



Charles P. Walker, *Daily Express* Collection (R0649)

Collection Number: R0649

Collection Title: Charles P. Walker, *Daily Express* Collection

Dates: 1861

Creator: Walker, Charles P., 1828-1874

Abstract: The Charles P. Walker, *Daily Express* Collection contains Volume 1, No. 29 of the *Daily Express*, published December 11, 1861 at Rolla in Phelps County, Missouri. Charles P. Walker, editor of the weekly Rolla Express, published the daily sheet for the military market during the Civil War. It contains an address to Congress by President Lincoln, camp news, and official notices.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Charles P. Walker born in 1828 was a native of New Ipswich, New Hampshire. He married Jane McMinn and the couple were in Maries County, Missouri by 1860 where Walker worked as a newspaper editor. The couple had one child in 1861 who lived only a month. Jane died in April 1862 and Walker married again in 1863 to Caroline Douthitt, likely a relative of his first wife. Together they had seven children.

Walker moved the *Express* newspaper, of which he was editor and owner, from Maries County to Rolla in 1860. Along with the weekly *Rolla Express*, Walker apparently began publishing his *Daily Express* in November 1861 when Rolla was the winter quarters of several thousand Union soldiers. The paper contained a mix of local news, camp gossip, and official notices. Publication of the *Daily Express* probably ceased in early 1862 when most of the troops left Rolla at the beginning of the Pea Ridge campaign.

Walker continued to publish the *Rolla Express* until May 1863, when he became a county official and major of the Enrolled Missouri Militia. Under different owners and publishers, the *Express* was revived in 1865 and continued sporadically into 1875. Charles P. Walker died on March 4, 1874 of pneumonia. He is buried in the Rolla Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the December 11, 1861 issue of the *Daily Express*. This edition carried, among other things, a list of the casualties from the “battle” of Salem in Dent County on December 3, 1861. There is also a letter from Giles M. Goss of Brownsville, Indiana, advising relatives who may have been refugees at Rolla that they would be cared for in Indiana. Only one other issue of the *Daily Express* is known to be extant. The issue of December 27, 1861 is in the newspaper collection at the State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia.

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