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Guide to MS-020:

Papers of John H. Warner



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Size

1 box, 0.27 cubic feet

Dates

Inclusive: 1862-1865

Biographical Note

John H. Warner of Lansing, New York enlisted in Company G of the 109th New York State Volunteers in August 1862 for a term of three years. His regiment was assigned guard duty along the railroad in Maryland from 1862-1864. In March 1864 the 109th was transferred to the 9th Corps of the Army of the Potomac and in late April/early May was sent to Virginia to participate in the Wilderness Campaign.

Warner was wounded in late spring 1864 and spent the remainder of the war in Satterlee U.S.A. General Hospital in West Philadelphia. He was discharged in May 1865 by Section 6 of General Order 77 (issued April 28): "that all soldiers in hospitals who require no further medical treatment be honorably discharged from service with immediate payment."

During the war, Warner wrote home to his sisters Mary and Abby and his brothers Hiram and Genoa.

Scope and Content Note

The John H. Warner collection consists of thirty-eight letters written by Warner to family members and friends during the period October 1, 1862 - May 5, 1865. The affectionate, optimistic letters provide a picture of camp, and later hospital life during the Civil War through the eyes of a young soldier from New York. The collection includes transcriptions.

Box List

Box 1

- 1-1 Correspondence: October 21, 1862 - February 24, 1863
- October 21, 1862 - Hyattsville, MD : Dear Sister
 - December 26, 1862 - Camp Cornell, Hyattsville, MD: Dear sister (Mary)
 - January 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Cousin Mary
 - January 2, 1863 - Camp Cornell, MD: Mrs. Bower
 - January 21, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear brother (Genoa)
 - January 26, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear sister Mary
 - February 12, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Brother (Genoa)

- February 13, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Mrs. Bower
- February 24, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sisters Abby and Mary (his b-day)

1-2 Correspondence: April 6-7, 1863 - December 26, 1863

- April 6,7 1863 - Camp Cornell: (to his sisters)
- May 27, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Mrs. Bower
- May 30-June 1, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear remembered Sister (Mary)
- June 17, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister Abby
- August 13, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Brother (Hi)
- August 29, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister Mary
- October 22, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Mary)
- November 8, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Mary
- December 10, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Mary)
- December 26, 1863 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Abby)

1-3 Correspondence: February 7, 1864 - September 11, 1864

- February 7, 1864 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Mary)
- February 12, 1864 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister Mary
- March 1, 1864 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister Mary
- April 3, 1864 - Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Abby)
- June 19, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. General Hospital, West Philadelphia, PA: Dear Sister Abby
- August 6, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Brother Hi
- August 19, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Brother Genoa
- August 22, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: My Dear Sister Mary
- September 2, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
- September 11, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby

1-4 Correspondence: October 9, 1864 - May 5, 1865

- October 9, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sisters
- November 27, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Mary
- December 4, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Brother Hi
- December 10, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
- December 18, 1864 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Friend Mrs. Smith
- January 3, 1865 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
- March 24, 1865 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
- March 31, 1865 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
- May 5, 1865 - Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Mary

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