Henry I. Colyer Correspondence: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Henry I. Colyer Correspondence

Dates (inclusive): 1862-1865

Collection Number: mssHM 28943-29056

Creator: Colyer, Henry I. (Henry Isaac), approximately 1841-

Extent: 146 pieces in 2 boxes + copies and transcripts in 2 binders and 1 box.

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Abstract: This collection contains the Civil War correspondence of Union soldier Henry I. Colyer, consisting chiefly of letters to his parents, siblings, and friends in Chittenango, New York.

Language: English.

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Biographical Note
Henry Isaac Colyer (also spelled Collier), a Civil War Union soldier. Resident of Chittenango, Madison Co., New York, he enlisted in 157th N.Y. Volunteers in 1862. Until Nov. 1, 1862, the Regiment was assigned to the defenses of Washington, D.C., and then moved to Centreville, Virginia, and took part in the advance to Fredericksburg, Virginia, (Dec. 8-17). In late December, Colyer was hospitalized with a heart and lung condition, and remained in King St. Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia, until Aug. 1863. After that he served in the Veteran Reserve Corps for remainder of the war. Until March 1864, he was on guard duty at United States Draft Rendezvous (known as the Conscript Camp) at New Haven, Conn., and then served in Alexandria, Fairfax, Fort Williams, Va. and Washington, D.C. He was discharged in July 1865 and returned home.

Scope and Content
The Colyer Collection contains the Civil War correspondence of Union soldier Henry I. Colyer, consisting chiefly of letters to his parents, siblings, and friends in Chittenango, New York. The letters discuss war, political, and family news and contain detailed factual accounts of the camp life -- rations, barracks, soldiers' finances, conscripts and substitutes, desertions, drinking, courts martial, hospital, prisons, demobilization, etc.

Arrangement
Original letters arranged chronologically in 2 boxes, followed by transcriptions of letters and envelopes in 1 box and 2 binders.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
Colyer, Henry I. (Henry Isaac), approximately 1841 -- Correspondence.
United States. Army -- Recruiting, enlistment, etc. -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States. Army. New York Infantry Regiment, 157th (1862-1865)
New Haven (Conn.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
New York (State) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Regimental histories -- Sources.
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Transcriptions and envelopes

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Transcriptions of letters (chiefly handwritten) and envelopes.

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Transcriptions (typescript), 1862-1863

Binder 2
Transcriptions (typescript), 1864-1865