



McCormick Civil War Institute

Miscellaneous Civil War Letters Collection

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Extent: 1 box

Date: 1836, 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
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.

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

	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.
MISCCWLET026	Letter from William Davis Ewing, 52 nd Virginia Infantry, June 24, 1863, to wife, from Winchester, VA. Letter discusses medical conditions, Jordan Springs, treatment of civilians, and medical service.
MISCCWLET027	Letter from James Stapleton, 111 th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and 22 nd 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.
MISCCWLET028	Letter from George Brown, 9 th 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.
MISCCWLET029	Letter from Judge Richard Parker (one who presided over John Brown's trial) to father Judge Richard Parker at the Retreat. Letter is dated February 22, 1836, and discusses life as an attorney, Martin Van Buren, and desire to visit the Retreat.
MISCCWLET030	Letter from Stephen Richardson, 24 th Veteran Reserve Corps (originally served in 108 th New York), to Private Seth Wells, 108 th New York. Letter written from Wisewell Barracks, Washington, DC. Letter offers commentary on the upcoming 1864 presidential election and General Philip H. Sheridan's victory in the Shenandoah Valley.
MISCCWLET031	Letter from Lewis Foster, 9 th NYHA, February 19, 1865, to mother. Letter discusses soldier life, weather, price of goods, family relations. Note that this letter does not appear in "A Good Cause": Letters from the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery. Also includes cover.
MISCCWLET032	Letter from Sgt. Major Miles St. John, 48 th New York Infantry, to "Friend Mary," September 21, 1864, from "Near Petersburg, VA." Letter discusses action fighting and casualties in regiment, salute to Sheridan for his victory at the Third Battle of Winchester, promotion to sergeant major, and condition of the regiment.
MISCCWLET033	Letter from Corporal Quincy A. Randalls, 21 st Ohio Infantry, to "Mr. Dunn Sir," September 28, 1864, from Atlanta, GA. Letter mentions Battle of Jonesboro and discusses reaction to news from Army of the Potomac and Sheridan's victories in the Shenandoah Valley, copperheads, support for George McClellan in the upcoming presidential election, and thoughts about war nearing its end.