258	telegrams to Dr. Winsmith re: wounding of Christopher	October 1864
259	C.F. Jones to Dr. W	
260	Johnson Hagood to Gov. James Orr, re: Winsmith's appointment [copy]	December 1865
261	John Bratton to Gov. James Orr, re: Winsmith's appointment[copy]	December 1865
262	clipping re: Winsmith as brigadier general of militia	January 1866
