

**CW/VFM-11: *William J. Browne***

Personal Correspondence. 5 letters addressed to Brother Charles, Sister Louisa, and Sister Emma. Dated 29 December 1860 through 29 April 1862. Photocopies and typed transcripts of all correspondence. Ms. 20pp.photocopy 20 pp. TMs. 19 pp.

The correspondence documents the travels of William Browne and his family (wife Charlotte and children Willie, 'Wezie', Emmy, and Josiah) as they leave New York to begin farming in Florida shortly before the Civil War. Forced to flee with few of their material possessions, they find refuge in Ohio before settling in Minnesota. The letters, addressed to Brother Charles, Sister Louisa, or Sister Emma, contain observations on the cost of material goods; recent medical developments; racial tension between whites, "nigroes", and Jews; and people headed for one of the many Canadian gold rushes of the 1860's.

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