Alley-Brewer Family Letters  
(C0196)

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Collection Title: Alley-Brewer Family Letters

Dates: 1857-1866

Creator: Alley-Brewer families

Abstract: Letters to Margaret E. Brewer Alley and her husband, Hadley Alley, Mercer County Missouri, from her brother James S. Brewer, a Civil War soldier with the 28th Illinois Volunteer Infantry; from George W. and John W. Deen who address her as sister and from other brothers and sisters. Comments on army matters and family business. Written from Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Illinois, and other places where James S. Brewer served.

Collection Size: 0.16 cubic feet  
(8 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Hadley J. Alley was a criminal lawyer in Mercer County. He was sheriff from 1864 to 1868 and also served as prosecuting attorney. Margaret was born in 1842 in Illinois.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Letters

Scope and Content Note:

Letters

This series contains letters to and from members of the Alley and Brewer families.

Container List:

f. 1-3 Letters from George and John W. Deen from Camp Wickiffe, Ky., Memphis and Colleyville, Tennessee and Waterford, Natchez, and Vicksburg, Mississippi. Army marches, provisions and their scarcity, mail difficulties, reenlistment, formation of Negro regiments, resentment against Negroes and Abolitionists, siege of Vicksburg and family matters.

f. 4-8 From Vicksburg Mississippi and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Chennneys Grove, Illinois. Describes reenlistment bonuses, furlough, railroad accidents, future duty, family funerals, and duty at Brownsville, Texas. Also, comments on high food prices. Letters from other members of family, Sarah C. Delila, Ann, William, and Dugan Brewer and Belle Adams, family matters and crops.

f. 7-8 Duplicate typed copies.

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