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EDWARD F. HALL (1824-18__)
LETTERS, 1861-1864
160 Items, 1/2 Box

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Edward F. Hall was born in Epping, NH in 1824. He lived in Exeter with his wife Susan and a son Edward who was born in 1847.

Hall enlisted July 26, 1861 and was mustered in August 22, 1861 as a Private in the Third Regiment Company B. He deserted Feb 28, 1864 and returned. [His letters say that he was in New York on furlough]. August 16, 1864 he was severely wounded at Deep Bottom, Va. and lost an arm. Hall was discharged October 28, 1864.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

Most of the letters are to Hall's wife Susan with some to his son "Eddie or Ned". There are letters from his brother Sam serving in Virginia including one where he writes that due to an arm injury he won't be making shoes anymore.

The first letters come from Port Royal, South Carolina where he is working on entrenchments. Most of his time seems to have been spent on the islands, Hilton Head, Ediston, James Island near Charleston, Botany Bay, St. Helen and Morris Island. Describes the bombardment of Forts Sumpter and Wagner. In Oct 1863 he was in hospital in Beaufort, SC. In April of 1864 he was moved to Virginia to Fortress Monroe opposite Yorktown then up the James River to Ft. Darling. The last letter June 9, 1864 where they are trying to take the railroad between Richmond and Petersburg, Va.

Hall recounts problems with supplies of ammunition and food, trouble getting paid, training recruits, disease and hospital conditions, alcohol, infidelity etc. He discusses the difference in New England farms and southern plantations and his political and social feelings about abolition and the blacks.

Mrs. Hall's efforts to provide for the family while he is away are frequently touched on. Their son Eddie is going to high school and then his career prospects are discussed.

Fld 1	Aug. 13, 1861	to	Mar. 15, 1862	(14 Items)
Fld 2	Mar. 25, 1862	to	June 15, 1862	(9 Items)
Fld 3	June 18, 1862	to	July 13, 1862	(10 Items)
Fld 4	July 15, 1862	to	July 28, 1862	(6 Items)
Fld 5	July 31, 1862	to	Sept. 2, 1862	(9 Items)
Fld 6	Sept. 5, 1862	to	Oct. 5, 1862	(12 Items)
Fld 7	Oct. 13, 1862	to	Nov. 30, 1862	(9 Items)
Fld 8	Dec. 2, 1862	to	Feb. 5, 1863	(8 Items)
Fld 9	Jan. 31, 1863	to	Apr. 26, 1863	(13 Items)
Fld 10	May 3, 1863	to	July 17, 1863	(13 Items)
Fld 11	July 20, 1863	to	Aug. 11, 1863	(11 Items)
Fld 12	Aug. 21, 1863	to	Oct. 4, 1863	(9 Items)
Fld 14	Jan. 5, 1864	to	June 9, 1864	(14 Items)
Fld 15	Jan. 6, 1864	to	June 20, 1864	(14 Items)
Fld 16	July 4, 1864	to	Oct. 19, 1864	(8 Items)

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