



McCormick Civil War Institute

Miscellaneous Civil War Letters Collection

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Extent: 1 box

Date: 1861-1865

Alternative Form Available: Researchers may request to obtain electronic copies of these letters. Transcriptions are available for some of the letters in this collection.

Scope and Content: The letters in this collection cover a wide array of topics, largely related to the Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley.

Arrangement: Box 1—letters

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| Folder Number | Brief Description of Letter |
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| MISCCWLET01 | Letter from Thomas Wentworth, 15th Maine Inf., from Martinsburg, WV, Oct. 10, 1864 |
| MISCCWLET02 | Letter from Franklin Arnold, 47th PA Vol. Inf, Nov. 10, 1864, from "Camp, Cedar Creek" |
| MISCCWLET03 | Letter from Robt. Guyton, 139th PA Vol Inf., Nov 17, 1864, Camp Near Winchester, VA, Includes original Cover Postmarked 11/22, Martinsburg, WV |
| MISCCWLET04 | Letter from Abraham N. Rowe, 25th Maine Inf, Oct 16, 1864, Form Camp Two Miles Near Winchester--Includes Cover, Marked 10/30 Martinsburg, WV |
| MISCCWLET05 | Letter from John B. Amiss, 97th VA Militia, July 11, 1861, from Winchester, VA |
| MISCCWLET06 | Letter from J. W. Hunter, 3rd WI Inf., from a camp near Front Royal, VA, July 4, 1864 |
| MISCCWLET07 | Letter from Jason Spear, 15th Maine Inf., from Martinsburg, WV, Oct. 16, 1864 |
| MISCCWLET08 | Letter from Henry J. Fletcher, 12 th Connecticut Infantry, from camp, Cedar Creek, VA, October 11, 1864 |
| MISCCWLET09 | Letter from Lewis M. Foster, 9 th New York Heavy Artillery, from Fort Sumner, July 1, 1864 |
| MISCCWLET010 | Letter from Robert A. Kerrihard, 28 th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from White Plains, VA, June 28, 1862. Letter contains content about the Battle of Cross Keys, fought June 8, 1862. |
| MISCCWLET011 | Letter from Roswell Church, 34 th Massachusetts Infantry, from Cedar Creek, September 21, 1864. Letter contains content related to the 3 rd Battle of Winchester. |
| MISCCWLET012 | Letter from David Jones, Co. B, 155 th Ohio Infantry, from Martinsburg, VA (WV), May 21, 1864. Letter contains information about scout south toward Winchester, graves of Union soldiers [7 th Ohio], Sigel's defenses, and Confederate irregulars. |
| MISCCWLET013 | Letter from Charles Bartlett, 12 th Massachusetts Infantry, from Charles Town, VA, March 8, 1862. Letter contains descriptions of Charles Town, notes about sentiment, Harpers Ferry-related content too. |

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| MISCCWLET014 | Letter from Samuel Hall, 34 th Massachusetts Infantry, from Harpers Ferry, August 18, 1864. Letter contains references to bushwhackers, perspectives on soldier life, looking forward to end of enlistment, and storage of government stores. |
| MISCCWLET015 | Letter from Mann Page, 21 st Virginia Infantry, from Winchester, VA, February 22, 1862. References to Romney Campaign, condition of Confederate camps around Winchester, weather, health, thoughts on English and French intervention, encouragement to family members to not let defeats discourage his uncle. |
| MISCCWLET016 | Letter from Charles Jeffords, 14 th Penna. Cav., Sandy Hook, MD, November 6, 1864. Numerous references to election/support of Lincoln and Harpers Ferry. |
| MISCCWLET017 | Letter from Daniel Cross, 5 th New Hampshire Infantry, Bolivar Hts., Harpers Ferry, October 1862. Excellent content about Harpers Ferry & Charles Town |
| MISCCWLET018 | Letter from Hosea Paul, Jr., U.S. Christian Commission, September 20, 1864, from City Point, VA, discussion of celebration of Sheridan's victory at Third Battle of Winchester, contrabands, commission support for troops. |
| MISCCWLET019 | Francis H. Coffin, 30 th Maine Infantry, to Father from "Camp 30 th Maine Vols." November 15, 1864. Letter notes activity in the lower Valley at this time. |
| MISCCWLET020 | Joshua McCleary, 2 nd Maryland Eastern Shore, to Sister, May 20, 1864 "Way Down in Dixie" [lower Valley]. Letter mentions communities of Winchester, Martinsburg, and Kearneysville. Perspectives on marching, camp, Sigel. |
| MISCCWLET021 | John S. Root, 20 th Connecticut Infantry, to Sister Helen, October 15, 1862, Camp Near Harpers Ferry, at the base of Maryland Heights. Content about camp, troop movements, Genl. Banks. |
| MISCCWLET022 | Unidentified soldier in Banks' command, April 26, 1862, Camp near Keezletown, VA. Rockingham rebellion, living conditions, environmental conditions, pursuit of Confederates |
| MISCCWLET023 | Letter of Marion White, 3 rd Wisconsin Infantry, to cousin, May 14, 1862, from Strasburg, VA. Discusses Banks' fort, beauty of Valley. |
| MISCCWLET024 | Letter from Henry A. Laselle, 114 th NY Infantry, to Mr. H. Seymour, March 15, 1865, from Camp Sheridan [Winchester], VA. Perspectives on patriotism and support for the Union war effort, review by General William H. Emory, General Hancock, arrival of Confederate POW's captured at Waynesboro. |
| MISCCWLET025 | Letter from Private Benjamin F. Weeks, 214 th Pennsylvania Volunteer |

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| | <p>Infantry to wife, May 9, 1865, Summit Point. Letter discusses camp, review by General Thoburn of Army of the Shenandoah, health conditions, and quality of regiment. File also contains biographical information and other ephemera associated with Weeks.</p> |
| MISCCWLET026 | <p>Letter from William Davis Ewing, 52nd Virginia Infantry, June 24, 1863, to wife, from Winchester, VA. Letter discusses medical conditions, Jordan Springs, treatment of civilians, and medical service.</p> |
| MISCCWLET027 | <p>Letter from James Stapleton, 111th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and 22nd Veterans Reserve Corps, October 20, 1864, Indianapolis, IN. Letter offers perspectives about Sherman's capture of Atlanta and Sheridan's successes in the Shenandoah Valley, and perspectives about God being on the side of the Union.</p> |
| MISCCWLET028 | <p>Letter from George Brown, 9th New Hampshire, to Mr. Towle, December 29, 1862, General Hospital Harpers Ferry. Letter addresses items related to Brown's service as head nurse as hospital, Battle of Antietam, mood of the army, hatred of Emancipation Proclamation, and President Abraham Lincoln. Also contains original cover address to Mr. William Towle, esq. and postmarked from Harpers Ferry, December 30, 1862.</p> |