



Walter V. Reeder Papers (R0512)

Collection Number: R0512

Collection Title: Walter V. Reeder Papers

Dates: 1861

Creator: Reeder, Walter V., 1843-1863

Abstract: The Walter V. Reeder Papers are photocopies and typescripts of Civil War letters of Walter V. Reeder, 36th Illinois Infantry, written from Rolla in Phelps County, Missouri, October 2 through November 6, 1861.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

Restrictions on Use: Materials in this collection are in the public domain.

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Donor Information: The papers were loaned for photocopying to the University of Missouri by Jerry Lamar on March 12, 1991 (Accession No. RA0498).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Walter V. Reeder Papers can be found in the following collections:

Henry Perrin Mann Civil War Papers (R0455)
Lyman G. Bennett Collection (R0274)

At the time of donation, additional letters by Walter V. Reeder, written from Rolla and Cassville, Missouri, and Pea Ridge and Salem, Arkansas, were available in the collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison.

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Biographical Note:

Walter V. Reeder, born in 1843 in Hanover, Ohio, and who later worked as a farmer in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois, enlisted in the Union 36th Illinois Infantry Regiment, Company C, at age eighteen in Young America, Illinois. While encamped in Rolla, Missouri in the fall of 1861, he wrote the three letters in this collection to loved ones back in Aurora. Reeder died from wounds received in battle at Missionary Ridge, Tennessee, succumbing his injuries on December 13, 1863.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in chronological order.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a series of three letters written by Walter V. Reeder to family and friends from the Union Rolla camp in late 1861 prior to the Pea Ridge campaign. The letters contain inquiries after family and friends, comments on the journey from Aurora, Illinois, and camp news from Rolla.

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