

## Crossman Family Papers MSS Collection #139

### Scope & Content

This collection consists of 62 original letters, most of which have typed transcripts. The letters date from 1862 through 1867. Most letters are written to/from Julius, Marcus, or Matilda Crossman. These letters discuss the state of camp life, how the soldiers are fairing, hopes for when the brothers plan on returning home, and the state of home life for Matilda.

### Dates

1862-2012

### Availability

The collection is open for research.

### Biographical

Julius and Marcus Crossman were residents of Pierrepont, NY during the outbreak of the Civil War. Both men enlisted on Aug. 29, 1862 into the 142<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the New York State Volunteer Army. At the time Julius was married to his wife Matilda and had a son named Eddy. Both brothers were stationed with others from Pierrepont across the state of Virginia during their duty. Julius Crossman died of typhoid fever in April 1863 in Fairfax Seminary Hospital, Virginia. Marcus Crossman was eventually moved to David Island Hospital in New York City to work. He survived the war, married, and had a large family.

### Extent

2 boxes, .67 linear feet

### Language of the Materials

English

### Arrangement

Box 1

- Series 1. Letters from Julius Crossman
- Series 2. Letters from Marcus Crossman
- Series 3. Letters from Matilda Crossman
- Series 4. Pension Documentation and Military records

Box 2

- Series 5. Misc. Correspondence, research notes and genealogical research material
- Series 6. Student research paper

### Provenance

This collection was acquired from Beulah Crossman White, a descendant of Julius and Marcus.

### Processing Information

Processed by the St. Lawrence University Libraries Special Collections staff.

### Repository Details

Part of the St. Lawrence University Libraries manuscript collection.

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**Collection Organization** (transcriptions of most correspondence are included with the original)

**Series 1** includes letters from Julias Crossman to his wife, Matilda.

**Series 2** has letters from Marcus Crossman to his siblings.

**Series 3** is a collection of Matilda Crossman's letters to her husband and brother.

**Series 4** holds pension records and military documents, including muster rolls, and casualty sheets and inventory of effects for Julius Crossman.

**Series 5** contains genealogical research done by Beulah White, including papers, photos and notes. It also includes some miscellaneous correspondence.

**Series 6** is a research paper written in 2012 by Brooke Fernandez entitled *The Civil War Through the Letters of a Union Solider*.

### Related Collections

Call Number	Title
Mss. Coll. No. 002	Beach Papers
Mss. Coll. No. 006	Pryce Lewis Collection
Mss. Coll. No. 056	Goodrich Papers
Mss. Coll. No. 064	Conkey - Bannister - Page Family Papers
Mss. Coll. No. 066	George O. Newbury Letters
Mss. Coll. No. 082	William H. Carr Diary
Mss. Coll. No. 083	William H. Davies Collection
Mss. Coll. No. 084	Orson Leroy Reynolds Collection
Mss. Coll. No. 085	Civil War Diary
Mss. Coll. No. 093	Wetherell Family Papers
Mss. Coll. No. 095	Robert Gilmore Papers
Mss. Coll. No. 125	Graves Family Correspondence
Mss. Coll. No. 126	Sunderland Family Correspondence
Mss. Coll. No. 129	Knapp Family Correspondence
Mss. Coll. No. 133	16 <sup>th</sup> New York Infantry Regiment Records
Mss. Coll. No. 137	George S. Parsons Correspondence
Mss. Coll. No. 138	Columbus Huntly Correspondence
Mss. Coll. No. 174	Henry D. Payne Memoir
Mss. Coll. No. 191	Lewis Murray Civil War Memoir