

THE BEACH FAMILY PAPERS

Mss. Coll. No. 2

.50 linear feet

Biographical

According to the family history written by Alvira Robinson which was edited and submitted with the collection by Sarah Robinson, the family came, as did so many North Country settlers, from Vermont by way of the Paradise Road. They settled near Brockville, but moved to Canton at the time of the War of 1812 to avoid fighting against the U.S. By the time of the Civil War, they had moved to Russell. The bulk of the letters were written by two brothers, Alvah and Enos Beach. Figures involved with the collection are: Mrs. Eliza Beach, Alvah, Enos and Alvira Beach, George and Abigail Robinson, David, Lindley, Lydia, Chloe, John and Inatha Robinson, and the children of Alvira Beach and David Robinson, Sarah, Charles and Willie Robinson

Scope and Content

This collection, numbering about 100 items, was donated to St. Lawrence University by Atwood Manley who had received it from Sarah Robinson, niece of Alvah and Enos Beach. (The records of the invalid pension which Alvah Beach received after his service with the N.Y. 16th were donated by Carter Faulkener, a student who used the collection for a class project.) It consists primarily of letters written by Alvah and Enos Beach of Russell, N.Y. while they were in the Union Army during the Civil War. Also included are two ambrotype photos of Alvah Beach and some material relating to David Robinson, father of Sarah and brother-in-law of the Beach brothers. The Enos Beach letters run from December 12, 1861 - July 3, 1863; the Alvah Beach letters run from May 5, 1861 - June 18, 1864. Some of these letters were printed in the *Plaindealer* circa 1935.

Provenance

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Series

This collection is divided into four series:

1. Alvah Beach material
2. Enos Beach material
3. David Robinson material
4. Letters of Sarah Robinson

Series 1 Alvah Beach letters and transcriptions

Box	Folder	Date	Location	Heading	Sheets	Pages
1	1	May 5, 1861	Albany	Dear Mother, I take my pen...	1	3
	2	May 31, 1861	Albany	Dear Sister: I received...	1	4
	3	June 11, 1861	Albany	Dear Brother: I take my seat...	1	3
	4	June 11, 1861	Albany	Dear Brother: You must forgive...	1	4
	5	June 19, 1861	Albany	Dear Mother: I have one more...	1	4
	6	June 24-25, 1861	Albany	Brother Dave: Your letter came...	1	2
	7	June 27, 1861	NY Harbor	Dear Brother: Your first letter came...	1	4
	8	June 30, 1861	Washington	Brother Dave: I thought I wold pen...	1	4
	9	July 14, 1861	Alexandria	Brother Dave: I thought I wold write...	1	4
1	10	July 24, 1861	Alexandria	Dear Brother and Sister: I received your...	1	4
	11	August 4, 1861	Alexandria	Dear Brother: When I received...	1	4
	12	September 5, 1861	Alexandria	Brother Dave: I take this oppertunity...	1	3
	13	September 7, 1861	Camp Vernon	Brother Dave: I thought I would write...	1	2
	14	September 8, 1861	Camp Vernon	Dear Mother: I take this opportunity...	1	4
	15	September. 10, 1861	Camp Vernon	Dear Brother: I take this oppertunity	1	4
	16	October 13, 1861	Camp Lyons	Dear Brother: It is Sunday evening...	1	4
	17	October 24, 1861	Camp Franklin	Dear Mother: I received your...	1	3
	18	November 12, 1861	Camp Franklin	Dear Sister: Your very welcome letter...	1	3
	19	December 21, 1861	Camp Franklin	Dear Sister: It is Saturday evening...	1	3
1	20	January 13, 1862	Camp Franklin	Dear Mother: I take the oppertunity...	1	2
	21	February 27, 1862	Camp Franklin	Dear Sister: It is a very windy...	1	3
	22	April 21, 1862	Steamer Daniel Webster	Dear Sister: I take this oppertunity...	1	2
	23	April 28, 1862	Ship Point	Brother Enos: I have now got settled...	1	3
	24	May 11, 1862	Lonesome Valley, VA	Dear Sister: I take this opportunity...	1	4
	25	May 14, 1862	Cumberland, VA	Dear Sister: I have just received...	1	3
	26	June 3-4, 1862	Mechanicville	Dear Sister: I received your letter...	1	4
	27	July 4, 1862	City Point	Dear Sister: I take the first opportunity...	2	6

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	28	July 26, 1862	Camp near Harrison's Landing	Dear Sister: I received your...	1	4
	29	August 11, 1862	Camp of the 16 th NY	Mrs. Robinson: (from George S. Eastman)	1	1
1	30	August 17, 1862	Newark Hospital	Dear Sister: I thought I wold write...	1	2
	31	August 28, 1862	Center Hospital, Newark	Dear Sister: Thinking you wold be...	1	2
	32	August 30, 1862	U.S. Hospital, Newark	I received your letter...	1	3
	33	September 6, 1862	U.S. Hospital, Newark	Dear Sister: I thought I wold write you...	1	3
	34	September 27, 1962	Newark	Dear Sister: It has been some time...	1	3
	35	October 9-10, 1862	Newark	Dear Sister: I now seat myself...	1	3
	36	October 16, 1862	Newark	Dear Mother: I take this opportunity...	1	2
	37	November 1, 1862	Camp near Alexandria, VA	Dear Sister: I now take my seat on a...	1	4
	38	December 16, 1862	Camp of the 16 th Regiment	Dear Mother: I take this opportunity...	1	4
	39	December 21, 1862	Camp near White Oak Church, VA	Dear Sister: I take this...	1	4
1	40	February 2, 1863	Camp of the 16 th Regiment	Dear Sister: I received your...	1	4
	41	February 17-18, 1863	Camp near Falmouth, VA	Dear Sister: I received you letter last...	1	4
	42	March 22, 1863	Camp of the 16 th Regiment	Dear Sister: It has been some time	1	3
	43	April 6, 1863	Camp of the 16 th Regiment	Dear Sister: Yours of March 23 rd ...	1	3
	44	April 14, 1863	Camp of the 16 th Regiment	Dear Sister: I take this opportunity...	1	2
	45	April 21, 1863	Camp of the 16 th Regiment	Dear Brother: I take this privilege to...	1	3
	46	May 8, 1863	Douglass Hospital, Washington D.C.	Dear Sister: I will now write...	1	3
	47	May 19, 1863	Douglass Hospital, Washington D.C.	Dear Sister: I have just received...	1	3
	48	May 28, 1863	Douglass Hospital,	My dear Sister: I thought I...	1	3

Box	Folder	Date	Location	Heading	Sheets	Pages
			Washington D.C.			
	49	June 9, 1863	Douglass Hospital, Washington D.C.	Dear Sister: I have not received...	1	2
1	50	June 17, 1863	Douglass Hospital, Washington D.C.	Vermont and Boston Telegraph Co	1	1
	51	June 24, 1863	Fort Richmond	Dear Brother: I take this...	1	3
	52	July 21, 1863	Douglass Hospital, Washington D.C.	My Dear Mother: It has been...	1	4
	53	August 1, 1863	Douglass Hospital	Friend John: Yours of the 26 th ...	1	3
	54	August 26, 1863	Post Hospital, Albany	Dear Sister: I am still in the hospital	1	2
	55	November 3, 1863	Rochester, NY	Friend John: I now seat myself...	1	3
	56	December 3, 1863	Rochester, NY	Dear Brother: I take this...	1	4
	57	December 22, 1863	Fort Richmond	My dear Sister: I now take my seat...	1	2
	58	December 27-28, 1863	Fort Richmond	My dear mother: I now take my seat...	1	3
1	59	January 15, 1864	Fort Richmond	Dear Brother: Your letter was duly...	1	3
	60	February 4, 1864	Fort Richmond	Dear Sister: I read your letter today...	1	2
	61	February 16 th , 1864	Park Barrax, NY City	My Dear Sister: I have just...	1	3
	62	February 29, 1964	Park Barrax, NY City	Dear Brother: I have just received	1	2
	63	April 14, 1864	Park Barrax, NY City	Dear Brother: It has been a long...	1	2
	64	May, 1864	Near Alexandria, VA	Dear Sister: I will now write you...	1	2
	65	June 11, 1864	Camp of the 14 th near Cold Harbor	Dear Sister: I have a few moments...	1	4
	66	June 18, 1864	Near Petersburg	My Friend Mrs. Robinson...	1	4

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Veteran's records for Alvah Beach

Series 2: Enos Beach letters and transcriptions

Box	Folder	Date	Location	Heading	Sheets	Pages
2	67	October 27, 1861	None	Dear Mother and Sister	1	2
	68	December 12-13, 1861	None	Dear Mother and Sister	1	4
	69	December 25, 1861	None	Dear Mother and Sister	1	4
2	70	January 17, 1862	Baltimore	Dear Mother and Sister	1	4
	71	January 27, 1862	Baltimore	Dear Mother: I now take to my pen	1	4
	72	February 18, 1862	Baltimore	Dear Mother and Sister	1	4
	73	March 24-27, 1862	Camp Preston King	Dear Mother: I received your...	1	4
	74	March 29, 1862	Camp Miles	Dear friends	1	4
	75	April 20, 1862	Camp Miles	Dear Mother: I now seat myself...	1	4
	76	June 16, 1862	Camp Seigel	Dear Mother: I now seat myself to answer...	1	4
	77	September 9, 1862	David's Island, NY	Dear Mother: This is a pleasant morning...	1	4
	78	October 12, 1862	None	Dear Sister: Mr. Bremer has gust...	1	4
	79	October 22, 1862	None	Dear Sister: I will try to write...	1	2
	80	October 23, 1862	None	Dear Sister: I will write a few lines...	1	2
	81	November 21, 1862	None	Dear Mother: I received your kind letter...	1	3
2	82	January 8, 1863	Fort Schyler Hospital, New York	Dear Sister: I received your kind letter...	1	1
	83	January 28, 1863	Fort Schyler, New York	Dear Mother: I seat myself...	1	2
	84	February 18, 1863	None	Dear Sister: I received your letter...	1	2
	85	March 17, 1863	None	Dear Mother: I seat myself...	1	2
	86	May 11, 1863	Camp of the 60 th , NY	Dear Sister: I finely take my pen...	1	3
	87	May 25. 1863	Camp of the 60 th , NY	Dear Mother: I have gust received...	1	1
	88	June 5. 1863	Camp of the 60 th , NY	Dear Mother: I take my pen this afternoon...	1	1
	89	July 3, 1863	None	Dear Mother: It has been a long time...	1	1

Series 3: David Robinson Material
(Letters written both before and after his death in battle)

Box	Folder	Date	Location	Description	Sheets	Pages
2	90	Undated	None	"A Poem From the Battlefield"		
	91	April 16, 1861	Alexandria, VA	Letter from A. Ellsworth		
	92	September 28, 1862	Loudon Heights, VA	To Alvira Robinson from Richard Eddy, Chaplain of 60 th NY	1	2
	93	October 3, 1862	Loudon Heights, VA	To Mrs. Robinson from Loren W. Fuller	1	4

Series 4: Letters of Sarah Robinson to Atwood Manley

Box	Folder	Date	Location	Heading or Description	Sheets	Pages
2	94	December 5, 1941	Utica, NY	Dear Mr. Manley... Accompanied by two pictures of Alvah Beach	3	3
	95	Undated	Utica, NY	<i>Dear Mr. Manley...</i> letter describing David Robinson's (her father's) poem on her life	2	2
	96	Undated	None	10-page history of the Beach family	10	10

Box 2, Folder 97, Two ambrotype photographs of Alvah Beach