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This collection contains six correspondence from brother James Harvey and Jason Lee Watson to their cousin Elisha during the Civil War.

In their letters they describe the conditions in the camp, the weather, the morale of the soldiers, their health, and some skirmishes with Rebels they were involved in. In the letter dated May 9, 1862, James writes "I would be very glad to see the end of this war and see this country once more united under the same old flag under which our fathers fought and bled when throwing off the yoke of oppression." He also describes his opinions of the south's cause, saying that the people who are too poor to own slaves have been misled by educated slave owners into believing the north is imposing on their way of life, but laments the fact that these poor people are too ignorant to realize this.

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