Manuscript Group 64
Civil War Soldiers Collection
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Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Special Collections and University Archives
6 boxes; 6 linear feet

Historical Note
Young men from Pennsylvania who served in the American Civil War from 1861 to 1865 kept diaries and sent correspondence providing a view of military life, love of family, and general concerns for their parents, relatives and friends. The style of writing and formality of letters is well-documented in this collection.

Scope and Content
The Civil War Soldiers Collection is housed in five archival boxes. These papers include photocopies and originals of various letters, diaries, memoirs, and service records of Union Civil War soldiers from Pennsylvania and Ohio. The bulk of the collection was written during the Civil War (1860s), although some of the correspondence begins before this time and continued after the war was over. Most photocopies were made from the holdings of the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

The personal items of Jackson S. Stuchal, Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Regiment from Canoe Township in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, were added to the collection in 2007. Items include a manuscript diary from August 21, 1861 to January 17, 1862, two Daguerreotype photographs of Jackson S. Stuchal, a folding fork and spoon, and one piece of fifty cent paper currency from South Carolina dated 1863. The dairy includes entries from training in Camp Curtin, drilling in Washington, D.C., and in Alexandria, Virginia.

Provenance
The majority of material in this collection was instituted as a project conducted by the students of Professor Wayne Smith of the IUP History Department. Letters and diaries are photocopies of original material located in the National Archives and other repositories including the Army Heritage Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The files are arranged in alphabetical order, except for materials in Box 5 and 6. The McLain correspondence and Civil War memorabilia in Box 6 was donated by Patricia Klausing Simmons in 2013.

The manuscript diary and personal items of Civil War soldier Jackson Stuchal, Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Regiment, from Canoe Township in Indiana County, Pennsylvania were purchased by the IUP Special Collections & University Archives from Charles Apfelbaum Rare Manuscripts & Archives in Watchung, New Jersey on July 1, 2002.

Restrictions
None.

Processor
February 13, 2001; the records reorganized and inventory rewritten by Kathy Redd.
November 13, 2007; the diary and personal items of Civil War soldier Jackson Stuchal, Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Regiment, from Canoe Township in Indiana County, Pennsylvania were
added to the collection by Harrison Wick, Special Collections Librarian and University Archivist. Records reorganized and inventory rewritten by Special Collections in 2014.

**Container List**

**Box 1 (21 folders) Soldiers Last Names Altman to Easley**

   a. Letters to Nephew and Cousin, 1861
   a. Letters to Cousin, 1861
   a. Letters & War Department killed in action notification, 1864
   a. Letters
   a. Letters
   b. Transcript & Diary, 1862-1865
   c. Obituary, 1934
   a. Handwritten Diary, 1861
   a. Letters
   a. Diary, 1864
   a. Letters, 1861
    a. Letters, 1854-1857
a. Memoir

a. Letters & Documents, 1861.

a. Letters & Diary, 1862

18. Clyde, John, served with Militia from Indiana County, Pennsylvania.
a. Diary lists men who served in this Battalion, 1863-1864. The original diary is the property of Gladys F. Wille, 78 Walcott St., Clymer, Pennsylvania

a. Letters, 1865


a. Diary, 1863

**Box 2 (16 folders) Soldiers Last Names Faller to Lieb**
1. Faller, John, and Leo Faller, Company A, 36th Pennsylvania (7th Reserve).
a. Letters Transcribed and Researched, 1861-1865

2. Frazier, Henry 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry:
a. Letters to Wife, Brother, 1861-1865
b. Army rations documents, 1864
c. Pension Application, 1894

3. Furst, Luther C. Clinton County, Pennsylvania.
a. Diary, 1861-1864

a. Diary, 1862

a. Letters, 1861-1864

a. Diary, 1861-1862

a. Diary & Photograph, 1863

a. Diary, 1863

a. Six-page autobiographical account including the Civil War battle of Gettysburg (1863) and being a prisoner of war in Andersonville, Georgia (1864), typed by him in 1921-1922.

a. Letter to Rebecca Akers from Hunter.

11. Jackson, Conrad Feger, 9th Pennsylvania Reserve
a. Letters, 1861-1862
b. Letter from the Conrad Feger Jackson Memorial Committee, 1993

12. Kuhns, William, H Division, 2nd Corps
   a. Letters, 1863

   a. Letters to Parents, 1864
   b. Diary, 1864-1865

   a. Letters to Parents and Brother, 1862-1865

15. Lantz, Philip, Company A, 42nd Pennsylvania.
   a. Letters and Documents, 1861-1862

16. Lieb, Harry, Company H, 36th Pennsylvania Columbia County.
   a. Diary, 1862

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Box 3 (16 folders) Soldiers Last Names McCracken to Rupp

1. Marlin, Sidney. Lieutenant, US Signal Corps, Letters sent to his wife Saide (also Sallie) Thompson Marlin (STM) in Willet, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, 1858 and 1864-1865 (Transcripts)
   a. SM to Miss Saide Thompson, March 22, 1858 (2 pages)
   b. SM to Miss Saide Thompson, December 1858
   c. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, February 11, 1864
   d. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, February 28, 1864 (2 pages)
   e. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, March 3, 1864
   f. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, March 6, 1864 (2 pages)
   g. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, March 11, 1864
   h. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, March 14, 1864
   i. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, March 18, 1864
   j. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, March 21, 1864
   k. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, March 23, 1864
   l. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, April 1, 1864
   m. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, April 4, 1864
   n. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, April 12, 1864 (2 pages)
   o. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to S.B. Babbitt to STM, April 16, 1864
   p. Signal Corps, Cumberland, Maryland, SM to STM, April 23, 1864
   q. Martinsburg, Virginia, SM to STM, May 3, 1864
   r. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, May 12, 1864 (2 pages)
   s. Woodstock, Virginia, SM to STM, May 29, 1864 (2 pages)
   t. Partial, SM to STM, 1864
   u. SM to STM, May 1864 (list of costs)
   v. Loop Creek, West Virginia, SM to STM, June 29, 1864 (2 pages)
   w. Charlestown, West Virginia, SM to STM, July 2, 1864 (2 pages)
   x. Portland, Ohio, SM to STM, July 10, 1864 (2 pages)
   y. Parkersburg, Virginia, SM to STM, July 11, 1864
   z. Harpers Ferry, Virginia, SM to STM, July 16, 1864
   aa. Maryland Heights, SM to STM, July 30, 1864
   bb. Cumberland, Maryland, SM to STM, August 14, 1864 (2 pages)
   cc. Cumberland City, Maryland, SM to STM, August 14, 1864 (2 pages)
dd. Berryville, SM to STM, September 13, 1864
ee. Harrisonburg, Virginia, SM to STM, September 27, 1864
ff. Camp Cedar Creek, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, SM to STM, October 20, 1864
gg. Cedar Creek, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, Headquarters Middle Military Division, SM to STM, October 25, 1864 (2 pages)
hh. Cedar Creek, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, Middle Military Division, SM to STM, October 30, 1864
ii. Newtown, Virginia, SM to STM, November 8, 1864 (2 pages)
jj. Kernstown, Virginia, SM to STM, November 16, 1864 (2 pages)
kk. Kernstown, Virginia, SM to STM, November 16, 1864
ll. Kernstown, Virginia, SM to STM, November 16, 1864
mm. Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, Middle Military Division, SM to STM, November 30, 1864 (2 pages)
nn. Willet, Pennsylvania, SHM to Brother (Sallie Martin), December 1864
oo. Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, Middle Military Division, SM to STM, December 6, 1864
pp. Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, Middle Military Division, SM to STM, December 3, 1864
qq. Winchester, Virginia, SM to STM, December 19, 1864 (2 pages)
rr. Salisbury, Pennsylvania, n.d. (June 8, 1864)? SM to STM (2 pages) map of Cedar Creek, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, Middle Military Division
ss. Harpers Ferry, Virginia, SM to STM, January 9, 1865
tt. Headquarters, Middle Military Division, Winchester, Virginia, SM to STM, January 18, 1865
uu. Headquarters, Middle Military Division, Winchester, Virginia, SM to STM, January 22, 1865
vv. Headquarters, Middle Military Division, Winchester, Virginia, SM to STM, January 26, 1865 (2 pages)
ww. Headquarters, Middle Military Division, Winchester, Virginia, SM to STM, February 2, 1865 (2 pages)
xx. Headquarters, Middle Military Division, Winchester, Virginia, SM to STM, February 5, 1865
yy. Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Division, SM to STM, February 15, 1865 (2 pages)
zz. Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Division, near Winchester, Virginia, SM to STM, March 12, 1865 (3 pages) end of war in sight.
aaa. Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Division, SM to STM, March 24, 1865 (2 pages)
bbb. Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Division, near Winchester, Virginia, SM to STM, March 28, 1865 (2 pages)
ccc. Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Division, SM to STM, April 4, 1865
ddd. Washington City, SM to STM, April 22, 1865
eee. Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Division, Falls Church, Virginia, SM to STM, May 7, 1865 (2 pages)
fff. Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Division, Falls Church, Virginia, SM to STM, May 15, 1865 (2 pages)
ggg. Camp near Deer Creek, Kansas?, SM to STM, May 21, 1865
hhh. Camp near Alexandria, Virginia, SM to STM, June 3, 1865
iii. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, June 12, 1865
jjj. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, June 20, 1865
kkk. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, July 3, 1865
lll. Signal Camp, Washington, D.C., SM to STM, July 18, 1865 on the way home

2. McCracken, Alexander, and Ohio Regiment.
   a. Letters to Cousin, 1862-1864

3. McCracken Martin L., 177th and 204th Pennsylvania.
   a. Letters to Sister and Brother, 1857-1864

   a. Diary, 1861-1864.

   a. Letters, 1861-1864

6. McKenna, Charles F., Company E, 155th Pennsylvania:
   a. Letters to Brothers, 1862-1864
   b. Reunion letter of the 155th Pennsylvania from Mr. Pearson, 1901.

   a. Letters to his Brother, correspondence was written by Private John McNutt while he was stationed at Fort Halleck, Suffolk, Virginia, January-May 1863 (8 pages)

   a. Citizenship Papers, 1859
   b. Oath of Identity, 1861
   c. Company Muster and Descriptive Roll, 1861-1863
   d. Discharge papers from United States Army, 1864
   e. Pension Papers of John Maharge, 1876-1886
   f. Death Certificate of John Maharge, 1897
   g. Pensioner dropped because of death, 1898
   h. Widow’s declaration of pension, 1897
   i. Certificate of Widow illegibility of pension, 1897
   j. Affidavit of wife’s death, 1909
   k. Widow pension dropped because of death, 1909

   a. Diary, 1862-1864

10. Minnemeyer, Charles Henry 11th Pennsylvania Reserves
    a. Diary (transcribed by Charles D Minnemeyer), 1861-1864
    b. Photograph of Charles Minnemeyer

    a. Letters (transcribed by his great-great grandson), 1862-1865

    a. Letters to Father, 1861-1864
13. Pollock, Lieutenant John, 61st Pennsylvania Company A, of Marion Center, Pennsylvania. **Lieutenant Pollock (1838-1863)**, died following the Battle of Seven Pines, on June 13, 1863, and is buried at the Hampton National Cemetery in Hampton, Virginia.
   a. Original letters and correspondence of others were in the possession of Robert George Pollock, New Hampshire.

14. Rake, Albert, Company B, 34th Pennsylvania,
   a. Letters, 1861-1863

15. Rayen, Lieutenant Philo P. (1832-August 29, 1862), Worth Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Company G, 100th Pennsylvania Regiment, Company G (The Roundheads), killed in action at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, on August 29, 1862
   a. Notebook about Lt. Philo P. Rayen and the Roundheads compiled by Shirley and Bill Balint (IUP Chief Information Officer)

16. Rayen, Lieutenant Philo P. (1832-August 29, 1862), Worth Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Company G, 100th Pennsylvania Regiment, Company G (The Roundheads), killed in action at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia. Four 1862 letters to his sister Clarissa Rayen McCullough were donated by Rayen’s great great nephew Bill Balint and his mother Shirley Balint on September 3, 2015
   a. **Letter from Philo P. Rayen to his sister Clarissa, January 13, 1862, Camp Stephens, South Carolina**
   b. **Letter from Philo P. Rayen to his sister Clarissa, March 17, 1862, Baynard Plantation, Beaufort District, South Carolina**
   c. **Letter from Philo P. Rayen to his sister Clarissa, May 13, 1862, Beaufort, South Carolina**
   d. **Letter from Philo P. Rayen to his sister Clarissa, June 21, 1862, James Island, South Carolina**

**Box 4 (11 folders) Smith Family Documents and Soldiers Last Names Sechler to White**

   a. Letters, 1861-1865

   a. Letters to his wife, 1861-1862

3. Rugh, John C. Letters, 1861-1863

   a. Letters, 1861-1865

5. Sechler, William H.
   a. Transcription of diary, 1860
6. Smith, Wilson, Virtue, and Mary Letters from Family & Friends:
   a. Letters from Wilson Smith to Virtue Smith, 1838-1841
   b. Letters from Elizabeth Palmer to Virtue Smith, 1841-1845
   c. Letters from Elizabeth Palmer Miller to Virtue Smith, 1848
   d. Letters from Mary Danks to Virtue Smith, 1848
   e. Letters from Lizzie Palmer to Virtue Smith, 1863
   f. Letters from Hugh M. Burke to Mary E. Smith, 1863
   g. Letters from Lizzie Foster to Virtue Smith, 1865
   h. Letters from Lieu David Wagener to Mary Smith, 1865
   i. Letter from John Kelsey to Virtue Smith sell of house, paid note, 1865
   j. Letter from Henry W. Price to Virtue Smith, 1869
   k. Letters from Frank R. Hill to Virtue Smith, 1874

7. Smith, W. A., Lieutenant, Company H, 61st Ohio Valley (photocopies of correspondence):
   a. Letter from H. Fair, Company B 56th Pennsylvania, 1862
   b. Letters from W. A. Smith to Virtue Smith, 1863-1884
   c. Letters from Lizzie Palmer to Lt. W. A. Smith, 1864
   d. Letters from Lizzie A. Miller to Lt. W. A. Smith, 1864
   e. Letters from John C. Tallman, 1864
   f. Letters from Lt., William Smith to Virtue Smith, 1865-1866
   g. Letter to W. A. Smith sender unknown, 1865
   h. Letters from William Smith to Mary Smith, 1866
   i. Letters from Ella Elwood to W. A. Smith, 1866
   j. Letter to John Coulten from W. A. Smith
   k. J. S. Robinson to W.A. Smith, 1886

   a. Miscellaneous receipts
   b. United States Army Blank Forms
   c. Discharge papers
   d. Death certificate of soldiers in his command.
   e. Adams Express forwarding envelope use by Lt. W. A. Smith to send $350. To Virtue Smith showing receipt of Adams Express Envelope showing how sealed copies of Four Envelopes dated 1862.
   f. Blank Abstract of Expenditures
   g. Inventory and Inspection Reports of Unserviceable Ordinance Stores, 1860s
   h. Blank statement of charges on Muster and Pay Rolls
   i. Blank Statement of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores
   j. Discharge form of David B. Long
   k. Death certificate of James W. Grafton
   l. Leave orders for John W. Jones from William Smith

   a. Photograph of William A. Smith, no date (after 1865)
   b. Photocopy of William A. Smith Diary entries, no date (1861-1865)

10. Stimmel William.
    a. Letters, 1862-1864
11. Stott Family Documents:
   a. John Stott C. 71st Pennsylvania Service Record

   a. Manuscript diary, 1861-1862
   b. South Carolina 50 Cent paper currency, 1863

13. Stuchal, Jackson S. Civil War Memorabilia. 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, no dates (1861-1865)
   a. (2) Daguerreotype photographs
   b. Soldier’s folding camp fork and spoon

   a. Photocopies of 1862-1865 correspondence and 1864 inventory of Thomas A. Tanfield

15. Templeton, Robert F., Company I, 67th Pennsylvania, from Indiana County, Pennsylvania:
   a. Letters 1-33 to his Mother Eliza Martin, 1862-1865
   b. Incomplete portion of a letter
   c. Letter to Robert F. Templeton from Eliza Martin, 1865
   d. Letter to Robert F Templeton from Walter Templeton
   e. Map of encampments
   f. Family Tree of Robert & Keziah Templeton
   g. Copy of record to certify Military Service, 1861

Box 5 (16 folders) Soldiers Last Names Titterington to Wiley, and articles and books about the American Civil War

I. Soldiers Last Names Titterington to Wiley
1. Titterington, John, Company A, 61st Pennsylvania from Indiana County, Pennsylvania:
   a. Census Record listing John Titrington, 1850
   b. Volunteer Enlistment, 1864
   c. Muster and descriptive rolls, 1864
   d. War Department Prisoner of War records, 1865
   e. Article from the Indiana Progress March 30, 1876 Page 1 Column 6

2. Tyson, Herman, Company D, 11th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers Indiana, County Pennsylvania:
   a. Diary, 1865
   b. Discharge Papers 2 copies, 1865

   a. Diary, contains battles, listing on men who served, and men who died in battle of the 11th Pennsylvania Reserve, 1861-1863

4. White, Harry, 67th Pennsylvania son of Judge Thomas White of Indiana County, Pennsylvania:
   a. Diary (copy)
   b. Letters, 1865
5. White, Thomas Judge, Indiana County, Pennsylvania
   a. Correspondence, 1862-1864
6. White, Thomas Judge, Indiana County, Pennsylvania:
   a. Correspondence, 1864-1866
   b. Death Notice, 1866
7. Wiley, H.A.
   a. Copies of letters to Cousin James Wiley
8. Wiley, James Martin, Company H, 10th Regiment from Blairsville, Indiana County, Pennsylvania:
   a. Diary, 1862-1865
   b. Discharged
   c. Proof of an Officer or Comrade, 1891-1895
   d. Declaration for Original Invalid Pension, 1881
   e. General Affidavit for Pension & Photograph, 1890

Box 5 (16 folders) Soldiers Last Names Titterington to Wiley, and articles and books about the American Civil War (continued)

II. Articles and copies of Books about the Civil War
14. *Army Letters, 1861-1865* by Oliver W. Norton, 83rd and 8th Pennsylvania. Xerox copies of being extracts from Private letters to relatives and friends from a soldier in the field during the late Civil War, 1903.
Box 6 (1 folder) McLain family correspondence and Civil War memorabilia

1. Civil War letter dated September 17, 1862, to U.S. Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton (1814-1869) from Assistant Attorney General Titian J. Coffey requesting a furlough for an unnamed nephew of Charles Campbell McLain (1807-1880) of Indiana, Pennsylvania. This letter was sent from the Attorney General’s Office introducing Charles C. McLain of Indiana, Pennsylvania, whose nephew may have been wounded at the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862. The son of Charles C. McLain was Captain Gawin Adams McLain (1838-1919), who commanded Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, and he was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run, August 28-30, 1862. This letter was donated by Patricia Klausing Simmons and her husband William Simmons, additional material donated by the Simmons family is described in Manuscript Group 155. An additional letter from T. J. Coffey, dated July 3, 1862, is in the White Family Collection at the Historical and Genealogy Society of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

   a. Original and photcopy of letter dated September 17, 1862, from T. J. Coffey to Edwin M. Stanton regarding the nephew of Charles C. McLain:

   ![Civil War letter](image)

2. Photocopies and scans of supporting documentation about Captain Gawin Adams McLain (1838-1919):

   a. *Indiana Messenger*, September 24, 1862, Civil War
   b. *Indiana Evening Gazette*, March 18, 1919, Obituary
   c. Photocopies from 1913 *History of Indiana County, Pennsylvania*, entry for Captain Gawin A. McLain (1838-1919) pp. 701-702

3. Manuscript Group 155 Klausing and Simmons Collection, also contains a Civil War ink drawing of “Street and Quarters of the Westmoreland Blues, 1862, Company H, 11th
Pennsylvania Reserves Corps” (40th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry), that was commanded by Captain Daniel Kistler, Jr., who died of his wounds following the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862. The artist is unknown. The drawing is on display in Stapleton Library, Room 302, IUP Special Collections & University Archives.

4. Manuscript Group 130 Logan Moorhead Collection, contains the Civil War diary of Rhoda Stone Lowry (1806-1895) and the Civil War letters from her sons Robert Alexander Lowry (1838-1862) and Major William Gustin Lowry (1836-1863) who was killed in action near the Wheatfield on the second day at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863.