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Introduction

Minnesotans fought two Civil Wars. The first state to offer volunteers, it was one of the last to have volunteer units still on duty more than a year after the war ended. Minnesotans fought in most of the War's campaigns and major battles, especially in the Western Theater where most of its units served. Only sixteen months into the War the Minnesota frontier exploded into a second front. In little more than a month more civilians were killed than all of the state's Civil War combat deaths. For the next three years Minnesota soldiers learned their trade garrisoning forts and outposts or enduring arduous punitive expeditions into the Dakotas. Most were eventually deployed south after repeated Federal demands. Those who came home had experienced a much more diverse army life than other Civil War veterans.

Minnesota Historical Society collections are particularly rich in reminiscences, letters and diaries documenting daily experiences of its 24,000 Civil War soldiers. Those who donated and collected over the years were confident that this institution could best preserve and make available the memories of Minnesotans to whom the Civil War was the single most memorable event of their lives. As a story of ordinary people caught up in extraordinary events the Civil War and the Minnesota Dakota War continue to fascinate their descendants, students and scholars. This compilation includes most of the individual soldier stories available in the Society's collections. These give a unique and personal window on the war years.

Civil War soldiers served in military units called companies, numbering around 100 and commanded by a captain and two lieutenants. Ten or twelve companies formed a regiment, commanded by a colonel assisted by a lieutenant colonel, one or two majors, and several staff officers. Light artillery batteries of about 150 men functioned much like companies. Most soldiers spent their entire one to three year enlistment in the same company, frequently alongside other young men from the same community. Entries below cite a company letter (from A through L, excluding J) and regimental number following the collection location and title. This facilitates researching individual soldiers by reading accounts from men who served in the same company and may have shared the same daily experiences.

These personal accounts are organized by military unit and alphabetized by last name of the soldier, rather than entry title. Descriptions are brief and may be incomplete. Researchers should first consult the Minnesota Historical Society Reference Library on line catalog and manuscript descriptive notebooks in the reading room for full descriptions before requesting access to individual collections.

Brief service information on Minnesota soldiers is found in the Annual Report of the Adjutant General of Minnesota, 1861-1866 and in Minnesota in the Civil War and Indian Wars 1861-1865. Volume II of the latter includes reports of major battles in which Minnesotans participated. Most individual records from these sources are compiled in the more useable Minnesota Adjutant General's Report of 1866 published by Park Genealogical Books. All are available in the reading room of the Minnesota Historical Society Reference Library. Pension records may also be useful. Ledgers in the Society's collections record nearly 30,000 pension applications from Minnesotans but provide only a fraction of what is available in the individual pension files held at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC. These are available by mail order purchase from NARA.

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Infantry

Minnesota provided eleven infantry regiments and one smaller battalion for Federal service. The First Regiment earned immortality with the Army of the Potomac, however Minnesota Regiments serving in the west earned high reputations. The Second Regiment fought heroically at the battles of Mill Springs, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. The Fourth captured flags at Altoona and fought at the Battle of Nashville. Heroic rear-guard action at Brice's Crossroads sent over 250 of the Ninth Regiment to Andersonville Prison. Minnesotans typically garrisoned frontier posts before being ordered south. Only the First Regiment, First Battalion and the First and Second Companies of Sharpshooters served their entire enlistments in the Eastern Theater.

Rosters and brief histories and of each military unit written by participants are found in Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars 1861 - 1865, St. Paul, 1890. Minnesota units that participated in Dakota War campaigns and expeditions of 1862, 1863 and 1864 are mentioned in many of the general histories of that war.

First Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

P505 Howard S. Abbott and Family Papers, 1864 - 1944. (Asa, E, 1st)

Letter regarding transfer of Lieutenant Abbott to the Signal Corps.

P1290 Marion Abbott Diary and Genealogical Data, 1861 - 1975. (F, 1st)

Corporal Abbott's diary covers June - August 1861 including the Battle of Bull Run.

A.R495e Edmund Rice and Family Papers, 1845 - 1966. (William Acker, C, 1st)

Includes two September 1861 letters from Acker, later a Captain in the 16th U.S. Infantry, with minimal information on the regiment. Other letters describe the recovery of Acker's body after his death at the battle of Shiloh.

P1381 Henry T. Bevans Papers, 1846, 1861 - 1911. (F, 1st)

Correspondence and clippings cover Sergeant Bevans' service in the Regiment, commission to Hatch's Battalion Minnesota Cavalry and resignation for work with the US Secret Service.

A.B655 Samuel Bloomer Papers, 1861 - 1920. (B, 1st)

Color Sergeant Bloomer's letters and diaries contain particularly a good description of Antietam where he lost a leg.

M165 Daniel Bond Reminiscences, Undated. (F, 1st)

Based on his diaries, Corporal Bond's 334 handwritten reminiscences cover his service with the Regiment and Battalion, his capture, and imprisonment at Andersonville.

A/+B789 George F. Boyd and Family Papers, 1852 - 1961. (E, 1st)

Includes Lieutenant Boyd's commissions and Company E muster rolls.

[Not yet catalogued] George R. Buckman Papers, 1863 - 1865. (G, 1st)

Detailed and insightful daily journal of Sergeant Buckman's service in the Second Corps Hospital following Gettysburg through his muster out at Fort Snelling.

P939 Carpenter, Alfred P. (K, 1st)

Transcript of July 30, 1863 letter describing his Gettysburg experiences.

P939 Colvill, William.

Biographical sketches and reminiscences of the Regiment's colonel at Gettysburg.

P939 Collins, George E.

Bandsman Collins' letter from Fort Snelling of June 6, 1861.

M233 Charles E. Davis Letters, 1859 - 1866. (I, E, C, 1st)

Nearly 200 detailed letters of sergeant, regimental sergeant major and later officer include information on the regiment's training, daily activities, politics and campaigns.

A/.D989 G. Merrill Dwelle and Family Papers, 1843 - 1896. (L, 1st)

Descriptive letters and diary include activities of the Regiment during the Peninsular Campaign. (A second diary has a bullet hole from Antietam.)

A/.D989 Thomas Dwelle Papers, 1861 - 1863. (K, 1st)

Typescript of Thomas Dwelle 1862 diary and copies of medical furlough papers.

P939 Eaton, Hattie A. R. (William, H, 1st)

Account of service in the Regiment and as a prisoner of war.

P513 Jerome Farnsworth and Family Papers, 1861 - 1902. (G, 1st)

Around 20 letters covering May 1861 - July 1863 until his death at Gettysburg.

Alpha First Minnesota Infantry Regiment Letters and Research Files, 1991 - 1993.

This large collection of clippings, obituaries, and copies of letters and diaries was compiled by Richard Moe in preparation for his book, The Last Full Measure.

P615 Minnesota Infantry, First Regiment Papers, 1861 - 1864.

A collection of lists, reports, correspondence and other papers relating to the Regiment.

P939 Foster, Everett W. (I, 1st)

Autobiographical reminiscences of two months service with the Regiment in 1861.

P2476 Joseph P. Garrison and Family Papers, 1859 - 1863, 1996. (F, 1st)

Photocopies of letters from Fort Snelling and Virginia plus condolence letters from others in the Regiment following Garrison's wounding and capture at Bull Run and subsequent death in Richmond.

P1434 Orrin F. Smith and Family Papers, 1829 - 1932. (Charles Goddard, K, 1st)

Around 113 letters from young Charles Goddard to his mother contain excellent trivia on life in the Regiment.

A/.G663 Hanford L. Gordon Papers, 1868 - 1920. (D, 1st)

General materials on the Regiment and service of Gordon, later of literary note.

P1677 Willis A. Gorman and Family Papers, 1847 - 1899.

Collection includes correspondence relating to Gorman's 1861 tenure as Regimental commander.

P1577 Hamlin, Philip Rice and Jacob Leslie Hamlin Papers, 1861 - 1865. (Phillip, F)

Letters of Corporal, Sergeant and later First Sergeant Hamlin from 1861 to a few days before his death at Gettysburg. Letters from soldiers to his parents discuss his death.

M66 Robinson, Mortimer and Family Papers, 1859 - 1874. (Seth Hammon, D, 1st)

Lieutenant Hammon's letters received copybook dating November 1861 through October 1863 with numerous letters from unit members, plus additional material on Hammon.

P995 Christopher B. Heffelfinger Papers, 1861 - 1929. (D, 1st)

Lieutenant Heffelfinger's letters include a lengthy description of Bull Run.

P2563 John T. Hoblit Civil War Diary and Related Papers, 1861 - 1862. (D, 1st)

Diary covers 1861 at Camp Stone and Balls Bluff battle.

A.H725 Return Ira Holcombe Papers, 1859 - 1916.

Papers of St. Paul writer and editor includes a manuscript regimental history, published in 1912.

A.H868j John Franklin Hoyt Papers, 1855 - 1886. (F, 1st)

Very detailed and sketch illustrated manuscript journal of the Peninsular Campaign until quartermaster Lieutenant Hoyt's resignation for disability in July.

P544 Charles William Hughes Letter and Diary, 1862, 1864. (D, 1st)

Includes a November 1862 letter and an 1864 diary of his experience as a teamster with the Sully Expedition.

J472.I72 Javan Bradley Irvine Sketch of Battle of Bull Run.

Sketch map of portions of the Bull Run battlefield showing locations of the Regiment during the battle.

M582, reel 2 Biographical data on Josias Ridgate King.

Primarily newspaper clippings recounting King's service.

P641 William Larned and Family Papers, 1849 - 1866. (C, 1st)

Short typescript accounts of Lieutenant Larned's service in the Regiment and the Mounted Rangers, plus his Fisk Expedition diary.

A/.L812 William Lochren and Family Papers, 1852 - 1925. (E, K, 1st)

Includes material on Sergeant then Lieutenant Lochren's service with the Regiment and a unit history.

P1799 Marty, Adam Correspondence, 1861 - 1863. (B, 1st)

Seven letters from Corporal Marty giving his perspective on the war, his officers and describing actions at Ball's Bluff and Harper's Ferry.

A.M391 Matthew Marvin Papers, 1861 - 1895. (K, 1st)

About 60 letters and 3 diaries plus postwar letters from Marvin attempting to obtain pensions for fellow veterans of the Regiment.

A/-B478 Harry G. Benton and Family Papers, 1862 - 1894, 1953. (John McEwen, A, 1st)

A June 22, 1862 letter from John McEwen discussed the Battle of Fair Oaks.

P33 Ard Godfrey and Family Papers, 1839 - 1945. (Lewis Meeker, D, 1st)

Lewis Meeker of June 1862 from Camp Lincoln, Richmond.

A/-M958 Anton and Louis Muller Letters, 1860, 1861. (B, 1st)

Two letters in German with translations.

CCT.M958 Charles Muller. (A, 1st)

Handwritten description of the Gettysburg Campaign prepared later life.

M55 Edward Z. Needham Papers, 1861 - 1865. (G, 1st)

Microfilm of diaries and papers by Needham include Bull Run descriptions.

A.N411e Edward D. Neill and Family Papers, 1827 - 1930.

Detailed letters of Presbyterian Minister Neill who served as regimental chaplain until July 1862 and as a personal secretary to Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, 1864 - 1865. Most are to his family and in a difficult to read hand.

P334 Joseph A. Wheelock and Family Papers, 1719, 1756, 1803 - 1906. (Edward Neill)

Includes letters from Chaplain Neill.

Alpha Harrington and Merrill Family Papers, 1732 - 1963. (Lloyd Pendergast, D & I, 1st)

Includes many letters dated 1861 to 1865 including a detailed account of the Battle of Bull Run. Pendergast transferred to the US Cavalry in October 1862.

FE515.5 1st R.M. McColley, Charles E. (Ellet Perkins, D, 1st)

Manuscript about the Regiment at Gettysburg includes details about Ellet Perkins.

A.P397 William Wirt Pendergast and Family Papers, 1816 - 1956. (Lloyd, D & I, 1st)

Collection includes several letters, most dated after Lloyd's transfer to the US Cavalry.

P2135 Thomas H. Pressnell Incidents in the Civil War. (C, 1st)

Twelve detailed papers delivered to Grand Army of the Republic veteran audiences cover the Regiment's service.

M66 Robinson (Mortimer and Family) Papers, 1859 - 1874. (D, 1st)

Miscellaneous materials including an obituary, several letters by or referring to, and a notebook belonging to this drummer boy who died in 1864.

A/-C752e Elias H. Connor Papers, 1858 - 1886. (Frank Rollins, D, 1st)

Includes two letters from Rollins.

J474.R878h Rowe, H.S. Topographical Map of the Fredericksburg Battlefield.

Shows positions occupied by the Regiment.

A/-M854 Robert L. Morris and Jasper N. Searles Papers, 1861 - 1865.

(H, K, G, 1st)

About 25 of Searles' letters to his family in Hastings detail life in the Regiment, particularly 1861-1862, plus his incomplete 1861 diary.

P939 Season, Edwin. (F, 1st)

General reminiscence of service in the Regiment.

P231 Myron Shepard Diaries, 1862 - 1864. (B, F & H, 1st)

Three diaries written by Sergeant, later Lieutenant Shepard.

P1746 DeWitt Smith Papers, 1861 - 1864. (D, 1st)

Letters and documents of Captain Smith, later a paymaster and killed by guerillas.

P939 Biographical Data on Isaac and Patrick Taylor (E, 1st)

An 1861 and an 1864 letter, plus newspaper clipping and biographical notes.

P597 Joseph G. Trevor Diary, 1862. (E, 1st)

Diary records movements during the Peninsular and Maryland Campaigns, May to December 1862.

P1889 Abraham Edward Welch and Family Papers, 1830 - 1879. (F, 1st)

Documents on Lieutenant Welch's career with the Regiment including wounding and capture at the Battle of Bull Run. Welch later served in the Dakota War and as a major in the Fourth Minnesota.

P1921 Alexander Wilkin and Family Papers, 1819 - 1864. (A, 1st)

Correspondence of Captain Wilkin, later promoted to major and transferred to the Second Minnesota, and later colonel of the Ninth Minnesota until killed in action at Iuka.

P943 Biographical Data on Alexander Wilkin.

J. Fletcher Williams biographical sketch of Colonel Wilkin is in box 2.

FE515.5 1st W. Wright, James A. "The Story of Co. F, First Regiment." (F, 1st)

Lieutenant Wright's typescript history of the company in which he served as corporal, sergeant and first sergeant. Published as No More Gallant A Deed. Also correspondence related to writing the history.

A.M391 Marvin (Matthew) Papers, 1861 - 1895. (Randolph Wright, K, 1st)
Diary from 1862 of Randolph Wright, killed at Gettysburg.

First Battalion Minnesota Infantry

(This nine company organization was formed in 1864 and 1865 from around 60 reenlisted veterans of First Minnesota Regiment and new enlistees. Some sources overlap.)

P939 Clark, Charles I. (C, 1st)
Letter of June 12, 1864 from outside Richmond.

M165 Daniel Bond Reminiscences. (B, 1st)
Reminiscences based on Corporal Bond's diaries.

CA1864 Nov.15 James C. Farwell Letter, 1864 Nov. 15
Report to the Minnesota Adjutant General on the Battalion's participation in the October 1864 Battle of Hatcher's Run.

P1801 Thomas H. Kelly Papers, 1865 - 1866. (F, 1st)
Correspondence and military forms related to Lieutenant Kelly's service.

P2135 Thomas H. Pressnell Incidents in the Civil War. (A & B, 1st)
His papers delivered to Grand Army of the Republic audiences include material on the Battalion's service.

Alpha Arthur D. Caswell and Family Papers, 1855 - 1879. (John Pride, A, 1st)
Includes Sergeant Major and later Lieutenant Pride's transcribed 1864 diary covering his capture and Andersonville confinement.

P225 Anna Seamons Correspondence, 1864 - 65. (William H. Stacy, A, 1st)
Includes three hospital letters from Stacy who transferred from the Sharpshooters in 1865.

Second Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

P939 Charles Luther Alden Reminiscences. (C, 2nd)
Alden prepared his reminiscences in 1918.

P1669 John Reed Beatty Papers, 1858 - 1924. (H, 2nd)
Letters of Lieutenant, later Captain, Beatty document campaigns of the Regiment and Beatty's views of the war, "copperheads", slavery and family relationships. Includes many 1861 Fort Snelling letters where Beatty served as Regimental adjutant.

P939 Biographical Data on William A. Bennett. (A, 2nd)

Photocopies of letters from Regimental officers recommending Bennett for commission.

P1922 Judson Wade Bishop and Family Papers, 1855 - 1917, 1949. (A, 2nd)

Correspondence and papers documenting Bishop's service as a captain and later colonel of the Regiment.

P2351 Solon K. Cheadle and Family Papers, 1864 - [ca. 1961]. (E, 2nd)

Corporal Cheadle's 1864 diary and letters by and to him are included in the collection.

M539 James C. Christie and Family Papers, 1861 - 1865. (Alexander, A, 2nd)

Letters from teenager Alexander cover his service as a recruit at Fort Snelling and briefly with the Regiment in 1865. Collection includes letters from his sister Sarah Jane Christie and their father James.

M561 Jeremiah C. Donahower Papers, 1853 - 1919. (E, 2nd)

Includes Captain Donahower's highly detailed and frequently humorous hand written narrative of his company's service plus related military papers.

P1061 Civil War Diary and Related Papers, 1861 - 1865, 1910, 1948. (Thomas Downs, E, 2nd)

Private, later Corporal and Sergeant Downs' 468 page somewhat enhanced typescript of his 1861 to 1865 diaries covers the Regiment's service in detail. Also photocopies of photos, some service information and an 1863 manuscript diary.

P1567 Michael Roush Dresbach Letters and Reminiscence, [undated] and 1864-1865. (C, 2nd)

Corporal Dresbach's 66 letters from January 1864 through July 1865 describe Sherman's campaigns in Georgia and the Carolinas, as does his later reminiscence of service.

P961 Thomas Fitch Diary, 1861 - 1863, 1878 - 1879 . (A, 2nd)

Diary entries from June 1861 through September 1863 document daily activities in detail.

Alpha Rhoda J. Emery and Family Papers, 1840 - 1993. (James George, Clinton Cilley, C, 2nd)

Collection includes a manuscript history of the career of James George as Regimental colonel, and some of his Mexican War correspondence. A single letter from Lieutenant Cilley describes the Battle of Mill Springs.

A.H351 William Riley Haskins Papers, [undated] and 1863 - 1927. (K, 2nd)

Reminiscence documenting experiences following capture at Chickamauga include details of prison life, especially Andersonville. Two letters to his father are included.

P737 Rollin A Lanpher Papers, 1862 - 1865. (D, 2nd)

Includes Sergeant Lanpher's 1864 Company D roll book.

P1452 Ebenezer Mattocks and Family Papers, 1830 - 1911, 1945.

Includes letters of Regimental Hospital Steward Mattocks describing army medical care, illnesses and hospital duties.

BG4.M643 2nd Minnesota Infantry, Second Regiment, Veteran Volunteers Papers, 1862-1917. Statements of returns, muster rolls and other official papers, particularly from Companies D, E, F, G and H.

P1505 Sewall P. Norton Diary and related Papers, [undated] and 1865.

Sergeant Norton's diary covers Sherman's march through the Carolinas. Norton was a tent-mate of T. H. Pendergast (see also.)

A.P363r Roger M. S. Pease and Family Papers, 1859 - 1876. (Minott, D, 2nd)

Includes three letters describing the Regiment's activities in early 1862.

Alpha Harrington and Merrill Family Papers, 1732 - 1963. (Timothy Pendergast, K, 2nd)

Includes around 20 letters, most from 1862, from Corporal, later First Sergeant Pendergast.

A.P397 William Wirt Pendergast and Family Papers, 1816 - 1956. (Timothy, K, 2nd)

Includes around 20 letters, plus Sergeant Pendergast's journal containing particularly good descriptions of Sherman's campaign in Georgia and the Carolinas.

A.S728 Newton Southworth and Family Papers, 1852 - 1917. (Timothy Pendergast, K, 2nd)

Collection includes July 1864 letter from camp at Marietta, GA.

P939 Biographical data on Edward K. Perkins and the Perkins Family. (D, 2nd)

Four letters include detailed accounts of the Battles of Mill Springs and Corinth.

A.R324a Axel Hayford Reed Papers, 1861 - 1865. (K, 2nd)

Four diaries of Sergeant, later Lieutenant, Reed include detailed descriptions of the regiment's activities, impressions of slavery and army life, and a few hand drawn maps. Of note is Reed's superb first hand account of the Battle of Chickamauga at which he won the Metal of Honor. Most published in Reed's Genealogical record of the Reads, Reeds, the Bisbees, the Bradfords of the United States of America in the line of Esdras Read of Boston and England, 1635-1915 (See CS71.R2823 1915)

A.R522 Mrs. Georgia Mounts Richardson Papers, 1862 - 1936. (John Mounts, D, 2nd)

Collection includes letters from Mounts, discharged for disability in September 1862.

A/S533 Eliza Shattuck Correspondence, 1850 - 1890. (George Lanphear, K, 2nd)

Family letters describe the death of Corporal Lanphear at Missionary Ridge.

M104 Charles Shedd and Family Papers, 1857 - 1933. (C, 2nd)

Includes letters describing army life and campaigns in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. Shedd died at a Nashville hospital in 1864.

Alpha John S. Sherburne and Family Papers, 1836 - 1942. (D, 2nd)

Several dozen letters and typescript transcripts cover July 1861 until September 1863, when Corporal Sherburne was killed at Chickamauga. Rich details of campaigning in Kentucky and Tennessee.

A/-S564b Sibley, Billings. (H, 2nd)

Typescript copies of about 100 letters covering the Regiment's entire service from the perspective of a drummer boy. Originals are at the Blue Earth County Historical Society.

P1520 Moody C. Tolman Papers.

A collection of memoranda, reports, and invoices documenting the work of Regimental and 14th Army Corps surgeons.

M219 U.S. War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Letter book, Second Minnesota Infantry, Sept. 18, 1861 - Aug. 22, 1862.

Copies of official letters from Colonels Horatio Van Cleve and James George. Covers training and deployment on the Minnesota frontier through Mill Springs Campaign and subsequent operations in Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.

P638 Horatio P. Van Cleve and Family Papers, 1827 - 1970.

Van Cleve commanded the Regiment until promotion to brigade command in March 1862. This group includes biographical information, military papers and commissions.

Apha Horatio P. Van Cleve and Family Papers.

The collection includes scores of letters and military papers from Colonel Van Cleve. Much of the material has been damp damaged and is difficult to read.

P1921 Alexander Wilkin and Family Papers, 1819 - 1864.

Mexican War veteran Wilkin first commanded Company A of the First Minnesota Infantry. In September 1861 he was appointed major of the Second. Correspondence covers September 1861 to August 1862 and includes descriptions of campaigns in Kentucky (particularly Mill Springs), Tennessee and Alabama. Wilkin was appointed colonel of the Ninth Minnesota and killed in action at Iuka in 1864.

Third Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

A/A565 C. C. Andrews and Family Papers, 1843 - 1930. (I, 3rd)

Correspondence and diaries of Captain, later General Andrews plus some items from John Sanborn.

P418 Barrick Family Civil War Materials, Undated, 1861 - 1863, 1998. (Jesse, Isaac, B, 3rd)

Three 1862 and 1863 letters plus compiled biographical information. Jesse won the Congressional Medal of Honor for capture of two guerilla officers.

P1330 James M. Bowler and Family Papers, 1838 - 1916. (F, 3rd)

Captain Bowler's fascinating letters to his wife and hers to him document the unit on the Minnesota frontier and in the South. Bowler was promoted major of the 113th U.S. Colored Infantry in 1865.

P2572 J. W. Boxell Civil War Letters and Related Papers, 1846 - 1996. (B, 3rd)

Photocopies and transcripts of November 1861 to September 1862 letters, many from hospital, plus related papers.

P1905 Brookins Family Letters, 1861 - 1865. (George, I, 3rd)

Original and edited typescript letters from October 1861 through November 1864, describe the surrender at Murfreesboro, participation in the Battle of Wood Lake, the Siege of Vicksburg and Little Rock.

M582, reel 1 Champlin, Ezra T. (D, 3rd)

Account read at 1886 regimental reunion titled "My Recollection of the Battle of Wood Lake and the Part Taken in it by the 3rd Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry September 23, 1862", also published in reunion proceedings.

P939 George Davies, Wright County Pioneer. (A, 3rd)

Typed biographical sketch of English immigrant Davies.

A/.D413 Benjamin Densmore and Family Papers, 1797 - 1955.

Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Densmore's 1863 diary contains Camp Pope entries. He was later commissioned lieutenant colonel of the 4th US Colored Heavy Artillery.

A/-D949h Henry A. Durand and Family Papers, 1855 - 1928. (B, 3rd)

Records include quarterly returns of Company B prepared by Sergeant, later Second Lieutenant, Durand, plus a letter describing the Dakota attack on Fort Ridgely.

P622 Fisk, James Liberty and Family Papers, 1836 - 1968. (B, 3rd)

Photocopy and typescript letters and diaries of Private, later Captain, Fisk mostly dealing with his detached duty escorting wagon trains into the Dakotas and Montana.

A.F670 W. H. C. Folsom and Family Papers, 1836 – [195-]. (Philander, K, 3rd)

Includes around a dozen letters of Sergeant, later Lieutenant, Philander Folsom.

P939 Foster, Everett W. (G, 3rd)

Captain, later Major, Foster's typescript autobiographical reminiscences include his capture, prison life, and speculative cotton production by soldiers near Little Rock.

P939 Griggs, Chauncey.

Short reminiscences of Colonel Griggs' service

A.H165 William D. Hale and Family Papers, 1819 - 1913. (E, 3rd)

Microfilm of letters of Sergeant, later Sergeant Major, Hale who was still later commissioned major of the 4th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery. Collection includes information on Murfreesboro surrender and U.S. Colored Troops.

P939 Honeywell, Perry A. (K, 3rd)

Two letters dated in December 1861.

P2361 Charles Marples and Family Correspondence, 1857 - 1868, 1931. (recruit, 3rd)

Several letters written from Fort Snelling in 1865 contain advice to his family on farm management.

P1841 Hans Mattson and Family Papers, 1855 - 1990. (D, 3rd)

Includes around 155 letters, many in Swedish, from this prominent immigrant who commanded the Scandinavian Guard (Company D) and later the Regiment.

Res. 60 Diary of N. C. Parker, 1863.

Quartermaster Sergeant Parker documents the Regiment's 1863 activities until his December return to Minnesota.

A/-P485a Musical Scores of Bugle Calls [1861 - 1864], 1879. (Andrew Peterson, B, 3rd)

Manuscript book of bugle call scores used in the Regiment.

P2255 Chesley Pratt and Family Papers, Undated and 1862, 1864. (Jay, A, 3rd)

Letter to brother Chesley dated August 26, 1864.

M273 Carl Roos and Family Papers, 1848 - 1974. (D, 3rd)

Microfilm includes 1861 to 1863 diaries in Swedish of this immigrant and oldest man in the Regiment who was discharged for disability in December 1863.

P681 James Schwieger Letter, 24 January 1862. (E, 3rd)

The letter written from Belmont, Kentucky discusses soldiers in several Minnesota units.

P202 Walter Trennery Papers, 1860 - 1963. (Henry Lester)

Research correspondence concerning the life of Colonel Henry Clay Lester.

P2188 Jesse A. and Luman P. Washburn Letters, 1862 - 1864. (Jesse, E, 3rd)

An 1862 and 1863 letter with some biographical information.

P1889 Abraham Edwards Welch and Family Papers, 1830 - 1879.

Photocopied and transcribed letters to family members. Major Welch commanded the enlisted men of the Regiment in the Dakota War until seriously wounded at Wood Lake. He served with the Fourth Regiment until his death in 1864.

Fourth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

P914 Levi B. Aldrich Papers, 1853 - 1896. (I, 4th)

Several diaries of Sergeant Aldrich, former farmer and carpenter, who served from October 1861 until his transfer to the Pioneer Corps in December 1862. Diaries 9 and 10 document his time with the Regiment.

P1929 Peter Daniel Anderson Papers, 1828 - 1906. (A, 4th)

Letters of a Swedish immigrant with published translation document service during Sherman's Atlanta Campaign and March to the Sea.

P671 John Battin and Family Papers, 1862 - 1941. (Richard, C, 4th)

Letter of July 13, 1862 describes action around Corinth.

P621 Luther L. Baxter and Family Papers, 1853 - 1950. (A, 4th)

Captain Baxter served from October 4, 1861 to April 18, 1862, and was later lieutenant colonel of the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery. Collection includes correspondence from other officers and men, reports, muster rolls and quarterly returns for the company.

P939 John N. Bradford Letter. (B, 4th)

Letter to his wife from Vicksburg just prior to the surrender.

P1680 John P. Bradford Papers, 1862 – 1864. (John N., B, 4th)

Typescript manuscript "Reaching Back: Fifty Years in the Life of John Nice Bradford" and 27 letters dated 1862 through 1864 from Private Bradford to his wife.

FE475.27 Fix, Calvin R.

Veterans' responses to detailed questionnaires about the Regiment's entry into Vicksburg.

P2116 Knud Helling Letters and Photographs. (H, 4th)

Letters in Norwegian from Private, Sergeant, and finally Second Lieutenant, Helling.

P1005 John K. Hoffman and Family Papers, 1856 - 1936. (Bellfield, H, 4th)

Includes an 1862 diary and approximately 20 letters written until his May 1863 death at Vicksburg. Some letters have good Fort Snelling content while others concern his death. A September 1864 letter from Jesse Bean describes the Regiment's status at Altoona.

P185 Civil War Diary, 1862 - 1865. (Henry A. House, F, 4th)

Brief entries from April 1862 through June 1865 document the Regiment's marches, camp activities and engagements.

BG4+M643 4th Minnesota Infantry, Company K Papers, 1862 - 1866.

Final record of Company K, listing all the members of the company including name, age at enlistment, dates of enlistment and discharge, home address and occupation.

P393 Ira N. Morrill Diary, 1864 - 1865. (K, 4th)

Diary covers June 1864 to January 1865 including Altoona and the March to the Sea, including his duties as company clerk.

A./M994 Isaac W. Muzzy Papers, 1856 - 1866. (H, 4th)

Collection includes two 1864 letters to his wife.

A.R332 Richard S. Reeves Papers, 1861 - 1865, 1897. (F, 4th)

Three volumes of Corporal Reeves' diaries dated November 16, 1861 to July 17, 1865. The collection also includes information on the Battle of Altoona Pass.

A.R595 John E. Risedorph Papers, 1862 - 1911. (E, 4th)

Diaries and 27 letters to Corporal Risedorph's mother contain information on Iuka Campaign, Corinth and Altoona Pass.

P2267 Sewell G. Randall Diary, 1864. (I, 4th)

Diary kept by Private, later Corporal Randall from January 1, 1864 until his death from wounds received at Altoona, Georgia on October 5, 1864.

P2268 George Sly Diary and Letter, 1862 - 1864, 1911. (A, 4th)

Drummer boy's diary covering May 1862 to 1864.

FE515.5 Sly, George Eliot. (A, 4th)

Musician Sly's unpublished manuscript, "Marches and Camps of the 4th Regiment, Minnesota Infantry. May 1, 1862 - March, 1864."

A.S728 Newton Southworth and Family Papers, 1852 - 1917. (Eli, A, 4th)

Collection includes letters from September 1861 through November 1862 plus letters of other family members documenting civilian activities and attitudes toward the war.

Alpha Harrington and Merrill Family Papers, 1732 - 1963. (Eli Southworth, A, 4th)

Letter dated October 16, 1862 describes conditions in a hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

P939 Civil War Papers of Joseph H. Volk, 1864 - 1865. (C, 4th)

Photocopied 1865 diary by this late 1864 recruit describes the Regiment's activities in the Carolinas.

P2563 John T. Hoblit Civil War Diary and Related Papers, 1861 - 1862. (Orison Washburn, C, 4th)

Washburn's 1862 letter is from Benton Barracks, Missouri.

P1889 Abraham Edward Welch and Family Papers, 1830 - 1879.

Photocopied and transcribed letters to family members and other documents cover his varied service until his death at Nashville in 1864.

M596 John Young Papers, 1862 - 1864. (A, 4th)

Microfilm copy of 1863 diary with brief entries plus 9 letters to his wife.

Fifth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

P953 William Arkins and Family. Papers, 1862 - 1951. (William, John, A, 5th)

Letters from Lieutenant William Arkins and brother Sergeant John Arkins to brother Thomas. Also an 1862 and an 1863 diary kept by William.

P1380 Biographical Record of Members of Company E., 5th Minnesota Infantry.

Company descriptive book containing information on 115 members including physical description, birthplace, occupation, and sometimes more. A few entries include post war occupations, residences, and dates of death.

P1922 Judson Wade Bishop and Family Papers, 1855 - 1917, 1949. (John, B, 5th)

Lieutenant Bishop's 1895 reminiscences and some military papers cover service in Minnesota and the south. John was Colonel Judson Bishop's brother.

P1211 Charles W. Backmann and Family Papers. (D, 5th)

Includes a letter in German from the 1865 Siege of Spanish Fort.

[Not yet catalogued] Norman Culver Military Records. (K, 5th)

Voluminous quartermaster and commissary papers from the Fort Ridgely garrison, 1862 and early 1863, material related to Culver's later service in the south and 1890s records concerning commemoration of the Fort Ridgely battles.

M124 Gold T. Curtis and Family Papers, 1842 - 1901. (K, 5th)

Papers and diaries document Lieutenant Curtis' career before the Civil War with later entries covering his military service including the Battle of Holly Springs, Mississippi. Curtis died of dysentery July 24, 1862.

M582, reel 2 Daily Record of the Guard Mount and Countersigns at Fort Ridgely May – September 1862. (B, 5th)

The post guard book lists daily details, with no entries for the days following battle.

P513 Jerome Farnsworth and Family Papers, 1861 - 1902. (Marvin, F, 5th)

Two undated letters from Marvin, whose brother served in the First Minnesota until killed at Gettysburg.

P943 Biographical Data on Alpheus Robert French.

J. Fletcher Williams' 1890 biography of this drillmaster with two sons in the Regiment is filed in Box 2. Regimental Adjutant Lieutenant French had served in the regular army 1830 – 1848, much of his time on the upper Mississippi.

A.G367 William B. and Thomas P. Gere Papers, 1847 - 1911.

Reports and correspondence of Lt. Colonel William B. Gere plus journals of Adjutant Thomas P. Gere who also served with Second Brigade, First Division, 16th Corps. Thomas won the Congressional Medal of Honor at the Battle of Nashville.

A.H566 Henry N. Herrick and Family Papers, 1851 - 1956.

Collection includes over 100 letters dated March 1864 through May 1864 from Chaplain Herrick to his wife Anna plus his diary and some of Anna's letters. The letters describe Army life and morals and include information on the Freedman's Bureau and early Reconstruction in Alabama.

A.H875 Lucius F. Hubbard and Family Papers, 1842 - 1875, 1956.

Around 40 letters of Colonel Hubbard, who commanded the Regiment from August 1862 to September 1865. Written to his aunt, Mary Hubbard, these letters include vivid descriptions of the Regiment's actions and commentary on army life and politics.

P427 The John Ireland Collection, 1867 - 1962.

Research compiled by Sister Helen Angela Hurley includes a paper on Chaplain Ireland's service.

A.L581 William H. Leonard and Family Papers, 1843 - 1955.

Papers include reminiscences of Leonard's service as Regimental surgeon and morning reports book of sick and wounded from September 1863 to September 1865.

M582, reel 2 McFall, Orlando, 1839 - 1915. (E, 5th)

Narrative of the Sioux Massacre in 1862 is a detailed handwritten account of the company's service at the Upper Sioux Agency, return to Fort Ridgely and a superb account of the battles there.

A/M147 William B. McGrorty and Family Papers, 1851 - 1915.

Includes around 75 letters from Quartermaster Lieutenant McGrorty to wife and children.

M582, reel 2 Quartermaster Accounts. (B, 5th)

Accounts of clothing issued to the company from August 1862 into early 1863.

A/+S541 Timothy J. Sheehan Papers, 1857 - 1913. (C, F, 5th)

Collection of miscellaneous official papers related to Captain Sheehan.

P1526 William A. Van Slyke Papers, 1862 - 1910, 1955. (G, 5th)

Papers relating to Lieutenant Van Slyke recruiting in St. Paul.

P943 Biographical Data on Benjamin A. Duncan Young. (G, 5th)

J. Fletcher Williams biographical notes on Corporal Young, a mixed blood scout, is in box 2.

Sixth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

Served on the 1863 Sibley Expedition with the Seventh and Tenth Minnesota Infantry, Third Battery Minnesota Light Artillery and the Minnesota Mounted Rangers. Citations under those units might provide additional details of campaign service.

P1663 George R. Adams Papers, 1862 - 1864. (D, 6th)

Photocopies of Sergeant Adams' letters and diaries, most dealing with the Regiment's experiences in Helena, Arkansas and losses from illness plus observations on Colored troops and their relations with local civilians and white soldiers.

P694 Robert Knowles Boyd Papers, 1925 - 1930. (F, 6th)

Manuscripts and maps by Boyd recounting his experiences, especially at Birch Coulee.

M93, reel 2 William R. Brown Papers. (G, 6th)

Microfilmed copy of 1863/1864 diary while at Fort Ridgely, working as nurse and commissary in the Fort Snelling hospital, and later in the south.

M582, reel 1 Carver, Henry L. (G, 6th)

Letter of July 15, 1863 and typescript.

A.C337g George E. Case and Family Papers, 1902 - 1927. (D, 6th)

Collection includes an account of the late 1863 "Moscow Expedition" from Fort Snelling to re-supply the Crow Creek Agency on the Missouri River.

AV1981.1-55 Albert Colgrave. (G, 6th)

Pencil sketches record scenes of the Regiment's travels and experiences in the Dakota War from the perspective of Company G known as the Young Men's Guard.

P2247 Jared W. Daniels Reminiscences, undated.

Typescript and detailed reminiscences of Assistant Surgeon Daniels experiences in the Dakota War and Sibley Expedition, including a graphic account of Birch Coulee.

A/.D253 William Fuson Davidson and Family Papers, 1817 - 1919. (Henry Carver)

Several military orders relating to Regimental and District of Minnesota Quartermaster Henry Carver are in Box 3.

A.-E29h Hubert N. Eggleston Papers, 1862 - 1888. (F, 6th)

Corporal Eggleston's diary covers the period October through December, 1862 with descriptions of guarding Dakota Indian prisoners after the Battle of Wood Lake.

M582, reel 1 Fryer, Edwin L. (G, 6th)

Typescript reminiscence of incident on September 21, 1862 near Wood Lake.

BG4 .M643 6th F Minnesota Infantry, Sixth Regiment, Company F Papers.

Correspondence, muster rolls, quartermaster records and other papers.

P225 Anna Seamons Correspondence, 1864 - 1865. (Charles Galpin, D, 6th)

Includes a February 26, 1864 letter from Galpin.

P1005 John K. Hoffman and Family Papers, 1856 - 1936. (Edward, I, 6th)

Approximately 30 letters from Fort Snelling, Helena, and Little Rock hospital. Other letters to the family concern his death. Another October 1864 letter from William Gresham describes the Regiment's status at Helena.

M582, reel 2 Huftelen, John. (D, 6th)

Letter of October 16, 1862 from Camp Release.

M582, reel 2 Huntington, Henry M. (D, 6th)

Letter from Fort Ridgely September 9, 1862 describes the relief of troops at Birch Coulee.

A/+L853 Levi Longfellow Papers, 1865 - 1926. (B, 6th)

Most items relate to Longfellow's activities memorializing Civil War casualties.

P1667 John Nelson Papers, 1860 - 1866. (F, 6th)

Three diaries and a few papers, October 1862 to July 1865, document the Regiment's service. Includes Fort Snelling, guard and escort of Indians prisoners in November 1862, the Sibley Expedition, and 1865 service in Alabama.

M582, reel 3 Pettibone, John Nelson, 1829 - 1864. (F, 6th)

Typed copy of May 6 to September 12, 1862 diary and several 1864 letters from Captain Horace Wilson to Mary Pettibone concerning her husband's death.

P437 Pond Family Papers, 1833 - 1970. (Allen Goodrich, D, 6th)

Papers of two brothers who were early missionaries among the Dakota Indians of Minnesota include numerous Civil War letters from Private Goodrich.

P2255 Chesley Pratt and Family Papers, Undated and 1862, 1864. (James, D, 6th)

Includes four 1864 letters from James to brother Chesley.

P869 Henry J. Snyder Letters, 1863 - 1865. (D, 6th)

Small collection of Corporal Snyder's letters to his wife describe the Regiment's role in the Dakota War and its later transfer to Helena, Arkansas.

P958 Charles H. Watson 1862 - 1865, 1913. (F, 6th)

Collection of 114 letters from Watson, about half from Minnesota and half from southern service include descriptions of the hanging of Dakota prisoners at Mankato; conditions at Helena, Arkansas and illness among the troops stationed there and the Regiment's campaigns in Louisiana and Alabama.

A/-W876 John Kingsley Wood Diary, 1862 - 1865. (F, 6th)

Private Wood's diary covers the Sibley Expedition against the Sioux, garrison duty at Minnesota frontier forts and the 1862/1863 Dakota Internment Camp at Fort Snelling.

Seventh Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

Served on the 1863 Sibley Expedition with the Sixth and Tenth Minnesota Infantry, Third Battery Minnesota Light Artillery and the Minnesota Mounted Rangers. Citations under those units might provide additional details of campaign service.

BG4.M643 7th Minnesota Infantry Papers, 1864 - 1865.

A small collection of Morning Reports of Company H, 1864 and 1865.

P418 Barrick Family Civil War Materials, Undated, 1861 - 1863, 1998. (Alpheus, A, 7th)

Three 1862 and 1863 letters and compiled biographical information on Alpheus and his two sons in the Third Minnesota.

M582, reel 1 Borer, Felix A. Letter. (K, 7th)

Lieutenant Borer to his wife from Camp Pope dated June 7, 1863.

P831 Charles Bornarth Papers, 1863, 1865, 1894 - 1898. (H, 7th)

Diary of a Sergeant Bornarth, a German immigrant with most entries covering Sibley's Expedition.

P1433 Theodore G. Carter Papers, 1834 - 1922. (K, 7th)

Collection includes letters of Lieutenant and later Captain Carter.

P452 George C. Clapp and Family Papers, 1858 - 1971. (K, 7th)

Letters of Corporal and later Sergeant Clapp include detailed descriptions of army life and of the Sibley Expedition.

A.C712 Loren W. Collins and Family Papers, 1862 - 1954. (F, 7th)

Letters covering the Mankato executions, Sibley Expedition and campaigns in the South. Copy of June to September 1863 diary and some letter typescripts are in M582, reel 1.

P939 Minnesota Pioneer: William Crooks.

Biographical sketch of Colonel Crooks.

P2153 Hans H. Danielson Diary, 1864. (G, 7th)

Typed copy of a diary covering service in the south, including his wounding at Nashville.

P1993 History of Company G, of 7th Minnesota Volunteers, War of the Rebellion, August 12, 1862 - August 16, 1865, written by John Danielson.

Transcribed diary and an 1864 letter document Danielson's service including the Sibley Expedition and late war campaigns and battles in the south.

M582, reel 1 Unidentified Soldier of the 7th Minnesota. (S. Lee Davis, H, 7th)

Typescript diary of the Sibley Expedition, June 16 to August 27, 1863, by Second Lieutenant S. Lee Davis, from original now lost.

M582, reel 1 Dearborn, Alva. (B, 7th)

Two maps of 1863 Sibley Expedition.

A/.D413 Benjamin Densmore and Family Papers, 1797 - 1955. (Daniel, G, 7th)

Numerous detailed letters from Lieutenant Densmore to family members detail his participation in the Sibley Expedition and service as provost marshal at Fort Snelling.

P424 Ralph L. Dorrance Letters, 1864 - 1865, 1867. (A, 7th)

Eight letters dated from December 1864 to June 1865 cover the Regiment's experiences in the south including the Battle of Nashville.

P470 Elijah E. Edwards Civil War Journals, 1864 - 1865.

Detailed, articulate accounts by Regimental Chaplain Edwards include observations on Southern civilian life, army morals, battles and reflections on the brutality of war and reconstruction. The journals are illustrated by over 100 sketches by the author.

P939 Peter Engberg. (G, 7th)

Letter describes his 1865 visit to Cairo and travel on the Mississippi River.

A.F670 W. H. C. Folsom and Family Papers, 1836 – [195-]. (Wyman Folsom, Andrew Colby, C, 7th)

Collection of over 100 letters of Wyman Folsom and a few from Andrew Colby document life in the Regiment and activities in the Dakota Conflict and the South.

P2465 Simeon P. Folsom Papers, 1869 - 1903. (H, 7th)

Short autobiographical sketch of First Sergeant Folsom includes Wood Lake, the Sibley Expedition and southern battles.

P1577 Hamlin Family Papers, 1861 - 1948. (Jacob, G, 7th)

Letters from 1862 to 1864 include descriptions of missionary activity among Dakota prisoners and the Mankato execution. Letters from the south cover relations between white soldiers and black civilians and campaigns of the Regiment. Additional letters from others in the Regiment describe his wounding and death.

Alpha Duren F. Kelley Papers, 1862 - 1912. (A, 7th)

Letters, journals and related papers of Corporal Kelley, later discharged for promotion in the U.S. Colored Infantry. Letters were edited and published by Richard S. Offenbergs and Robert R. Parsonage as The War Letters of Duren F. Kelley, 1862-1865, New York, 1967.

M582, reel 2 Hagadorn, Henry J. (H, 7th)

Typescript January to August 1863 diary.

M582, reel 2 Hazen, Joseph M. (B, 7th)

Letter of December 28, 1862 describing hanging at Mankato.

P419 John R. Horner Diary, 1863 - 1864. (A, 7th)

This 1863/1864 diary covers duty in St. Louis as a guard at Schofield Barracks and campaign service with the Regiment in Mississippi, including the Battle of Iuka.

M582, reel 2 Johnson, Norman C. (F, 7th)

Typescript of letter October 14, 1862.

A.M369 William R. Marshall Papers, 1853 - 1894.

Collection includes Colonel Marshall's unpublished journal of the Sibley Expedition and his 1864 diary. He later served as Governor of Minnesota, 1866 to 1870.

P1452 Ebenezer B. Mattocks and Family Papers, 1830 - 1911, 1945.

Correspondence and diaries of Hospital Orderly, later Assistant Surgeon Mattock.

P1430 Minnesota Infantry, Seventh Regiment, Company K. Records, 1862 - 1865.
Correspondence, orders, muster rolls, reports and related records.

P1662 Henry L. Mills and Family Papers, 1851 - 1894. (H, 7th)
Reminiscences of Corporal, later Sergeant Mills, a German immigrant.

M235 Thomas Montgomery Letters, 1862 - 1867. (K, 7th)
About 149 detailed letters written by Corporal Montgomery, later Captain of Company B, 67th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry, describe the Sibley Expedition, the treatment of Indian prisoners and lives of Negro Soldiers.

A/.D413 Benjamin Densmore and Family Papers, 1797 - 1955. (William Philleo, G, 7th)
Collection includes a diary kept by Philleo on the 1863 Sibley Expedition.

M87 James T. Ramer Diary and Letter, 1862 Aug. 14 - 1863, Sept. 5, 1865, Aug. 16. (B, 7th)
Diary of Corporal, later Sergeant James Ramer mostly concerns the Regiment's service in the Dakota War, Battle of Wood Lake and the Sibley Expedition.

M582, reel 3 Ransom, Walter, Diary. (E, 7th)
Diary covering the fall of 1862 until August 1865 including the Sibley expedition but with uneven content.

P2276 Thomas Scantlebury and Family Papers, 1853 - 1951. (H, 7th)
Copies of a few military papers supplement a detailed day by day contemporary manuscript narrative titled "Wanderings in Minnesota during the Sioux Troubles in that State in the Autumn of 1862, By a Minnesotan" and covering August 14, 1862 until early January 1863. This was published after the war, copy in E83.86 S.283 RESERVE.

M582, reel 3 Watson, Amos B, Reminiscences of the Sioux Outbreak. (B, 7th)
Typescript briefly details service in several Dakota War engagements.

Eighth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

Served on the 1864 Sully Northwestern Indian Expedition with the Third Battery Light Artillery and Brackett's Battalion Minnesota Cavalry. Citations under those units might provide additional details of service on that campaign.

P950 Leonard Aldrich Papers, 1862 - 1866. (F, 8th)
Eleven letters from Captain Aldrich include information on the Regiment's activities during the Dakota Conflict and campaigns in Tennessee and North Carolina.

M582, reel 1 Bertram, A. H., A Sketch of the Droll Side of Army Life in Field and Garrison from Actual Facts. (E, 8th)

Delightful 1870s manuscript poem of detailed anecdotes from enlistment and into the 1863 Sibley Expedition.

P1905 George W. Brookins and Family letters, 1861 - 1865. (Harvey, E, 8th)

Original and edited typescript letters from 1861 to 1865 cover family matters and the Regiment's service in Minnesota, the Dakotas and the south.

A/+H838 William H. Houlton and Family Papers, 1792 - 1914. (Harvey Brookins, E, 8th)

Several 1863 and 1864 letters to W. S. Houlton.

M582, reel 1 Brunson, Benjamin W., Reminiscences. (K, 8th)

Typescript reminiscences of First Sergeant and later Lieutenant Brunson covers service in Minnesota and Tennessee.

M582, reel 1 Busch, John. (K, 8th)

Letter and typescript from camp at Wood Lake, June 9, 1864.

A/-C174 George T. Campbell and Family Papers, 1857 - c.1890. (F, 8th)

Colorful and frequently humorous reminiscences of Private Campbell.

P2048 Thomas Chetham Letters, 1862 - 1863. (A, 8th)

Four transcribed letters discuss the Regiments activities and Chetham's concern for his family's welfare.

P1761 Gardner B. Colwell Diary and Certificate, 1864 - 1865. (F, 8th)

Photocopied diary deals primarily with service on the frontier.

P540 Charles E. Davison and Family Papers, 1852 - 1864. (James, F, 8th)

Letter dated November 28, 1864.

P2244 The Diaries of George W. Doud, Eighth Minnesota Volunteers, Company F, September 14, 1862 – October 15, 1864.

Typescripts of three diaries covering September 1862 to October 1864 document Doud's experiences in graphic and sometimes humorous detail.

P943 Biographical Data on Charles Genning. (H, 8th)

J. Fletcher Williams biographical notes on this middle-aged soldier with long regular army service on the upper Mississippi is in box 2.

A/m.H153h Adams Hair Letters, 1863. (D, 8th)

Four letters written while stationed at the frontier fort at Pomme de Terre.

A/+H838 William H. Houlton and Family Papers, 1792 - 1914. (E, 8th)

Varied collection includes a recruiting letter, minutes of meeting to elect officers, war tax receipts, and numerous letters to Houlton from Minnesotans serving in other units including the US Colored Infantry.

P1771 William and Herbert Paist Papers, 1849 - 1932. (H, 8th)

Collection includes detailed letters of Captain William Paist, including Fort Snelling and the Dakota War.

M582, reel 1 Report from Chaplain.

Report on the Regiment's moral condition at Fort Snelling in May 1864 by Chaplain Loren Armsby.

M582, reel 3 Seelye, W. E., Narrative of the Past and Experiences of Which the Writer, W. E. Seelye, Took Part., (A, 8th)

Typescript reminiscences of service in Minnesota and on the Northwestern Indian Expedition.

M582, reel 3 Silvis, William. (I, 8th)

Typescript June 1 to November 4, 1864 diary details Captain Silvis' experiences on the Northwestern Indian Expedition.

M582, reel 3 Sidwell, Aaron M. (F, 8th)

Notebook with history of and selections from "The Soldiers' Gazette" published by Company F at Fort Ripley in 1863.

M582, reel 3 Strong, John Henry, Journal on the Northwestern Indian Expedition under General Sully, 1864 - 65. (A, 8th)

Diary from May to November 1864 including typed transcript plus a May 1865 letter from Nashville.

P2244 Edson D. Washburn Diaries, 1863 - 1865. (E, 8th)

Three small diaries kept by Corporal Washburn while serving in Minnesota; on the Sully Northwestern Indian Expedition; and in Tennessee and North Carolina.

Ninth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

P1447 John Felix Aiton and Family Papers, 1835 - 1898. (D, 9th)

Letters to his wife Mary describe activities with the Regiment and later as a hospital attendant in Memphis. Letters from home concern family life and economic conditions in Minnesota.

P1672 Pehr (Peter) Carlson and Family Papers, 1862 - 1904. (H, 9th)

Letters and diary in Swedish of immigrant Carlson. The diary covers January to August 1865 and includes a typescript translation.

P939 Davies, A. P. (E, 9th)

Three 1864 and 1865 letters from Corporal Davies to his wife.

P939 Doyle, William. (B, 9th)

Letter dated March 16, 1864.

A/+S817 Charles H. Steffens and Family Papers, 1800 – 1948. (David Felch, C, 9th)

Around 50 weekly letters to Felch's father cover service in the Dakota War, in garrison at Fort Ridgely and campaigning in the south. Details include combat of US Colored Troops. Other letters to Felch and family members detail Minnesota farm life and Felch's 1864 death.

M582, reel 1 Greenleaf, Moses. (I, 9th)

Eight letters from October 1862 to June 1863 from Commissary Sergeant Greenleaf.

Alpha Harrington and Merrill Family Papers, 1732 - 1963. (Frank M. Harrington Letters, B, 9th)

Collection includes (at least) six 1863 letters from posts in Minnesota, three from posts in Missouri that fall and winter, and six 1864 letters from the south.

P591 Joseph E. Harvey Letter, 1864 May 31. (K, 9th)

Letter briefly describes military posts along the Mississippi River.

A.H566 Henry N. Herrick and Family Papers, 1851 - 1956. (George, B, 9th)

Collection includes some correspondence to his brother Henry, Regimental chaplain.

P2492 Chauncey J. Hill and Family Papers, 1862 - 1944. (K, 9th)

Letters to wife Sarah written March to June 1864 prior to his capture and death in Andersonville Prison.

P1289 Aaron Hervey Kerr Papers, 1864 - 1889.

Includes transcription of Chaplain Kerr's diary.

P1510 Alexander G. Huggins and Family Papers, 1835 - 1976. (John Kerlinger, I, 9th)

Biographical information on Corporal, then Sergeant, Kerlinger's service in the Dakota War, capture and imprisonment at Andersonville. Also a list of subscribers for a bugle.

P939 Latimer, W. K., letter, 1864 Nov. 14. (D, 9th)

Letter written to his family from Andersonville Prison prior to his January 1865 death there.

M582, reel 2 Lovell, William R. (B, 9th)

"Reminiscence of Service 1862-1865" written at age 91 includes details of capture at Brice's Crossroads and imprisonment at Andersonville and elsewhere.

BG4-M643 9th Minnesota Infantry Regiment Papers, 1862 - 1865. (I, 9th)

Muster rolls and enlistment records of the company.

M22 U.S. War Dept. Adjutant Generals Office, Regimental Letter and Order Book, 9th Minnesota Infantry, 1862 - 1864.

Microfilm copy of Regimental letters and orders, most dealing with logistics and personnel matters.

+125 Minnesota Infantry, 9th Regiment, Company D, Membership Roster, 1862 - 1865.

A commemorative roster of all the members of this company. It details names of officers and enlisted men and provides some biographical information.

A/.M982 John W. Murray Diaries, 1855 - 1873. (B, 9th and Hospital Steward, USA)

Includes a diary kept while working as a hospital steward in Rolla, Missouri 1864 and 1865.

M582, reel 3 Nasmith, S. (Richard Strout, B, 9th)

Letter from Captain Strout concerning his company.

M582, reel 3 Paulson, Ole, 1832 – 1907, General Sibley's Expedition. (B, 9th)

Typescript translation from the Norwegian of Captain Paulson's experiences on the 1863 Sibley Expedition.

M582, reel 3 Shotwell, James A. (G, 9th)

An 1895 letter to his son describes the 1862 relief march from Sauk Center to Fort Abercrombie.

P1091 Diary and Miscellaneous Letters and Papers, 1862 - 1908. (James N. Woodbury, C, 9th)

Most of Woodbury's approximately 30 letters to his wife are from campaigns in Missouri. After Woodbury's death in Andersonville Prison Nathan Palmetoer of the same company continued entries in his diary

Tenth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

Served on the 1863 Sibley Expedition with the Sixth and Seventh Infantry, Third Battery Light Artillery and the Minnesota Mounted Rangers. Citations under those units might provide additional details of campaign service.

P939 Anderson, Daniel. (E, 10th)

Brief autobiographical sketch by Corporal Anderson.

A.C314 Samuel D. Carrell and Family Papers, 1847 - 1896. (Austin Carrell, C, 10th)

Include letters and diary of Corporal Carrell, killed at Nashville. The diary deals mainly with the Dakota War.

P1240 Alexander Chambers and Family Papers, 1827 - 1942. (Frank, A, 10th)

Letters of Private Chambers include several from the 1863 Sibley Expedition and three from St. Louis, 1863 and 1864. Three 1863 letters from Clarke Chambers and Alexander, Sr. concern activities around Vicksburg.

P636 Charles L. Davis Civil War Papers, 1862-1872. (D, 10th)

Lieutenant, then Captain, Davis conducted Fort Snelling recruits south. His military papers include orders, muster rolls, financial accounts and inventories.

M582, reel 2 Hart, James R. (D, 10th)

Typescript "Historical Reminiscences of Service in Dakota and Minnesota"

P1824 Charles C. Horton Papers, 1865 - 1902. (D, 10th)

An 1897 reminiscence of service with the Hutchinson Home Guard during the 1862 so called Battle of Hutchinson.

M582, reel 2 Observations of T. J. Hunt in the Civil War: A Narrative of the Military Life of T. J. Hunt in the Sioux Indian and Civil Wars of 1862 - 1865 (B, 10th)

Typescript includes numerous detailed anecdotes and graphic descriptions of the Battles of Nashville and Fort Blakely.

Microfiche 766 Newcombe Kinney, Reminiscences of the Sioux War. (A, 10th)

A brief 1916 published account of the Sibley Campaign and the Regiment's later service in the south.

P1749 John B. Leo Letters, 1863 - 1865, 1884. (H, 10th)

Three early 1863 letters from Minnesota patrols and an 1865 letter from a New Orleans hospital written by this Irish immigrant private.

Alpha McConnell, Henry August. (D, 10th)

Photocopies of 1862 through 1865 letters from First Sergeant McConnell to his wife Delia plus chronologies and a memorandum of service.

M582, reel 2 Mosher, Orville Watson, Account of Experiences in the Civil War and the Sioux Outbreak in Minnesota, 1951. (Hiram, F, 10th)

Very basic anecdotes told by the writer's veteran uncle.

P1481 Eli K. Pickett Correspondence, 1861 - 1865. (I, 10th)

Second Lieutenant Pickett's letters to his family detail service on the Minnesota frontier and campaigns in the South. Letters from wife Philena describing life at home.

A/+L853 Levi Longfellow Papers, 1865 - 1926. (Benjamin Swan, F, 10th)

A 1915 letter from veteran Swan describes the 1865 hanging of Medicine Bottle and Little Six at Fort Snelling.

M582, reel 3 Sheardown, Samuel B.

Surgeon Sheardown writes from LeSeur in January 1863 describing his experiences in the Dakota War.

P939 George T. White Letter, 1864 June 9. (F, 10th)

Captain White's letter to a sister was written from Columbus, Kentucky.

Eleventh Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

P1659 Jonas H. Howe and Family Papers, 1864 - 1865, 1935, 1939-1940. (F, 11th)
Includes typescripts of First Sergeant Howe's letters from Tennessee in 1864 and 1865.

P517 George G. Cook and Family Papers, 1864 – 1872, 1955. (C, 11th)
Letter dated April 26, 1864 written from Chicago while the Regiment was in route south.

M79 Peter and Katherine (Delsing) Rectenwald, Minnesota Pioneers, 1950. (Frank Delsing, B, 11th)
Limited narrative record of the service of Private Delsing's service with the Regiment.

P939 Evans, Chester E., 1836 - 1918. (F, 11th)
Around a dozen letters to his wife and family dated September 1864 to April 1865 discuss camp life and festivities after Lee's surrender.

P1476 John H. Mitchell and Family Papers, 1858 - 1865. (A, G, 11th)
Photocopies of letters from September 1864 through June 1865 to and from his family discuss farm life and hardships in Minnesota and camp life in Tennessee.

A/-M854 Robert L. Morris and Jasper N. Searles Papers, 1861 - 1865.
Includes partial transcribed diary, prescriptions and notes of Assistant Surgeon Morris.

P1933 John S. Moulton Diary and Transcript, 1865. (E, 11th)
Typed transcript of Lieutenant Moulton's diary (Reserve Collection 75) covers railroad guard duty and camp life in the south.

M55 Edward Z. Needham Papers, 1861 - 1865. (B, 11th)
Microfilm of diary documenting Needham's service in the First Minnesota and later the Eleventh.

P1773 Mary E. Richards and Family Papers, 1851 - 1965. (Amasa, F, 11th)
Includes letters from Mary and family members describing life in Minnesota during the 1860's and letters from her husband describing service in Tennessee.

A/-S562 John P. Shumway Papers, 1853 - 1865. (F, 11th)
Collection includes 35 letters to his wife describing army life and duties in and around Nashville.

P1948 William H Van Kluek Diaries, 1864 Aug. 14 - 1865 July 15.
Commissary Sergeant Van Kluek's diaries document experiences at Fort Snelling and at Nashville, Mitchellville and Gallatin, Tennessee.

Companies of Sharpshooters

Two independent companies were raised in Minnesota to be part of Berdan's United States Sharpshooters. The First Company became Company A of the Second Regiment of United States Sharpshooters and served with them in the Army of the Potomac. The Second Company of Minnesota Sharpshooters became Company L of the First Regiment of United States Sharpshooters, but was soon detached and transferred as an additional company, again L, of the First Minnesota Infantry. They participated in most of that unit's actions until muster out in early 1864.

First Company of Minnesota Sharpshooters

A/-E92 Owen Evans Letters, 1862 - 1863.

Three letters from Captain Evans to his daughter in Anoka between March and May 1862 describe Peninsular Campaign and Fredericksburg battles.

P225 Anna Seamons Correspondence, 1864 - 1865. (William H. Stacy)

Includes three hospital letters from Stacy who transferred from the Sharpshooters to the First Battalion in 1865.

BG4.U5872nd A U.S. Sharpshooters, 2nd Regiment, Company A Papers, 1861 - 1865.

Orders, lists of officers and noncommissioned officers, morning reports and registers for the company.

Second Company of Minnesota Sharpshooters

P1331 Josiah B. Chaney and Family Papers, 1792 - 1917.

Includes detailed letters to his wife Melissa, written February through October 1862, describing camp life, army morale, and Peninsular Campaign battles.

P1618 Joseph C. Dickey and Family Papers, 1860 - 1935.

Letters to family members describe camp life and battles particularly Antietam, where Dickey was wounded.

A/D989 G. Merill Dwelle and Family Papers, 1843 - 1896.

Dwelle's letters from December 1861 through February 1863 describe the Company's formation, training and campaigns from the Peninsula Campaign through Antietam. Includes particularly good accounts of his wounding at Antietam, subsequent recovery, and training with the Third Battery.

P428 Charles D. Strong Papers, 1862 - 1865. (Robert)

Letter dated April 28, 1862 from Washington plus a partial Company roster.

Artillery

The First and Second Batteries served under Grant and Sherman in the south and east while the Third Battery, raised in 1863, participated in three campaigns against the Dakota. The Regiment of Heavy Artillery was raised in late 1864 and garrisoned Chattanooga, Tennessee.

First Battery, Minnesota Light Artillery

P57 Emil Munch Papers, 1832 - 1887.

Correspondence and other papers relating to Captain Munch's command of the Battery until severely wounded at the battle of Shiloh, then in the State Militia, the US Veteran Reserve Corps and in 1865 as major in the First Regiment of Heavy Artillery.

M539 James C. Christie and Family Papers, 1861 - 1865. (William, Thomas)

Scores of letters from the two brothers include articulate observations on the war and detailed descriptions of combat. Collection includes letters to the brothers from their sister Sarah Jane Christie and their father James.

M542 Thomas and Carmelite Christie and Family Papers, 1890s – 1900s. (Thomas, William)

Additional copies of letters from the brothers, later reminiscences of the Battles of Shiloh, Corinth and Iuka, and an unfinished 107 page reminiscence of Thomas' service with the Battery.

P1257 Muster Rolls and Historical Data, 1864 - 1906.

Muster Rolls, announcements of reunions, a historical sketch of the unit, and a map of the Battle of Shiloh showing Battery positions.

P1465 Joseph M. Allen Letters, 1862 - 1863.

Describe battles and movements, especially the Battle of Corinth (October 9, 1862) where he was wounded. Other letters describe his illness and death from dysentery.

A/.C514 Winston W. Cheatham and Family Papers, 1830 - 1905. (James)

About 25 letters home from Privates James Major Cheatham, with the Battery in the south, and Private Charles Wilson after his transfer to the Third Battery.

P1903 Company Morning Reports and Records, 1861 December - 1865 June.

A volume of daily and monthly rosters and narrative accounts including the Battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, the Atlanta Campaign, and Sherman's March to the Sea.

P 36 Reuben Farnum Letters, 1864 - 1865.

Letters to his wife, Roxanna, describe service with the Battery including the Atlanta Campaigns and Sherman's march through Georgia and the Carolinas.

Alpha Albion Otis Gross Papers, 1863 - 1865.

Private Gross' graphic letters and journal span January 1864 through the end of the war. (Transcribed and edited by Robert Meinhard, see P2323.)

P939 Nielson, Anders.

Photocopies of letters in Norwegian dated November 15, 1862 and August 22, 1864.

P2255 Chesley Pratt and Family Papers, Undated and 1862, 1864.

Five 1864 letters from his brothers in the Third and Sixth Regiments.

Second Battery, Minnesota Light Artillery

A/-S537w William Henry Shaw Diary, 1864.

Documents the Battery's operations in Chattanooga area during 1864.

M607 Francis S. Flint and Family Papers, 1855 - 1881. (Francis Flint, William Spaulding)

Numerous letters to Jennie Russell describe life in and campaigns of the Battery from March 1862 to June 1865, including his capture at Murfreesboro and imprisonment in Virginia. Portions have been edited. A record of religious activities in the Battery and two William Spaulding diaries, February 1863 to May 1864, are included.

P2636 William A. Spaulding Civil War Diaries, Undated and 1861 - 1865.

Three diaries with brief entries plus typed transcripts cover his full enlistment from 1861 through 1865 (see also two additional two diaries in M607.)

P939 Letters regarding Tristram Tidd.

Two letters dated January 15 and 23, 1863 concern Tidd's health and Battery operations.

P2146 Lyman Warren Ayer Papers, 1862 - 1961.

Four letters to his wife from Nashville and Chattanooga describe army life, opinions about the war, life in the south, missionary work among southern Blacks and efforts to obtain a commission.

Third Battery, Minnesota Light Artillery

Served on the 1863 Sibley Expedition with the Sixth, Seventh and Tenth Minnesota Infantry and the Minnesota Mounted Rangers, and on 1864 Northwestern Indian Expedition with the Eighth Minnesota Infantry and Brackett's Battalion Minnesota Cavalry. Citations under those units might provide additional details of campaign service.

A/.C514 Winston W. Cheatham and Family Papers, 1830 - 1905. (Henry, Charles Wilson)

Several 1865 letters from these two privates describe garrison life at Fort Ridgely and the 1865 Sully Expedition.

A/.D989 G. Merrill Dwelle and Family Papers, 1843 - 1896.

Lieutenant Dwelle, wounded veteran of the Second Company Sharpshooters, describes training and service with the newly raised Battery in his letters.

P1630 John Q. Wilson Papers, 1860 - 1866, 1913.

Diary dated July 1865 to March 1866 relates the Battery's service on the 1865 Sully Expedition and surviving harsh winter condition.

P1513 John Jones and Family Papers, 1823 - 1937.

Ordnance Sergeant Jones' pre-Civil War military papers, numerous 1863 letters to his wife covering service on the Minnesota frontier and the Sibley Expedition, and over a dozen 1865 letters from the Minnesota frontier and the Northwestern Indian Expedition. Collection includes many testimonials on his service at the 1862 Battles of Fort Ridgely.

First Regiment, Minnesota Heavy Artillery

BG4/+M517 Battery L Records, 1864 - 1867.

Reports, muster rolls, official correspondence and orders issued to the Company.

P1678 George T. Bartlett Papers, 1834, 1863 - 1865.

Letters to family describing life at Fort Snelling and the Regiment's move south. Two letters written by others describe Bartlett's illness and subsequent death at a Chattanooga hospital.

P621 Luther L. Baxter and Family Papers, 1853 - 1950.

Records kept by Lieutenant Colonel Baxter, previously a captain in the Fourth Minnesota Infantry, include letters from other officers and prominent Minnesotans.

P672 James Lockwood and Family Papers, 1865 and [189?] - 1948. (H, 1st HA)

Six letters to his wife and an army pass.

P57 Emil Munch Papers, 1832 - 1887.

Papers relate to his appointment to and resignation from the Regiment.

P2326 Paul D. Rosendahl Diaries, 1860 - 1865, 1873 - 1880. (L, 1st HA)

Diary for 1865.

P939 West, William. (M, 1st HA)

Lieutenant West writes advice to his son on March 12, 1865.

Cavalry

Cavalry was needed during and after the Dakota Conflict to patrol the frontier and quickly react to threats. Only Brackett's Battalion served outside Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Brackett's Battalion, Minnesota Cavalry

Three companies were part of the 5th Iowa Cavalry from December 1861 to January 1864, thereafter with additional companies as an independent Minnesota battalion until the summer of 1866. Served on the 1864 Northwestern Indian Expedition with the Eighth Minnesota Infantry and the Third Battery Light Artillery. Citations under those units might provide additional details of service on that campaign.

BG4 .M522b Battalion Order Book, 1864, Brackett's Battalion.

Copies of orders to and from the Battalion.

M438 Charles A. Bennett Diary, 1865.

Diary kept while on duty in southern Minnesota, Iowa and Dakota Territory.

P1568 Alfred B. Brackett Papers, 1861 - 1868.

Reports, orders, newsletters and commissions relate to Major Brackett and the Battalion.

P2257 Narrative of the Civil War. (Eugene Marshall)

Captain Marshall's reminiscence prepared in 1909 detail service in Tennessee from September 1861 through September 1862.

FE 515.6 .N378 Mortimer Neely, Abstract of the History of Captain A. B. Brackett's 3rd Company.

Lieutenant Neely's notes cover service from December 1861 through November 1864 in the south, in Minnesota and on the Northwestern Indian Expedition.

First Regiment of Mounted Rangers (First Minnesota Cavalry)

Served on the 1863 Sibley Expedition with the Sixth, Seventh and Tenth Minnesota Infantry and the Third Battery Minnesota Light Artillery. Citations under those units might provide additional details of service on that campaign.

A/.A935 Horace Austin and Family Papers, 1857 manuscript book of bugle call scores 1953. (B, M.R.)

Governor Austin's recollections written in 1898 cover his service as a captain on the Sibley Expedition. Two letters from former members of the Regiment describe their service.

M582, reel 1 Griswold, Franklin C. (G, M.R.)

Several letters and transcripts, including graphic letter of the Battle of Birch Coulee.

P641 William Larned and Family Papers, 1849 - 1866. (Horatio, William, C, 1st MR)

Short typescript accounts of Private Horatio and Lieutenant William Larned's service in the Regiment, plus William's Fisk Expedition diary and Horatio's reminiscences.

M582, reel 3 Taylor, Oscar, Military Papers, 1859 - 1863.

Taylor's commissions in the Minnesota State Militia and the Mounted Rangers, muster-out roll for the Mounted Rangers and a diagram of an 1862 Sauk Centre military post.

P2326 Paul D. Rosendahl Diaries, 1860 - 1865, 1873 - 1880. (A, 1st MR)

Three diaries kept during the Sibley Expedition.

BG4.M523 1st M Minnesota Cavalry, First Regiment Mounted Rangers, Co. M, Order Book, 1862 - 1863.

Copies of orders, requisitions and reports.

BG4.M523 1st F Minnesota Cavalry, First Regiment Mounted Rangers, Co. F, Order Book, 1862 - 1863.

Copies of orders, requisitions and reports.

P1519 Thomas R. Stewart Memoirs, 1909, 1929. (G, 1st MR)

Typescript of detailed reminiscence including days at Fort Snelling features dozens of humorous anecdotes.

M582, reel 3 Wall, Oscar Garnett, 1841 - 1911, Diary of the Indian Expedition of 1863. (F, 1st MR)

Typescript diary covers May 9 to September 29, 1863.

M519 Edwin and Wilfred J. Whitefield Papers, [ca1854] - 1918. (Wilfred, D, 1st MR)

Microfilm of detailed letters to a lady friend plus a diary (with typescript) of the Sibley Expedition that includes 50 excellent pencil sketches of camp scenes, Minnesota forts and stockades, and locations on the Expedition.

Second Regiment, Minnesota Cavalry

Served on the 1864 Sully Northwestern Indian Expedition with the Eighth Minnesota Infantry and Brackett's Battalion Minnesota Cavalry. Citations under those units might provide additional details of service on that campaign.

M582, reel 1 Atkinson, James B., Diary June 2 to September 26, 1864. (D, 2nd)

Typescript of diary of Atkinson, reportedly a scout on the 1864 Northwestern Indian Expedition.

P2440 Charles E. Burgess Papers, 1942 - 1954. (Herman, B, 2nd)

Sergeant Burgess' service as recounted by his son.

P2247 Jared W. Daniels Reminiscences, undated.

Typescript reminiscences of Surgeon Daniels experiences in the Northwestern Indian Expedition.

M582, reel 1 Griswold, Franklin C. (M, 2nd)

Several letters and transcripts, including graphic letter of the Battle of Birch Coulee.

P2115 David N. Jenkins Papers, 1864, 1904 - 1913. (D, 2nd)

Journal kept by Corporal Jenkins describes in detail Sully's Northwestern Indian Expedition.

M582 reel 2 Mosher, Orville Watson, Account of Experiences in the Civil War and the Sioux Outbreak in Minnesota, 1951. (Asa, C, 2nd)

Very basic anecdotes told by the writer's veteran uncle.

A/-R495 Ebenezer A. Rice Diary, 1864.

Major Rice describes his experiences while on Sully's Northwestern Indian Expedition.

P56 Minnesota Cavalry, 2nd Regiment, Co. A, Muster-out Roll.

Typewritten list of officers and enlisted men mustered out of service on April 2, 1866. Includes supplemental listing of deserters and men discharged for disability.

M582, reel 3 Robinson, John E., 1837 – 1916, Biographical Memorabilia. (B, 2nd)

Typescript October 11, 1864 letter describing Sully's Northwestern Indian Expedition.

J92.S867 Stoddard, J. S., A map showing route traveled by the Indian expedition which left Ft. Ridgely June 6, 1864.

Manuscript map the route of march of Sully's Northwestern Indian Expedition.

M582, reel 3 Ward, Chester C. (D, 2nd)

Letter dated August 27, 1865 describes camp life at Fort Wadsworth.

E515.6 2nd .W54 1900z Excerpts from the Diary of Eli Ingraham Williamson for the year of 1864. (G, 2nd)

Typescript covering 1864 including Sully's Northwestern Indian Expedition and duty at frontier posts including the Pipe Lake Fort.

A/.C514 Winston W. Cheatham and Family Papers. (Charles Wilson, C, 2nd)

Several 1865 letters describe garrison life at Fort Ridgely and the 1865 Sully Expedition.

Hatch's Battalion, Minnesota Cavalry

A/+B789 George F. Boyd and Family Papers, 1852 - 1961. (E, Hatch's)

Includes Captain Boyd's commissions and individual muster rolls.

M582, reel 1 Fullerton, William. (A, Hatch's)

Detailed 1888 letter recounting his detachment caught in a blizzard near Fort Wadsworth, December 1864.

P1437 Edwin Hatch and Family Papers, 1805 - 1939.

Major Hatch's diaries document his command of the Battalion and its service on the Minnesota frontier until his resignation in June 1864.

M582, reel 2 Mackenzie, John H., Biographical Information.

Rambling reminiscences of a former scout for the Battalion.