



## **John J. H. Duncan Papers (R0655)**

**Collection Number:** R0655

**Collection Title:** John J. H. Duncan Papers

**Dates:** 1864

**Creator:** Duncan, John J. H., 1846-1892

**Abstract:** The John J. H. Duncan Papers contain a Civil War letter sent from Rolla, Phelps County, Missouri, written by John J. H. Duncan of Company C, 145th Illinois Infantry. Written to a cousin, the letter discusses the death of Duncan's father and contains miscellaneous camp news.

**Collection Size:** 0.01 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](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-rolla). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The papers were purchased by the University of Missouri from Normal Civil War Antiques on January 23, 1998 (Accession No. RA0693).

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, June 9, 1999. Revised by Aaron Schmidt, April 2020.

**Biographical Note:**

John J. H. Duncan was born November 17, 1846, to J. B. and Adaline G. *Wright* Duncan. He enlisted at the age of 18 in Company C of the 145th Illinois Infantry on May 20, 1864. This unit was one of the 100-day units formed to make a final push to end the war. He traveled with the regiment to garrison at Rolla, Missouri, and construct Fort Dette. He was discharged, along with the rest of his regiment in September 1864. After the war, he returned to Morgan County, where he married Mary S. Rutledge on January 26, 1871. The couple had seven children. Duncan died on October 15, 1892, when he was thrown off a train near Virden, Illinois. His funeral was held the following day in the Franklin Methodist Church, with burial in Franklin City Cemetery.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of one letter written by Private John J. H. Duncan in Rolla, Missouri. Written to his cousin, the letter speaks of the death of his father and related camp news.

**Container List:**

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