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Western Kentucky University Manuscripts & Folklife Archives – Civil War Collections



This is a list of collections in the [Manuscripts & Folklife Archives](#) holdings of [WKU's Department of Library Special Collections](#) that relate to the Civil War. Included are letters and diaries of soldiers and civilians, military records and papers, and other, mostly unpublished material. Our collections are particularly strong on Bowling Green, Kentucky's Civil War history and in documenting the experiences of Kentuckians or those who passed through Kentucky and surrounding states during the war.

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Letters of Martha (Lucas) Graham detail life in Bowling Green, Kentucky during and after the Confederate occupation of 1861-1862, and also comment on the recruitment of African Americans into the Union Army.

[Allen, John G., 1837?-1863](#)

Pocket diary and letter of this Union soldier, camped near Nashville, Tennessee, 1862.

[Allen, Robert](#)

Letter of this soldier on his arrival in hospital at Camp Dennison, Ohio, 1865.

[Allison, James Nicholls, 1848-1918](#)

Information about this Boyd County, Kentucky infantryman (later a brigadier general) and his regiment.

[Alvis, Elizabeth Duncan \(Stark\), 1876-1959](#)

Information about the Confederate Army service of John William Stark of Allen County, Kentucky.

[Anderson, James Patton, 1822-1872](#)

Order of General Patton, 1863, reassigning four soldiers of the Army of Tennessee, who later deserted.

[Angel, E. M.](#)

Recruitment notice and bounty offer, 1865, to African-American men in Green County, Kentucky and the 4th Congressional District.

[Armitage, Valerius, 1827-1888](#)

Confederate military pass issued at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Ashcraft Family Papers](#)

Certificates of exemption from military draft, issued at Lebanon, Kentucky.

[Atkinson Collection](#)

Letters of this Bowling Green, Kentucky family describe conditions during the war.

[Baer, Levi W., 1839-1905](#)

An Indiana soldier writes in 1862 of camp life and expected action at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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An 1863 letter to Ellen C. Fort from two prisoners of war at Camp Douglas, Illinois. [Related collection](#)

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Loyalty oath, 1865, of a member of the Bate family of Sumner County, Tennessee.

[Ballew, William A., 1842-1915](#)

A Kentucky infantryman camped in Tennessee in 1864 describes his regiment's support of George B. McClellan for president and a mock election among African Americans in support of President Lincoln.

[Barren, County, Kentucky History](#)

List of veterans joining the county's Confederate Aid Society, 1872.

[Barter, Edwin Henry Steele, d. 1873](#)

An 1865 letter to Benjamin Covington Grider recollects the payment of bounties to recruits for the Ninth Kentucky Regiment. [Related collection](#)

[Bates, John](#)

A Confederate Army surgeon corresponds with his wife from various locations in Tennessee and Kentucky, including Bowling Green.

[Battey Family Letters](#)

Letters of three English-born brothers, serving in the Union Army, to family in Ohio. Two write from Bowling Green, Kentucky, and one from hospital in New Orleans. Includes news of John Hunt Morgan's death.

[Bell, Cincinnatus Douglas, 1833-1884](#)

Letters and diary of this Christian County, Kentucky native, written mostly during his Confederate Army service in middle Tennessee.

[Beller, William Y., 1834-1892](#)

Pension claim papers of this Butler County, Kentucky soldier.

[Benedict, Harrison, 1813-1900](#)

An 1862 letter of this Scottsville, Kentucky man describes Confederate theft and destruction in the area.

[Blackburn, John W.](#)

"Butler County [Kentucky] Boys in the Civil War," a paper focusing on the 11th Volunteer (Union) Infantry.

[Blake, Rufus George, 1846-1929](#)

Brief Civil War reminiscences of this Arkansas man include his father's death near Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Blaney Family Papers](#)

Discharge and pension certificates of Pennsylvania cavalryman Henry C. Blaney.

[Bledsoe, Henry Payton, 1841-1907](#)

Enlistment, promotion and discharge papers of this Logan County, Kentucky soldier.

[Boatman, John, 1842-1916](#)

An Illinois soldier writes of conditions at Paducah, Kentucky, 1861.

[Bonjour, Thomas L.](#)

This Illinois soldier writes from Atlanta, 1864.

[Bowker, Lewis Gray, 1840-1863](#)

Letters of an Ohio soldier in Bowling Green, Kentucky, November 1862-January 1863 describe the prevalence of illness. A comrade's letter brings news of his death. [Read more](#)

[Bowles, Orlando Charles, 1839-1896](#)

Letters to Bowles, a Union Army captain of Pikeville, Kentucky, refer to conditions in Pike and Floyd counties in Kentucky and Madison County, Ohio. Papers of Bowles relate to bounty payments and back pay for soldiers.

[Bowling Green, Kentucky](#)

A Confederate soldier, "J. S. H.," writes of camp life from Bowling Green, Kentucky, November 1861.

[Bowling Green, Kentucky - Fortifications](#)

Plans for fortifications, hospitals and troop quarters for Bowling Green. [Read more](#)

[Boyd, Alex](#)

A letter of this Confederate soldier describes conditions in Bowling Green, Kentucky, January 1862.

[Boyd Family Papers](#)

Loyalty oath and Union military pass issued at Paducah, Kentucky.

[Braly, William D.](#)

A soldier's 1863 letter, written near Tullahoma, Tennessee.

[Bratcher, John W., b. 1835](#)

Discharge and pension papers of this Kentucky mounted infantryman.

[Brown Family Letters](#)

A letter to Charles Nourse of Bardstown, Kentucky from his sister Sally Doom eloquently deplores the Southern secession movement and the defense of slavery. [Read more](#)

[Brownsville, Kentucky](#)

A Confederate soldier writes from camp at Brownsville in October 1861 of Unionist sentiment and an incident of gunfire directed at a comrade. [Read more](#)

[Bruce, Horatio Washington, 1830-1903](#)

Statement of candidacy for this Kentuckian, seeking a seat in the Confederate Congress, 1862. [Read more](#)

[Bryan Family Letters](#)

Letters of this Tennessee family include two from Confederate soldiers writing from Shelbyville of local Union sympathizers and carriers of contraband.

[Buckner, Simon Bolivar, 1823-1914](#)

A 1907 letter of Lieutenant General Buckner suggests that attendees at a forthcoming Orphan Brigade reunion recommend the acquisition of land for a memorial at the birthplace of Jefferson Davis.

[Burch, James W.](#)

A letter of this Henry County, Tennessee man describes local conditions and guerrilla activities, November 1862.

[Bush, Thomas](#)

Letter of this soldier, 1863, in hospital in Louisville with tuberculosis.

[Cain, Bevie Waughn, 1844-1883](#)

Letters of a young Breckinridge County, Kentucky woman and Confederate sympathizer discuss abolitionism, Lincoln, and the war. [Read more](#)

[Caley, Charles](#)

An 1862 letter of this Union soldier to his wife in Ohio describes his illness and his march from Louisville to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Calvert-Obenchain-Younglove Collection](#)

Various pension claims, and scrapbook items relating to Bowling Green, Kentucky and the war.

[Camp Gilmore, Kentucky](#)

A soldier's 1863 letter from this camp near Frankfort comments on public opinion of the Emancipation Proclamation.

[Campbell, John O., d. 1865](#)

A Pennsylvania infantryman writes in 1863 from Bourbon County, Kentucky with comments on Confederate sympathizers and on local members of the Clay and Bacon families.

[Carmichael Family Papers](#)

Claim for the loss of a slave who joined the Union Army.

[Carter, Chillon Conway, 1830-1891](#)

Letters of this Monroe County, Kentucky Union soldier, whose regiment was involved in battle at Shiloh, Stones River, and Chickamauga.

[Chapin, Margaret \(Terwillinger\)](#)

Serving in a Michigan regiment, Margaret's husband David writes her from Camp Despair, Kentucky about his pension and pay.

[Cheairs, Nathaniel Frances, 1818-1914](#)

Deposition of this Tennessee soldier relating to a war claim filed by Larkin F. Baker, Bowling Green, Kentucky for damage to his property during construction of fortifications.

[Cherry, Thomas Crittenden, 1862-1947](#)

Souvenir program from the 21st reunion (1912) of Kentucky's Orphan Brigade.

[Children of the Confederacy](#)

Membership applications, 1922-1963, for this youth auxiliary of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

[Chism Family Papers](#)

Receipts for Union Army purchases in Monroe County, Kentucky.

[Civil War, 1861-1865 – Lexington, Kentucky](#)

Soldier "Albert" writes his wife in 1863 from Lexington, Kentucky of his painful facial inflammation, the state of his military accommodations, and the "howl" of a military band.

[Civil War, 1861-1865 – Reenactors](#)

A handbook for a company of Civil War reenactors based in Owensboro, Kentucky and modeled on the 26th Kentucky Volunteers.

[Clagett, Marjorie Elizabeth, 1900-2000](#)

Notes on Theodore Clay Northcott's experience of Lost River Cave, Warren County, Kentucky during the war.

[Claggett, David McKee, b. 1835?](#)

Diary of this Todd County, Kentucky soldier, 1861-1865.

[Claims](#)

Power of attorney, 1888, in connection with the war claim of George Givens.

[Clark Family Papers](#)

Confederate soldier Philip G. Clark writes to his family near Roanoke, Virginia of the hardships of military life.

[Clark, John Thomas, b. 1828?](#)

Union Army discharge of this Logan County, Kentucky soldier.

[Clark, Samuel, 1870-1934](#)

Monthly report of clothing and equipment issued to Lieutenant B. V. Tyler, commander of a Kentucky infantry company, 1864.

[Clark, William T.](#)

An 1861 letter to his aunt in Pennsylvania, written from Camp Nolin, Hardin County, Kentucky.

[Clarke, Marcellus Jerome, 1844-1865](#)

Clippings, letters, and assorted information about the life and exploits of Clarke, better known as Confederate guerrilla "Sue Mundy."

[Claybrook-Doswell Papers](#)

Union military pass issued at Lebanon, Kentucky.

[Collins, John](#)

A letter to this soldier from his wife in Newport, Kentucky describes caring for their sick children.

[Coombs Family Collection](#)

Research conducted by WKU librarian Elizabeth Coombs relating to the Civil War in Bowling Green, Kentucky, including data on soldiers with connections to Warren County.

[Cosby Family Collection](#)

Letters to the family of John Dudley Cosby of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky from Union soldiers camped at Bowling Green and Russellville, Kentucky; Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh), Tennessee; and Corinth, Mississippi.

[Courts-Martial and Courts of Inquiry](#)

Printed general orders regarding courts-martial of Kentuckians or those acting in Kentucky.

[Covington, Josephine \(Wells\), 1832-1872](#)

A March, 1862 letter from this Bowling Green, Kentucky woman describes her encounters with Confederates during their occupation of the town, and with Union troops thereafter.

[Cowing, Rufus Billings, 1840-1920](#)

A New York lawyer writes in February, 1861 about his brother Kirkland's Union Army service and his bright future in business. Arriving in Bowling Green, Kentucky just after the Confederate withdrawal, Kirkland was later killed at the Battle of Chickamauga.

[Cox, Samuel K., 1849-1925](#)

The diary of this Kentucky Confederate Army captain includes details of the capture of Fort Donelson, Tennessee.

[Crabb, Alfred Leland, 1884-1979](#)

Drafts of *Peace at Bowling Green*, Crabb's work of historical fiction about the Civil War.

[Cuppy, John W.](#)

This soldier writes of his Illinois regiment's activities near Louisville, Kentucky in September 1861, and from hospital in Bowling Green, Kentucky, December 1862.

[Dalton, C. David – Collector](#)

Research materials for Dalton's thesis on Confederate operations in eastern Kentucky, 1861-1862.

[Daniel, Hannah \(Lewis\) Hawkins, 1833-1870](#)

This Fleming County, Kentucky woman writes in 1864 of raids, looting and travel difficulties in the area.

[Daniels, Herbert, 1836-1899](#)

Letters of a Rhode Island infantryman serving in Kentucky, Maryland and Washington, D. C. to his future wife. He relates incidents of military life and camp gossip, and longs to resume their physical intimacy.

[Davis, Jacob Weaver, 1819-1862](#)

Letter, 1862, of this Union Army soldier from McLean County, Kentucky, concerning the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee. [Read more](#)

Davis, Jefferson Finis, 1809-1889 (2 collections)

Copy of Davis's [1861 letter](#) of resignation from the U. S. Senate, with comments on conditions following Mississippi's secession.

An [1886 letter](#) of Davis refutes the claim that he once offered to resign as president of the Confederate States in favor of Albert Sidney Johnston.

[Davis, Samuel Thomas, 1838-1908](#)

Journal of this Pennsylvania infantryman of his tour through Kentucky (including Bowling Green), Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.

[Davis, William P., b. 1840?](#)

Diary of a Mississippi guardsman recording his tour in Bowling Green, Kentucky, late in 1861.

[Dean, Jefferson, 1824-1864](#)

Letters of this Tennessee Confederate soldier, written while serving in Kentucky and Tennessee and while a prisoner of war at Johnson's Island, Ohio.

[Dearmin, Robert Allen, 1836-1926](#)

Diary of a Minnesota infantryman who served in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

[De Roode, Eugenia](#)

This Nashville, Tennessee woman's 1862 letter disparages Confederates and comments on the state's military governor, Andrew Johnson.

[Deupree Family Letters](#)

Letters describe conditions at Richmond, Virginia, 1865, and report on the death of a family member in Confederate service.

[DeWitt, Marcus Bearden, 1835-1901](#)

Pocket diary of a soldier for the years 1863 and 1865.

[Dickerson, Rosa Belle \(Praigg\), 1843-1902](#)

Carte de visite photographs of Confederate officers collected by this Perryville, Kentucky native.

[Dickerson-Venable Family Papers](#)

Military papers of William H. Dickerson, a Confederate Army surgeon who later practiced in Simpson and Warren counties in Kentucky.

[Doll, Howard D. and Anne \(Parker\) Doll – Collectors](#)

Civil war letters in this collection include a humorous letter from a civilian who witnessed a standoff of Union and Confederate troops on the Cumberland River at Nashville, Tennessee.

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Research material consisting of communications to General Braxton Bragg regarding military operations in Kentucky, 1862-1863.

[Downing, Amos](#)

Letter of this Maine soldier, 1862, writing from Missouri of his experiences, especially at Columbus, Kentucky.

[Downing-Eubank Collection](#)

Letters, 1862-1865, of Union soldier DeWitt Clinton Downing of Allen County, Kentucky, while camped at Chickamauga, Tennessee; Mill Springs, Kentucky; and Stones River, Tennessee.

[Downing, H. H.](#)

This Union soldier writes from Somerset, Kentucky of the Battle of Mill Springs, January 1862.

[Dowsman, George B.](#)

This Indiana infantryman writes from Louisville, Kentucky, 1862, in anticipation of a Confederate attack under General Braxton Bragg.

[Draft](#)

Commutation money receipt issued to Henry J. McLean, Owensboro, Kentucky, discharging him from liability for conscription into military service. [Read more](#)

[Dulaney Family](#)

An account of the Civil War service of Hiram Woodford Dulaney of Warren County, Kentucky.

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An 1862 letter of this soldier in Lexington, Kentucky to his father in Ohio. Mentions recovery of an African-American camp servant by his master.

[Duncan and Hines Family Papers](#)

Accounts of the Civil War service of Edward Ludlow Hines and Hiram Woodford Dulaney, both Confederate soldiers of Warren County, Kentucky.

[Duncan, Wand Bolivar, 1884-1970](#)

Correspondence of the Wand and Duncan families of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and 20th-century letters regarding Confederate spy Jerome Clark ("Sue Munday").

[Dunn Family Papers](#)

Letters to this Grayson County, Kentucky family comment on the war from Palmyra, Missouri.

[Durham, John G., 1813-1896](#)

Military passes issued at Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1862-1863.

[Edmunds Family Papers](#)

Letters of secessionist William H. Edmunds and family of Caldwell County, Kentucky. Edmunds fought charges of disloyalty during his term in the Kentucky General Assembly.

[Ellis, Courtney M., 1888-1964](#)

Photographs of Civil War steamboats and gunboats collected by Ellis.

[Ellsworth, Oliver Carnell, 1842-1864](#)

This Michigan soldier writes from Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, 1862-1864.

[Enscore, James A., d. 1865](#)

An Illinois soldier writes from Tennessee, 1862. He and his brother were later lost with the steamer *General Lyon*.

[Farnsley, Alexander Pericles, 1832?-1906](#)

Letters of a Louisville, Kentucky family comment on the approach of war.

[Faight Family Papers](#)

Discharge papers of Ohio County, Kentucky infantryman Bagges M. Faight.

[Ferguson, Champ, 1821-1865](#)

A record of the 1865 murder trial at Nashville, Tennessee of this Confederate guerrilla commander, who once rode with John Hunt Morgan.

[Field, Robert Willis, b. 1841](#)

Discharge and pension papers of this soldier, wounded at the Battle of Perryville.

[Fleming, Peter, b. 1842?](#)

An Illinois soldier writes in 1862 of camp life near Danville, Kentucky.

[Forgy, James Monroe, 1820-1895](#)

Records of this Morgantown, Kentucky pension agent.

[Fort Williams – Glasgow, Kentucky](#)

Research in connection with the 1970s excavation and restoration of this Union fortification.

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Letters of these Muhlenberg County, Kentucky families include those of a Union soldier in Bowling Green, Kentucky, December 1862.

[Frazer Family Legal Papers](#)

An 1894 letter relates to a disallowed war claim of Thomas A. Frazer of Warren County, Kentucky.

[Frazier, Thomas A.](#)

Draft notice to Frazier, issued at Owensboro, Kentucky, 1864.

[Frazier, William?, d. 1863](#)

An 1862 letter thought to be from this Indiana infantryman describes his duties as a cook at Camp Henderson in Kentucky and notes the deaths of two members of his company.

[Fry, Samuel Van Buren, 1840-1903](#)

A Kentucky infantryman writes in 1864 of engaging Confederate forces near Atlanta.

[Gaines, Elizabeth, b. 1852](#)

A Bowling Green, Kentucky woman's recollections of Civil War incidents from her childhood, including troop illness and the Confederate occupation and withdrawal.

[Gardenhire, Erasmus Lee, Sr., 1815-1899](#)

Ann 1865 letter of this Burkesville, Kentucky Confederate sympathizer seeks aid in recovering his forfeited U. S. citizenship. [Read more](#)

[Gardner, Betty, b. 1933](#)

A high school student's paper on Bowling Green, Kentucky during the Civil War.

[Geisy, Henry H., d. 1864](#)

Letters of this Ohio officer discuss military activities, including battles at Shiloh, Tennessee and Vicksburg, Mississippi.

[Gibble, Harrison H., 1822-1898](#)

A Manheim, Pennsylvania infantryman camped near Munfordville, Kentucky writes in 1862 of bridge repair on the Green River, withdrawing Confederates, and thousands sick in hospital at Bowling Green.

[Gingles, Mabel \(Mercer\) – Collector](#)

A soldier's letter describes activities near Corinth, Mississippi, 1862.

[Ginther Collection](#)

Letters of William and David Ginther, Pennsylvania brothers serving with the Army of the Potomac, 1861-1865.

[Gooch, Thomas Claiborne, 1830-1889](#)

An 1864 letter written from Louisville, Kentucky comments on Major General Stephen Burbridge, George B. McClellan and Robert E. Lee.

[Goodman Family Papers](#)

Receipt for Army supplies issued at Monroe County, Kentucky.

[Goodnight Family](#)

Journal of Thomas M. Goodnight of Allen County, Kentucky, detailing his service as a Confederate chaplain.

[Gordon, George, 1802?-1862](#)

This 60-year-old Confederate captain in command of a Tennessee regiment writes mournfully of the war's promised bloodshed.

[Gordon, Maurice Kirby, 1878-1974](#)

Carte de visite photographs of soldiers and officers; some may be from Hopkins County, Kentucky.

[Gray, John H.](#)

Letters of this Indiana soldier written [October 15](#) and [October 17](#), 1862 describe conditions in the aftermath of the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky: property damage, unburied dead, prisoners of war, the suffering of the wounded, and food and water shortages. [Read more](#)

[Green County, Kentucky Records](#)

Broadside, 1863, requisitioning enslaved African Americans in Greensburg, Kentucky for military service.

[Green Family Papers](#)

Correspondence of Lafayette and Ella (Scott) Green of Grayson County, Kentucky, including a letter from a Confederate prisoner of war in Ohio.

[Green, William J., 1838-1867](#)

This Illinois soldier's 1862 letters describe camp life in western Kentucky. [Read more](#)

[Grider, Benjamin Covington, 1826-1874](#)

Papers of the commander of Kentucky's Ninth Volunteers detail the Battle of Stones River, Tennessee.

[Grider, John Hobson, 1822-1884](#)

Service records and pension claims of this Warren County, Kentucky, infantry officer.

[Gunnon, John](#)

Pension certificate issued to this Kentucky soldier.

[Guthrie Family Papers](#)

Pension documents of William Guthrie, Burkesville, Kentucky.

[Guthrie, James, 1792-1869](#)

Portion of a letter from this former U. S. Treasury Secretary regarding General Leonidas Polk and troops in Kentucky.

[Hagerman Family Papers](#)

Enlistment papers of African Americans Lee and Perry Hagerman of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Hamby, Golden H., 1842-1922](#)

Discharge and pension papers of this Hopkins County, Kentucky soldier.

[Hamilton, Andrew Graff, 1835-1895](#)

Accounts of Hamilton's role in aiding the escape of Union prisoners of war from Virginia's Libby Prison. [Read more](#)

[Hardesty, Isaac Ellis, 1841-1917](#)

This Ohio infantryman writes his family from Covington and Louisville, Kentucky of the perils of battle and his longing to secure a medical discharge.

[Harding, Aaron, 1805-1875](#)

A Kentucky congressman writes of his political battles to secure a promotion for Colonel Edward H. Hobson.

[Harper, J.](#)

This strongly pro-Union correspondent writes in 1862 about conditions in Cincinnati, Ohio and northern Kentucky.

[Harris, Edward](#)

A Massachusetts volunteer writes from Maryland, 1862.

[Harris, M. A.](#)

Information about James A. Stone, an African American who served in an Ohio regiment.

[Hatfield-Gaines Family](#)

Letters of Erasmus Smith Hatfield of Simpson County, Kentucky, camped in Georgia with a battalion of John Hunt Morgan's men.

[Hawes Family Papers](#)

Recollections of Maria (Southgate) Hawes, a Daviess County, Kentucky woman who followed her husband through the South during his Confederate Army service.

[Hay, Vincent Smiley, 1808-1863](#)

A letter of this Union soldier describes conditions at Corinth, Mississippi in mid-1862.

[Haynes, James Pleasant, 1843-1919](#)

Diaries, 1864-1865, of this Warren County, Kentucky native, who served in the Union Army on tours through Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, North Carolina and Washington, D. C.

[Heard, Grant D.](#)

Letters of this Georgia volunteer to his father, 1861-1864, describe conditions in Georgia and Virginia.

Hebron, John L., 1842-1914 (3 collections)

This Ohio soldier [writes](#) from camp near Covington Kentucky in 1861 of the march from Ohio, a shooting incident, officers' treatment of the men, and of finding no "secesh women" in the area.

Hebron [writes](#) from West Liberty, Kentucky in 1861 after an engagement with Confederate troops.

From Hart County, Kentucky, Hebron [writes](#) of camp life, 1862.

[Hendricks, Josiah S., 1843-1932](#)

Union Army discharge and pension certificate of this Simpson County, Kentucky soldier.

[Herbert, William H.](#)

Charges against an Ohio soldier, court-martialed in 1863 for actions at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Higgins, R. G.](#)

An 1861 letter of this Confederate sympathizer in Russellville, Kentucky comments on the war, Abraham Lincoln, and African Americans.

[Hines Family Papers](#)

Civil War reminiscences of members of this Warren County, Kentucky family.

[Hines, James Davis, 1838-1911](#)

Accounts of service in the Confederate cause of members of the Hines family of Warren County, Kentucky. James D. Hines was a commander under General John Hunt Morgan.

[Hinton, John L., b. 1845](#)

Discharge papers of an Allen County, Kentucky soldier.

[Hobson Family Papers](#)

Civil War reminiscences of William and Atwood Hobson of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Confederate sympathizer Mary Elizabeth (Shrewsbury) Van Meter's diary records her flight from Bowling Green in 1862. [Read more](#)

[Hobson Family Papers](#)

Records relating to the Union Army service of William E. Hobson of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Hobson, William Edward, 1844-1909 (2 collections)

[Petition](#), 1864, of citizens of Bowling Green, Kentucky requesting that Colonel Hobson retain command of Union troops stationed there.

[Certificate](#) of discharge, 1899, for Hobson, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, from his local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, including particulars of his service.

[Hoffman, Mary Elizabeth](#)

Reminiscences of a Confederate sympathizer of Harrison County, Kentucky. [Read more](#)

[Holder, R. D. – Collector](#)

Letters of John P. Hill of Monroe County, Kentucky, written while a prisoner of war at Rock Island, Illinois.

[Holt, Joseph, 1807-1894](#)

An 1861 speech of Holt, delivered to Kentucky troops at Camp “Jo Holt” in Indiana.

[Hooks, Malinda \(Cunningham\), b. 1853](#)

Reminiscences of this Trigg County, Kentucky woman include Civil War memories.

[Hope, James](#)

Union military pass issued at Franklin, Kentucky.

[Hope, Robert A.](#)

Letter of a Confederate prisoner of war from Camp Beaver, Kentucky.

[Hopkins County, Kentucky](#)

Letters attempt to identify four Confederate soldiers killed at Earlington, 1865.

[Hopkins County, Kentucky – Letters](#)

Joseph Fuquay’s letter comments on General H. B. Lyon’s raid on Madisonville, Kentucky, 1864.

[Hopkins, Lewis Franklin, 1841-1921](#)

An infantryman from Clinton County, Kentucky, describes camp at Burnside’s Point in Pulaski County, Kentucky.

[House, John Moore, 1844-1865](#)

Correspondence of this Tennessee soldier, a prisoner of war at Johnson’s Island, Ohio.

[Howard, William Barnett, 1837?-1863](#)

This Confederate soldier writes from Bowling Green, Kentucky, September 1861-January 1861, describing his illness and expectation of battle. [Read more](#)

[Huddleston, William A., 1833-1863, and Joseph Duley](#)

Letters of these Union soldiers in Tennessee describe Confederate movements and a battle at Sweeten’s Cove, 1862.

[Hughes, George Henry](#)

Letters of this Ohio soldier, 1862-1864, describe battles in Alabama and Tennessee.

[Huntsman, John W. B., 1842-1918](#)

Pension increase applications for this member of Kentucky's Ninth Infantry include an account of his war wounds.

[J. W. Cardwell and Company](#)

Forms relating to this firm's services in filing claims for loss of African-American slaves who joined the Union Army.

[Jackson, Martha Washington, 1836-1938](#)

Civil War reminiscences of a Bowling Green, Kentucky woman.

[Jackson, Thomas Jonathan, 1824-1863](#)

An 1861 letter of "Stonewall" Jackson clarifying a promotion recommendation for Major William Baylor.

Jarvis, George P., b. 1843? (2 collections)

An Ohio infantryman [writes](#) from Bowling Green, Kentucky of retaking the fortified town (which he calls the "Gibraltar of Kentucky") from the Confederates, February 1862.

[Additional](#) 1862 letters dispel rumors of inadequate food, and comment on recruiting and the length of the war. Includes a letter from Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Jenkins, William M.](#)

This Union soldier's letters describe the battle at Williamsburg, Virginia, 1862.

[Jessee, William Mortikey, 1846-1931](#)

Discharge papers of this Metcalfe County, Kentucky soldier.

[Johnson, Samuel F.](#)

An 1864 telegram from this officer warns of General Hylan B. Lyon's plundering Confederate troops in Webster County, Kentucky and asks for reinforcements to be sent to Russellville, Kentucky

[Johnson, William, b. 1819?](#)

Civil War-era envelope, printed on the order of Johnson, of Bardstown, Kentucky, and bearing a flag of his wife's design.

[Jones, Drucilla Montgomery \(Stovall\), 1907-2007](#)

Letters of the Horn family, including Henry Horn Fort of Tennessee, a prisoner of war in Ohio, and Henry C. Merritt, a prisoner of war in Pennsylvania.

[Jones, Edgar – Collector](#)

Letters, 1861-1863, of Union soldier Jacob J. Burnett of Indiana, and a brief, unidentified diary of war events in Kentucky, February-April 1863.

[Jones, John Rutherford, 1837-1907](#)

Discharge papers of this Union Army soldier from Butler County, Kentucky.

[Jouett, George P., 1813-1862](#)

Letters of a Union officer describe the fortifications at Bowling Green, Kentucky after the Confederate withdrawal in 1862.

[Kentucky – Cavalry – 5th Regiment](#)

A record of this regiment, its itinerary and officers.

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Roll of Quirk's Scouts, led by John Hunt Morgan.

[Kibbee, Amos Watson, 1828-1915](#)

An Ohio soldier camped at Cairo, Illinois writes about his scouting and guard duties, his changing religious views, and of securing the town of Blandville, Kentucky.

[King, Stephen Lynn, b. 1954](#)

Research materials for King's book *The Confederate Dead at Bowling Green, Kentucky and Vicinity*.

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War records of Confederate soldiers John L. Beard, Edward A. Cook, Benjamin Herald and R. S. Weir.

[Kirby, Carlisle W.](#)

Research on Warren County, Kentucky Civil War veterans compiled for the Works Progress Administration's Graves Registration Project.

[Kirby, Isaac Minor, 1835-1917](#)

A letter of this Ohio infantry captain describes his activities while marching to Fort Donelson, Tennessee, at camp in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and at Camp Andrew Johnson near Nashville, Tennessee, 1862.

[Kithcart, Mary L., 1837-1925](#)

An 1862 letter to Mary reports on encounters between Confederates, including John Hunt Morgan, and Union troops near Lexington, Kentucky, horse thefts, and the actions of home guards.

[Knott Collection](#)

Correspondence of James Proctor Knott, his mother Maria Irvine (McElroy) Knott, and his wife Sarah "Sallie" (McElroy) Knott relating to the war, especially in Marion County, Kentucky and in Missouri. Knott became governor of Kentucky in 1883.

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Envelopes showing the first flag of the Confederacy.

[Lafferty, John Aker, 1832-1905](#)

Reminiscences of a Kentucky cavalryman and member of a Harrison County, Kentucky family of Confederate sympathizers.

[Lane Collection](#)

Discharge papers of Charles Lane, a Union soldier from Green County, Kentucky.

[Lane, John E., 1841-1919](#)

A letter of this Ohio soldier describes his march to Nashville, Tennessee and skirmishes near Somerset, Kentucky.

[Lawson, H. M.](#)

Report of this Confederate surgeon on the health of members of a Georgia regiment in South Carolina.

[Lawson, Marjorie \(Barker\)](#)

Details of the Confederate service of John Walton Barker, supplied by his granddaughter of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Lee, Robert Edward, 1807-1870 (2 collections)

Copy of General Lee's [1863 letter](#) to the Provost Marshall at Guiney's Station, Virginia, regarding military matters.

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[Lehman-Collet Papers](#)

Civil War claims of George Lehman of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Receipt from the provisional Confederate government of Kentucky for the use of shotguns.

[Lehman, George, 1812-1889](#)

Civil War claims of this Bowling Green, Kentucky man relating to property loss and damage in the course of his dealings with Union and Confederate forces.

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A letter from "Hank," camped in Hart County, Kentucky, 1862.

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From two Confederate soldiers, "Foster" in Bowling Green, Kentucky, December 1861, and Martin N. Rogers at Camp Morton in Indiana, where he is a prisoner of war.

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From three soldiers, two of them from Indiana, write from Virginia in 1861 and North Carolina in 1864.

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From three Illinois soldiers, written from camps in Tennessee and Georgia.

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Correspondence of Union Army officer Samuel McDowell Starling of Logan County, Kentucky and his family. Two of Starling's sons died fighting on opposite sides in the war.

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Letters of the Parker family of Fulton County, Kentucky vividly portray the upheaval of war and the divided loyalties of the town of Hickman. [Read more](#)

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[Long, Juliette Blanche \(Underwood\) Western, 1835-1909](#)

A memoir of her Civil War experiences by this Bowling Green, Kentucky native, a member of a Unionist family whose husband served in the Confederate Army. [Related collection](#)

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A young Bowling Green, Kentucky lawyer recounts conditions in his home town at the outbreak of war, including secessionist "treason," the Confederate occupation, and the subsequent rebuilding of the city. [Read more](#)

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Blank form of oath to be signed by residents of Warren County, Kentucky.

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Lyrics, 1863, to the song "Weeping Sad and Lonely, or, When This Civil War is Over."

[Lyon-O'Hara Papers](#)

Letters of these Louisville and Eddyville, Kentucky families concern Union and Confederate military life.

[Madden, Cornelius, 1842-1903](#)

An Ohio soldier writes from Bowling Green, Kentucky of patrols and fortifications in response to rumors of guerrilla leader John Hunt Morgan's presence in the area, and the possibility of a winter encampment.

[Magoffin, Beriah, 1815-1885](#)

Copies of letters, 1860-1861, to this Kentucky governor reacting to the new Republican Party and reporting on the Confederate occupation of Columbus, Mississippi.

[Manning, Will Paul, Jr., b. 1928](#)

A contemporary recollection of Confederate stone chimneys on Manning's family farm near Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Martin, Robert Green, 1839-1913](#)

Muster roll records, reunion badge, and photograph of this Kentucky infantryman.

[Matlock Family Papers](#)

Correspondence regarding the claim of James Monroe Matlock, Warren County, Kentucky, for loss of a horse during the war.

[Mayes Family Papers](#)

An 1862 letter of James Spencer describes the pursuit of Confederates at Nashville, Tennessee.

[McBride, John Randolph, 1841-1912](#)

A volunteer camped near Cumberland Ford in Bell County, Kentucky writes in 1862 about a recent march, his diet, and the camp command, and reflects on his fortunes since leaving his home in Bluffton, Indiana.

[McChord, William Caldwell, 1850-1928](#)

Reminiscences of the Civil War experiences of this Washington County, Kentucky native.

[McClermand, John Alexander, 1812-1900](#)

Account of Brigadier General McClermand, submitted to Ulysses S. Grant, of 1861 battles at Columbus and Belmont, Kentucky.

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Materials related to the Civil War and Allen County, Kentucky, including pension and war claims, data on the Ninth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry (Union), correspondence of Gilbert M. Mulligan, and McDonald's research on Civil War veterans and the Confederate Navy. [Related collection](#)

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Legal files of Bowling Green, Kentucky attorneys McElroy and Daniel Webster Wright related to war claims. Letters to Henry H. Skiles of Warren County, Kentucky regarding Confederate prisoners of war.

[McGrath, Wallace, 1844-1909](#)

This Ohio infantryman writes of his duties in camp near Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1861-1862, and notes the transport through the area of the body of Confederate general Felix Zollicoffer.

[McKee, John, 1829-1882](#)

This Indiana infantryman writes of camp life near Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and of nearby guerrilla activity involving John Hunt Morgan.

[McNear, William, 1817?-1864](#)

A letter to Emily McNear from a Kentucky cavalry commander notifies her of her husband William's death. Includes her pension application.

[McWhirter, James S., 1837-1862](#)

Letters of a Confederate soldier to his family in Tennessee, written from Bowling Green, Kentucky, January-February 1862.

[Medical Affairs – Confederate](#)

Instructions from a surgeon with a Tennessee regiment on completion of reports of sick and wounded soldiers.

[Melton Family Papers](#)

Letters to the Melton family of Henderson County, Kentucky, including one from Missouri discussing the religious ramifications of the war.

Messer, George, 1833-1863 (10 collections)

Letters of this Illinois soldier [in 1862 and 1863](#) from Camp Hobson near Glasgow, Kentucky and from Hart County, Kentucky describe a hospital fire, the remnants of a local battle, illness among the troops, and the qualities of his commanding officers.

Other letters from [late 1862 and summer 1863](#) include a sketch of Camp Waller near Elizabethtown, Kentucky, describe camp life and disparage the local citizens.

Messer writes in [December 1863](#) from camp near Munfordville, Kentucky of troop movements, nearby soldiers' graves, and recent desertions.

Messer writes in [January 1863](#) from Hart County, Kentucky of recent disruptive Confederate attacks.

Messer writes [in January-May 1863](#) from Glasgow and Hart County, Kentucky, describing camp life and the local citizenry, and expressing his weariness of a war prolonged by rich men.

Messer writes in [February 1863](#) from Hart County, Kentucky of his life in camp and an outbreak of scurvy.

Messer writes to his wife [in March 1863](#) of his duty at Camp Hobson near Glasgow, Kentucky. [Read more](#)

Messer writes [in March-May 1863](#) of life at Camp Hobson: construction of fortifications, the arrival of reinforcements, nearby Confederates, and fistcuffs among the locals. One letter includes a simple pencil sketch of the fort.

Messer writes [in May 1863](#) of his health, battle prospects, and unhappiness among the men at Camp Hobson after some unpopular promotions and the issue of two-man “dog tents.” [Read more](#)

Messer writes in [August 1863](#) from Lebanon, Kentucky, praising his camp and officers but fearing that illness will prevent his participation in a march to Tennessee.

Military Life (3 collections)

A letter of [soldier “Tom”](#) relates conditions of camp life.

A letter of Missouri soldier [William Githens\(?\)](#), 1862, describes conditions in Cairo, Illinois, and includes sketches of Forts Holt and Payne in Kentucky.

A [Union soldier](#) writes from camp at Paint Creek, Kentucky, 1863, describing his march from Winchester, Kentucky.

[Military Service](#)

Legal papers relating to the discharge or exemption from military service of three individuals in Barren and Warren counties in Kentucky.

[Miller Family Papers](#)

Notice of impressment and receipt for corn, and receipt for Confederate bonds issued to Tobias Miller, Giles County, Virginia.

[Miller, George W., b. 1843?](#)

This unhappy Ohio soldier writes from Bowling Green, Kentucky of the threat of death and disease, of “tyrannical” officers, and of brother Jacob’s participation in a recent lengthy battle.

[Milliken, Edna Beatrice \(Myers\) Moore, 1921-2005 – Collector](#)

Copy of an 1865 letter of Henry Grider, Warren County, Kentucky, commenting on the war and its effects.

[Mohr, James](#)

An 1861 letter of this Union soldier, camped near Mammoth Cave on his way to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Monroe, Quincy Adams, 1841-1928](#)

An Ohio soldier camped on the Green River in Kentucky writes in late 1861 of troop strength, Confederate fortifications at Bowling Green, and the possibility of battle.

[Moore, Levi A.](#)

Corporal’s appointment and discharge papers of this Warren County, Kentucky soldier.

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Correspondence of Gilbert M. Mulligan of Allen County, Kentucky, a Union Army captain in the Ninth Kentucky Infantry. [Read more](#)

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Journal of a Shaker eldress at South Union, Logan County, Kentucky, describing the colony's encounters with Union and Confederate forces, 1861-1863. [Related collection](#)

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Research materials on the life and family of this Confederate cavalry commander.

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A Confederate soldier of Logan County, Kentucky writes of military life and conditions while a prisoner of war at Rock Island, Illinois.

Morgan, William Montrose, 1842-1926 (2 collections)

A Wisconsin volunteer writes to his family in [January 1862](#) of Union activity near Camp Wood in Kentucky.

Montrose writes in [February 1862](#) of his duties, including protection of a bridge and ferry on the Green River, and tells of transporting materials to take the rebel stronghold at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Morningstar, Jane \(Hines\), 1904-1989](#)

Letters of the Covington family of Bowling Green, Kentucky relate to the war in Kentucky and Missouri.

[Morse, Alexander P.](#)

A Louisiana cavalryman writes from camp near Bowling Green, Kentucky of activity in the area and of his conversation with a veteran of the battle of Belmont near Columbus, Kentucky. [Read more](#)

[Nelson, William D., 1824-1862](#)

Letter of General Nelson of the Army of the Ohio, with comments on action at Corinth, Mississippi.

[Newcomb, Horatio Dalton, 1809-1874](#)

A former resident of Massachusetts writes in 1863 from Louisville, Kentucky with his thoughts on "imbecile abolitionists," government corruption, the financial burdens of war, and the need for a negotiated peace with the South.

[Obetz, Jeremiah H., 1843-1923](#)

A soldier from Manheim, Pennsylvania, writes from camp near Bowling Green, Kentucky and Jeffersonville, Indiana of the pursuit of Confederate raider John Hunt Morgan, camp life, the strength of Bowling Green's fortifications, and officers' poor treatment of him and his comrades.

Paducah, Kentucky (2 collections)

A Union soldier camped here [in 1864](#) writes of a skirmish and comments on Confederate forces. An Illinois volunteer's [1864 letter](#) describes guerrilla activity near Paducah and the "take no prisoners" approach of his commander, General Eleazer A. Paine.

[Papers](#)

Letters of McLean and Hopkins County, Kentucky soldiers, including a prisoner of war at Johnson's Island, Ohio, and others camped in Tennessee and Alabama. Soldiers' reunion program, 1887.

[Parker, Elvis Brooks, 1841-1862](#)

Research data about this Tennessee Confederate, court-martialed and shot for deserting to the Union Army.

[Parker Family Papers](#)

Letters of Mary "Molly" Liddell of Buena Vista, Alabama refer to public opinion of the war. Letters of J. W. Anderson of Covington, Georgia remember his time as a prisoner of war in Maryland.

[Parsons, James T., 1835-1875](#)

An Ohio infantryman writes of his long march through Kentucky, especially Boyle and Pulaski counties, but has little regard for Kentucky soldiers.

[Payne Family Papers](#)

Letter from a member of this Warren County, Kentucky family, written while a prisoner of war at Camp Douglas, Illinois. Another letter describes his brother's death at Paris, Tennessee.

[Payne, Selden H., 1841-1926](#)

This Ohio soldier's 1863 letter recounts his tour through Louisville, Lexington and Nicholasville, Kentucky, including an accident involving a comrade who fell under a train.

[Pearson, Catherine Diaden, 1859-1947](#)

Poem about the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, written in a copybook.

Pensions (2 collections)

Pension claim [papers](#) of Thomas J. Winfrey of Russell County, Kentucky; also certificate related to the death of Corporal Hugh A. Sharp of Tennessee, 1863.

Materials relating to [pension](#) applications in Allen County, Kentucky.

[Perkins, Abraham S., 1820-1891](#)

Nomination of Thomas Esherwood Leslie to serve as Perkins' substitute in the U. S. Army, 1864.

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Letters to Warren County, Kentucky native Elizabeth Thompson (Curd) Finch from Confederate prisoners of war in Ohio and Indiana, 1862-1865. Military passes issued at Cairo, Illinois and Paducah, Kentucky, 1864-1865.

[Perry, Emily Bailey, 1844-1923](#)

Autograph album of Confederate soldiers, including some who served with John Hunt Morgan.

[Peter, W. Henry, 1840-1865](#)

An Illinois soldier reports on military life while stationed at Paducah, Kentucky late in 1863.

Phelps, Frank M. (2 collections)

[Letter](#) of a Wisconsin infantryman, camped near Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 1861.

Phelps [writes](#) of his approach to Bowling Green, Kentucky, February 1862, and the destruction caused by the Confederates. [Read more](#)

[Poak, David](#)

An Illinois volunteer writes from camp near Cairo, Illinois, with news of maneuvers in western Kentucky, 1862.

[Poetry](#)

War-related poems, some to be sung to popular tunes, on such subjects as the battles of Mill Springs and Perryville, John Hunt Morgan, and Lincoln's election.

[Politics](#)

Writing from Orleans, Indiana in 1864, a correspondent comments on politics and slavery in Indiana and Kentucky, and on Lincoln's re-election bid.

[Porter Family Papers](#)

A lengthy 1872 memoir of John Moses Porter, a Bowling Green, Kentucky lawyer, Confederate soldier, and prisoner of war in Ohio.

[Porter, John Marion, 1839-1884](#)

Recollections and keepsakes of Porter, of Warren County, Kentucky, including attendance at a reunion of John Hunt Morgan's men.

[Potter, Clinton C., 1849-1934](#)

Diary of this Warren County, Kentucky businessman recalls Bowling Green during the war.

[Potter, Thomas C., 1841-1863](#)

This Ohio artilleryman describes conditions near Somerset, Kentucky preceding the Battle of Mill Springs, January 1862.

[Prater?, Emily](#)

Union military pass issued at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

[Prouse, George O., 1840-1884](#)

Pension applications of this Kentucky cavalryman and his widow.

[Randolph, A. W., d. 1895](#)

A Confederate soldier in Chattanooga writes of the Battle of Chickamauga and various officers.

[Ray, A. W.](#)

An 1862 letter of this Confederate soldier, a prisoner of war at Camp Morton, Indiana.

[Read, Samuel James, 1808-1889](#)

Read's note to an Allen County, Kentucky doctor relates to grain supplies provided to the military, 1862.

[Reid, Josephine Rogers \(Rowan\), 1838-1911](#)

Letters of a Bardstown, Kentucky woman include news of brother Lytle Rowan's service in Tennessee, 1863.

[Reppert, Charles K., 1842-1921](#)

Reppert tells his brother, then serving with a Pennsylvania company in Tennessee, of the progress of their soap business in Louisville and the problems of trading in Kentucky without showing proof of loyalty to the Union.

[Riggs, Benjamin Franklin, 1849-1930](#)

A Confederate soldier's memoir of his service in Arkansas, and his 1865 surrender document.

[Rigsby, James E., b. 1845](#)

Corporal's appointment and discharge papers of this Kentucky soldier.

[Rodes Collection](#)

Letters of Clifton Rodes describe the war's effect on Boyle County, Kentucky; also letters of his son, Bowling Green lawyer Robert Rodes, written on the eve of the Confederate invasion of Kentucky, his receipt for payment for a substitute to serve in the event of a draft, and papers relating to payment of bounties and back pay for soldiers. [Read more](#)

[Rose, John W.](#)

Letter of this Confederate soldier from Tennessee, camped near Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1862.

[Row, Jacob D., 1835-1910](#)

Recovering from illness, an Indiana soldier writes his wife from Louisville, Kentucky.

[Rowan, Rebecca \(Carnes\), 1813-1897](#)

Letters of the widow of John Rowan, Jr., Federal Hill, Bardstown, Kentucky, written to her son William during his Confederate Army service.

[Rowlett, David B.](#)

An 1864 letter of this Indiana volunteer praises the care he received in a Nashville, Tennessee hospital.

Saffell, Richard

Letters of this Confederate soldier describe his tour in Bowling Green, Kentucky, October 1861-February 1862, including civilian loyalties and construction of fortifications. A final letter finds him a prisoner of war at Fort Donelson, Tennessee. [Contact us](#) for further information.

[Sanders, L. J.](#)

The diary of this Tennessee Confederate soldier includes comments about the Battle of Vicksburg.

[Schenck, William T. Y., 1844-1904](#)

An 1866 letter of a commander of African-American troops near Bowling Green, Kentucky disputes their responsibility for a smallpox outbreak. [Read more](#)

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Letters of this Confederate soldier instruct his wife in Georgia in the event of a Union occupation.

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Letters of this Indiana family describe activities in Missouri and Kansas, and in Tennessee shortly after the Battle of Shiloh.

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Autobiographical sketch of Marcus Bearden DeWitt, a Tennessee native and Confederate Army chaplain.

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The journals of Shaker eldress Nancy Elam Moore record the colony's experience of the war, [1861-1863](#) and [1863-1864](#).

Journals of the colony record its experience of the war, [1865](#).

[Shuster, John W., 1846-1916](#)

An Indiana volunteer reports on life in Fort Jones at Lebanon Junction, Kentucky in summer 1864.

[Simmons, James Madison, 1842-1905, and Josephus Simmons, 1844-1911](#)

Grant of a furlough to two cousins from Sumner County, Tennessee.

[Simons, J. R.](#)

This Todd County, Kentucky Union soldier writes from Vicksburg, Mississippi, 1863.

[Sinnet, Edwin, 1827-1902](#)

This surgeon with an Ohio company writes vividly of the fate of the Confederates in the aftermath of the Battle of Mill Springs, Kentucky.

[Sixty-First U. S. Colored Infantry](#)

Book containing general and special orders for this African-American unit and the 2nd West Tennessee Infantry of African Descent.

[Skiles, Henry Hamilton, 1832-1889](#)

Papers of this Warren County, Kentucky lawyer relating to Civil War claims (including loss of slaves), courts martial, and release of prisoners of war.

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Claim for property loss of this Ohio farmer arising out of John Hunt Morgan's "Great Raid" through Indiana and Ohio in 1863. [Read more](#)

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Civil War letters of this Hopkins County, Kentucky family.

[Slaughter Family Papers](#)

The wife of Dr. W. G. Bryant of Covington, Ohio writes of his Union service in 1863 to an acquaintance and recent prisoner of war.

[Smith, Charles Ferguson, 1807-1862](#)

General order, 1861, of this Union officer concerning military activities in Carlisle County, Kentucky, including looting by troops under General Eleazer A. Paine.

[Smith, Edmond](#)

A Union soldier writes of his regiment's reception in Louisville, Kentucky.

[Smith, Elvin, Jr. – Collector](#)

Typescripted soldiers' letters and diaries, bibliographic lists and other data collected by this researcher, with emphasis on the Civil War in Bowling Green, Lost River Cave, and elsewhere in Kentucky.

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An 1865 letter and military discharge of James W. Howard, Butler County, Kentucky.

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Letters of a Union soldier describe conditions in Bowling Green, Kentucky after the Confederate withdrawal in February 1862.

[Soldiers from – Tennessee](#)

John Dill Paschal and Elisha Paschal's applications for the Confederate States of America Roll of Honor.

[Somers, Henry](#)

A soldier's letter from camp at Nicholasville, Kentucky, 1862.

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Lyrics to a Confederate song, "The Southern Wagon."

[Spiller, Mary Jane \(Singletary\), 1841-1939](#)

A woman's reminiscences of her Civil War experiences in Louisiana.

[Staats, Abyram P., 1839-1931](#)

An Illinois infantryman writes from Bowling Green, Kentucky of camp life and his accidental wounding.

[Stahl Family Papers](#)

Letters to this Warren County, Kentucky family describe activities in Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas.

[Stanley, William](#)

Captain's morning report of the 6th Kentucky Infantry (Confederate).

[Stark Family Papers](#)

His daughter's account of the military service in Kentucky of Confederate officer John W. Stark of Edmonson County, Kentucky.

[Steele, Henry N., b. 1833?](#)

An 1861 diary of this Mississippi artillery officer records action in Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and southcentral Kentucky, especially Hart County.

[Steele, Ira](#)

This Union soldier writes of activity in and around Bowling Green, Kentucky, February 1862.

[Steen Family Papers](#)

Disability claim of Isaac Newton Steen of Monroe County, Kentucky, arising out of his Union Army service.

[Stephens Family Papers](#)

Military pass issued at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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Letters of Albert L. Stevens, written from a military hospital in Russellville, Kentucky.

[Stickles, Arndt Mathis, 1872-1968](#)

Research for *Simon Bolivar Buckner: Borderland Knight*, published by Stickles, a WKU history professor.

[Stovall, Henry Clay, 1845-1936](#)

Reminiscences of this soldier include his wounding at Fort Donelson, Tennessee.

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Journal, family history, and scrapbooks of Agatha (Rochester) Strange of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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Writing during the defense against guerrilla leader John Hunt Morgan's "Great Raid," an Ohio soldier includes a description of the funeral of Major Daniel McCook. [Read more](#)

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Letters of a Georgia mother to her son, 1861, commenting on the war.

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Kentucky volunteer George Fortner writes to his cousin in Warren County, Kentucky of nearby battles in east Tennessee, 1864.

[Taylor, Miles A., b. 1844?](#)

Union Army discharge and pension restoration certificate of this Caneyville, Kentucky soldier.

[Taylor, R. W.](#)

An 1863 letter of a Kentucky medical student in Philadelphia gives his views on the war and the enlistment of African Americans.

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Commission as a member of the Middle Green River Battalion Volunteer Militia for this Ohio County, Kentucky soldier.

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Letters of two Michigan soldiers, Orlando Moore and Henry Phillips, relate to the Battle of Tebbs Bend.

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Account by Elizabeth (Wright) Thomas, Bowling Green, Kentucky, of the fall of Fort Donelson, Tennessee.

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Thomas's reminiscence of her departure from Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1862, in the wake of the Confederate withdrawal.

[Thomas, Joseph Vineyard, 1837-1924](#)

Discharge and pension papers of this Warren County, Kentucky soldier.

[Thomas-Stiles Families](#)

Letters of these Nelson and McLean County, Kentucky families discuss local incidents of war, including guerrilla activities.

[Thompson, J. Q.](#)

Reminiscences of this Texas resident about a group of Arkansas volunteers.

[Tiffany, John, 1842-1862](#)

A Wisconsin infantryman writes from Nashville, Tennessee of a long march from Bowling Green, Kentucky, sickness among the troops, and Confederate bridge-burning.

[Todd, Theophilus L., 1841-1863](#)

Camped near Louisville, Kentucky in 1862, this Ohio soldier describes his surroundings and the local trade in foodstuffs. He criticizes the conduct of an officer during a recent review of the troops.

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Paper of William Daniel Tolle of Barren County, Kentucky relating to soldiers' pensions, including at least one African American. Letters of other family members written during their Union Army service express strong anti-Lincoln sentiments.

[Tolle Family Papers](#)

An 1864 letter of William Mansfield, a Kentucky infantryman in the Union Army, to his wife in Barren County, Kentucky.

[Trago, Vincent T., 1838-1880](#)

Letter of an Ohio soldier on the outskirts of Bowling Green, Kentucky, following the Confederate evacuation in February 1862. [Read more](#)

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An 1861 letter from North Carolina to this resident of Logan County, Kentucky contemplates the possibility of war.

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This Massachusetts infantryman writes in 1863 from Nicholasville, Kentucky of his duty with an ambulance corps.

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History of the Third Kentucky Volunteers based on the diary of Tuttle, of Wayne County, Kentucky. [Read more](#)

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Essays on the battles of Chickamauga and Antietam by John Cox Underwood of Bowling Green, Kentucky, who broke with his family to serve in the Confederate Army and was prisoner of war in Cincinnati and Boston.

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The first of two diaries of this young Bowling Green, Kentucky woman, a member of a prominent pro-Union family, with a vivid record of the war's effect on her town. [Read more](#)

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An account by Douglas Gordon of the escape of prisoners of war from Fort Warren, Massachusetts.

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Waldo C. Van Valin's reminiscences about the 1864 Wilderness Campaign in Virginia.

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Comments about Lincoln and the war in letters to this Barren County, Kentucky family. Military passes issued at Washington, D. C. and Louisville, Kentucky.

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Autobiography of this African American from Edmonson County, Kentucky, who served in the Confederate Army as a cook. [Read more](#)

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A letter of soldier's mother comments on the war's effect on Smithfield, Virginia.

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A Wisconsin infantryman writes in September, 1862 near Bowling Green, Kentucky of camp life, his African-American cook named John Brown, and his confidence in the Union forces.

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Letters of this Harrison County, Kentucky family include a parent's anxious inquiry about Kentucky soldier Horace January, and the lyrics to a Confederate song.

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An 1861 letter of Catherine Ward, Talbottom, Georgia relates her experience traveling on a railway car with Jefferson Davis and comments on Southern sentiments on the eve of war.

[Ward, Williamson Dixon, 1841-1917](#)

Journal of this Indiana cavalryman, who served in Indiana and Kentucky.

[Warr, Joseph W., 1836-1864](#)

This Minnesota volunteer writes from Somerset, Kentucky of the recent battle at Mill Springs, the Confederate wounded, and the enemy's long knives ("Mississippi toothpicks").

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