

GATES, LUTHER L.
Luther L. Gates letters, 1862-1865

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Gates, Luther L.
Title: Luther L. Gates letters, 1862-1865
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 474
Extent: .5 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Papers of Union soldier Luther L. Gates, who served in the 60th New York Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. Consists of letters, a poem, a clipping and several photographs.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Luther L. Gates, a member of Company A of the 60th New York Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army. The regiment served in West Virginia and Virginia (1862), Alabama (1863-1864), and Georgia (1864-1865), where they took part in the Atlanta Campaign.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the letters of Luther L. Gates from 1862-1865. Of the 21 letters in the collection, 18 are written by Luther Gates to his wife between March 8, 1862 and January 30, 1865. On March 8, 1862, Luther was on duty at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, and remained near there, either in the Shenandoah Valley or at camps in northern Virginia, until at least July 25, 1862. There are no letters between that date and February 28, 1864. Only one letter, undated, written from Bridgeport Alabama, might have been written in 1863. (His regiment was at Bridgeport September 24-October 3, 1863 and November 27, 1863-May 1864.) Luther was probably one of the veterans who had furloughs December 1863-January 1864. He was with the regiment at Stevenson, Alabama, on February 28, 1864, where he remained until May 2. From May 9-September 5, he writes from various places in Georgia, where he took part in the Atlanta Campaign. On September 5, he writes from Atlanta of marching into the city and tearing down houses to build shelters. The next letter, January 30, 1865, is from Sisters Ferry, about 30 miles above Savannah.

Of the three other letters, two were by Luther's brother, J. F. Gates, Smith's 2nd Kansas Battery, Fort Scott, Kansas, one dated April 15, 1864 and one undated. The letter by J. F. Gates mentions troubles with Cherokees and Missourians (Indians). The other letter, signed Charles and Rellern, was written by Luther's son and daughter-in-law and dated January 1, 1884.

The collection also includes a poem, "Our Star," 2 pp., "written for the Savannah Republican"; a clipping, "A Wife's Prayer"; three daguerreotypes or tintype pictures of men, one of whom may be Luther L. Gates; and 12 envelopes.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, March 8, 1862 - April 5, 1864
1	2	Correspondence, April 15, 1864 - January 30, 1865, clipping and poem
1	3	Correspondence, January 1, 1884
1	3	Photograph: Tintype of man in striped smoking jacket
1	4	Photograph: Tintype of man in uniform
1	5	Photograph: Daguerreotype of man in uniform
1	6	Photograph: Daguerreotype of man in uniform [backing missing]
