

Graves Family Correspondence, 1862-1870

.50 linear feet

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Biographical

George K. and Fayette D. Graves, brothers from Rensselaer Falls NY, were the sons of James and Catherine Graves. George, born in 1842, served as a private in company G of the 142nd infantry division NYS volunteers. He was wounded in 1864, yet he continued to serve until the war was over in 1865. He died in 1916. Fayette, born in 1844, was a private in company A of the 106th infantry division NYS volunteers. He was wounded on May 15, 1864. He also served until the end of the war. Although the brothers were in separate division units, both spent much of their time during the war in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Olive Ann Graves, is the sister of George and Fayette.

Scope and content

This collection consists of 76 letters (.25 linear feet).
The letters describe camp life, hospitals, and battles.

Organization & arrangement

The letters are organized into 4 series:

- Series I. Letters from George K. Graves (56 total)
- Series II Letters from Fayette D. Graves (9 total)
- Series III. Letters to George from James, Catherine and Olive Graves (7 total)
- Series IV. Unidentified and Post War Letters (4 total)

Provenance

This collection, along with the Sunderland Family correspondence was purchased at auction on April 8th, 2000 at Stiles Auction House, Rensselaer Falls NY.

Note

Selected letters in this collection have been transcribed. Transcribed letters indicated with a [t].

Series 1 -- Letters from George K. Graves (56 total) (*) indicates envelope is included with letter

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Heading</u>
1862		
June 22 [t]	Old Point Comfort	"Father and Mother I now take..."*
August 7 [t]	--	"Mr. James Graves sir included..."
October 8 [t]	--	"James sir I take..."
October 12 [t]	--	"Mr. James Graves sir I take..."
October 15 [t]	--	"Dear parents it is with great..."
October 24 [t]	--	"James Graves sir..."*
October 30 [t]	--	"Dear parents..."*
November 7	Camp Bliss	"Dear parents..."*
November 23	Camp Bliss	"Dear father..."*
November 27	Camp Bliss	"Dear father..."
1863		
January 23	Camp Davies, Upton Hill, VA	"Dear parents..."*
January 28	Camp Davies,	"Dear parents..."*
March 1	--	"Dear father..."
March 7	Camp Howland, VA	"Dear father..."
March 12	Camp on the NE Branch of the Cape Fear River	"Dear father..."
March 15	Camp near Eathen Allen, VA	"Dear father..."
April 3	Camp near Fort Ethan Allen, Va	"Dear father..."
April 17	Norfolk, VA	"Mr. James Graves..."
April 28	Suffolk, VA	"Dear mother..."
May 3	Suffolk, VA	"Dear Father..."*
May 7	West Point, VA	"Dear parents..."*
May10	West Point VA	"Dear parents..."*
June 17	--	"Dear parents..."*
August 18	Folleys Island, SC	"Dear parents..."*
September 1	Tolly Island, SC	"Dear parents..."*
September 4	--	"Dear Olive..."*
September 11	Folley Island, SC	"Dear parents..."*
September 26	Folley Island, SC	"Dear father..."
September 30	Folley Island, SC	"Dear mother..."
October 3	Folley Island, SC	"Dear parents..."*
November 20	Kiawat Island, SC	"Dear parents..."*
November 26	Kiawak Island, SC	"Dear mother..."*
December 7	Kiawak Island, SC	"Dear parents..."*
December 12	Kiawak Island, SC	"Dear parents..."*
December 27	Kiawak Island, SC	"Dear parents"

1864

January 10	Kiawak Island, SC	“Dear father...”
January 17	Kiawak Island, SC	“Dear father...”*
February 14	Kiawak Island, SC	“Dear mother...”*
February 24	Kiawak Island, SC	“Dear father...”
March 2	Kiawak Island, SC	“Dear sister...”*
March 6	Kiawak Island, SC	“Dear father...”
March 25	Kiawak Island, SC	“Dear sister...”*
March 27	Kiawak Island, SC	“Dear another you kind letter...”
Apr. 20	near Yorktown, VA	“Dear parents...”
May 27	K. Hampton Hospital near Fort Monroe, VA	“Miss Olive...”
June 11		“Dear parents...”
June 18		“Dear mother...”
June 21		“Dear parents...”*
June 23		“Dear parents...”*
August 18		“Dear parents...”
September 14		“Dear sister...”
November 13	On Chapins Farm near Richmond, VA	“Sister Olive...”
December 11	--	“Dear father...”

1865

January 2	Camp near Chapins farm, VA	“Dear parents...”
January 19	--	“Dear parents...”
February 8	--	“Dear parents...”
March 6	NC	“Dear parents...”

11 envelopes without letters (dated 1863-1864)

National Archives Trust Fund Information on George K. Graves

Series 2 -- Letters from Fayette D. Graves

1862

Aug. 12 [t] -- "Dear parents..."

1863

January 8 [t] -- "I am well and I hope..."
April 10 [t] -- "I received your letter that you..."
April 12 [t] -- "I received your letter that you..."
June 24 [t] York Pennsylvania "Dear father..."
August 8 [t] -- "I seat myself to let you know..."

1864

April 13? Camp near Brandy Station "Dear Mother..."
Nov. 2? -- "Dear father..."

1865 Jan. 29 Camp Townson "Dear father..."

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Series III. -- Letters to George from James, Catherine and Olive Graves (7 total)

1862

November 9 Canton, NY "Absent and beloved child..." (from mother and father)
November 30 Canton, NY "Dear George..."
from mother, (with incomplete response from George on the same letter)
December 7 Canton, NY "Absent and beloved child..."

1863

January 2 Canton, NY "Dear George..." (from sister Olive)
January 4 Canton, NY "Dear George..." (from sister Olive)
August 31 Basher Falls (sic) "Sir..." (from W. Wells)
December 16 Goveneur (sic) "Mr. G.K.Graves..." from B.M. Luther friend?)

1864

May 31 [t] Goveneur (sic) "Dear brother..." (from sister Olive)

Series IV. -- Unidentified and Post War Letters (4 total)

1863

Mar. 30 North Mountain Berkley County VA. "I received our pay yesterday..."

1870

Jun. 22 Boonsboro "Dear cousin Ollie..." (from cousin Will)

Two letters with no dates or signatures

11 unidentified envelopes without letters.