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Lawrence, George and Alvah Jr., Papers, 1861-1864, n.d.
Fredonia, NY

Collection Dates: 1861-1864

.21 linear feet
.23 cubic feet
(1 box)

Author/Creator: George Lawrence and Alvah Lawrence, Jr.
Collection No: WNY MSS 2
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Abstract: Alvah Jr. and George, sons of Alvah Lawrence of Ellington, Chautauqua County, New York, enlisted on 19 August 1863, at Ellington, being 27 and 21 years of age, respectively. They enlisted in the 7th Company, First Battalion of Sharpshooters. The 7th Company was originally Company L, 112th New York Volunteers, organized in Jamestown and mustered in September 12, 1862, mainly recruited in Ellicott, Busti, Ellery, Ellington, Carroll, and Jamestown. The Sharpshooters First Battalion saw a great deal of battle action in Virginia from April, 1863 to April, 1865. It sustained 157 casualties, a quite high number.

Alvah Jr. was wounded on 5 May 1864, and was later transferred to Co. A, Twelfth Veteran Reserve Corps. He was discharged July 17, 1865, at Washington, D.C.

George A. was captured on August 19, 1864, and died of disease as a prisoner of war on February 5, 1865, at Salisbury, North Carolina.

Scope and Contents of Collection: The twelve letters include two from Alvah Jr. in 1861 and 1862, while he was working as a school teacher in Murphysboro, Illinois. The other ten letters from Alvah Jr. and George to their parents and brothers provide a graphic description of their wartime activities.

Box Listing

Box 1

Inventory

Folder 1. Letter, Alvah Lawrence Jr. to John Lawrence, Murphysboro, Illinois, 1 Dec 1861, and envelope (2 items)

- Folder 2. Letter, Alvah Lawrence Jr. to Alvah Lawrence, Murphysboro, Ill., 26 Feb 1862 , and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 3. Letter, Alvah Lawrence Jr. to Mrs. Saloma Lawrence, Rikers Island, 30 Sept 1863, and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 4. Letter, Alvah Lawrence Jr. to Alvah Lawrence, Kelly's Ford, 23 Dec 1863. George Lawrence to Alvah Lawrence, Kelly's Ford, 23 Dec 1863 (3 items)
- Folder 5. Letter, Alvah Lawrence Jr. to Eddie and Charlie Lawrence, C.P., Va., 17 Feb 1864, and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 6. Letter, Alvah Lawrence Jr. to Alvah Lawrence, Culpepper, Va., 6 Apr 1864, and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 7. Two letters, George Lawrence to Alvah Lawrence, 3 June, 1864, and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 8. Letter, George Lawrence to Alvah Lawrence, 4 June 1864, and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 9. Letter, A.L. White to Alvah Lawrence, Washington, D.C., 10 June 1864, and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 10. Letter, George Lawrence to M.L. Lawrence, 21 June 1864, and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 11. Letter, George Lawrence to Alvah Lawrence, Petersburg, Va. 11 July 1864, and envelope (2 items)
- Folder 12. Miscellaneous: 5 envelopes, 1 song, Invitation to the funeral of Capt. H.G. Buel, Report of the Adjutant-General (photocopy). (10 items)
- Folder 13. Xerographic copies of 35 letters from the collections of the Fenton Historical Society, Jamestown, NY, 14 Jan. 1992, letters 1-13.
- Folder 14. Xerographic copies of 35 letters from the collections of the Fenton Historical Society, Jamestown, NY, 14 Jan. 1992, letters 14-26.
- Folder 15. Xerographic copies of 35 letters from the collections of the Fenton Historical Society, Jamestown, NY, 14 Jan. 1992, letters 27-35.

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