
Isaac C. Pugh papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Isaac C. Pugh papers

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Abstract: The Isaac C. Pugh papers are primarily composed of letters written between members of the Pugh family, correspondence which provides insight into the lives of Union soldiers during the United States Civil War and those left behind on the home front. The bulk of the material is letters written by Isaac C. Pugh to his wife, Elvira E. Pugh, from the years 1861 to 1864. The papers also include letters by Pugh's son Isaac R. Pugh, commonly referred to as Rinaldo, and Elvira E. Pugh, the two most frequent correspondents after Isaac C. Pugh. Letters written by other family members, documents of the period, and contemporary press clippings regarding the United States Civil War are also contained within the papers.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access

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Biographical Note

Isaac C. Pugh of Decatur, Illinois, was in an advantageous position to report on the United States Civil War. From his vantage point as Colonel of the 41st Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers, he could see events as they were planned and report on them as they occurred. These reports were contained in the letters he sent to his wife, Elvira, and sons back home.

Isaac C. Pugh came to Decatur from Shelby County, Illinois in 1829. He set up the first store in Decatur and was appointed postmaster for the town. Pugh served as a Master in Chancery from 1830 to 1860, as well as a county commissioner. He married the daughter of Jerome Gorin, the chief banker and landholder in Decatur, and had 11 children. His sons B.G. (Bartly) and I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh served under their father's command at different intervals during the United States Civil War.

Pugh volunteered as a second lieutenant in the Black Hawk War and was promoted to company commander and captain by the war's end. Afterward, he was a first lieutenant and second in command in the Decatur Rangers, an organization responsible for combating Indian attacks. In the Mexican War, he commanded a Decatur company and participated in the bombardment of Vera Cruz. At the battle of Cerro Gordo, Pugh captured \$25,000 and General Santa Anna's cork leg.

In 1853 he was elected county treasurer, and in 1858 he resigned to practice equity law. In April of 1861, he was one of the first to volunteer for the 8th Regiment of Decatur volunteers, and was elected captain of "A" Company. After three months, Pugh re-enlisted and was elected Colonel of the 41st Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers. He participated in, and survived, some of the most definitive moments of the United States Civil War, including the battle of Fort Donelson, the siege of

Vicksburg, and the battle of Shiloh (Pittsburg Landing). Colonel Pugh was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General for his meritorious conduct, and was mustered out of the service on August 20, 1864.

Pugh returned to Decatur, Illinois in August of 1864 and ran for Illinois state representative, a position he held from 1864 to 1866. He later served as mayor of the city of Decatur. Pugh died in 1874 at the age of 69.

- 1829 Isaac C. Pugh moved to Decatur, Illinois.
- 1830 Pugh began his tenure as a Master in Chancery for Decatur, Illinois, a position he held until 1860.
- 1853 Pugh was elected treasurer of Macon County, Illinois.
- 1858 Pugh resigned from his position as county treasurer.
Pugh opened a private practice in equity law.
- 1861 Pugh joined the 8th Regiment of Decatur volunteers to fight in the Civil War and was elected captain of "A" Company in April.
Pugh re-enlisted and was elected Colonel of the 41st Regiment of the Illinois volunteers in July.
- 1863 Pugh participated in the Siege of Vicksburg in Vicksburg, Mississippi.
- 1864 Pugh returned to Decatur, Illinois after leaving the United States Military on August 20th.
Pugh was elected Illinois state representative, a position he held until 1866.
Pugh was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.
- 1874 Isaac C. Pugh died at the age of 69.

Collection Scope and Contents

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Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into three series as follows:

- Series 1. Correspondence, 1846-1872, undated
- Series 2. Documents, 1861-1862, undated
- Series 3. Press clippings, undated

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

- Pugh, Isaac C.
- Pugh, Isaac R.
- United States. Army. Illinois Infantry Regiment, 41st (1861-1864)
- United States
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Vicksburg (Miss.)

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Clippings (information artifacts)
 - Correspondence
 - Documents
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Series 1. Correspondence 1846-1872, undated

Series Scope and Contents

This series encompasses letters written between members of the Pugh family. The bulk of the material was composed during the years of the United States Civil War, 1861-1864. Some additional dates both before and after the war are also contained within this series. Pertinent content includes descriptions of military life and experience throughout the conflict as seen by Isaac and Rinaldo Pugh, as well as life on the home front, which is relayed through the letters of Elvira E. Pugh. Microfilm copies of the correspondence are available in positive and master negative forms.

Series Arrangement

This series is comprised of nine sub-series as follows:

Sub-Series 1.1. Correspondence - 1846, 1846

Sub-Series 1.2. Correspondence - 1858, 1858

Sub-Series 1.3. Correspondence - 1861, 1861

Sub-Series 1.4. Correspondence - 1862, 1862

Sub-Series 1.5. Correspondence - 1863, 1863

Sub-Series 1.6. Correspondence - 1864, 1864

Sub-Series 1.7. Correspondence - 1865, 1865

Sub-Series 1.8. Correspondence - 1872, 1872

Sub-Series 1.9. Correspondence - undated, undated

Sub-Series 1.1. Correspondence - 1846 1846

Sub-Series Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains correspondence from Elvira E. Pugh to her husband Isaac C. Pugh in 1846.

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 2, Folder 23

Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Decatur, Illinois. Content includes news from home and Elvira's concern over Pugh's absence. Letter written to Pugh during his participation in the Mexican-American War; addressed to Capt. I.C. Pugh, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri 1846 July 18

Box 2, Folder 23

Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Decatur, Illinois. Letter asking Pugh to return home from the Mexican-American War; addressed to Capt. I.C. Pugh, 4th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Army of Occupation, RS (?) Isabel, Rio Grande 1846 October 12

Sub-Series 1.2. Correspondence - 1858 1858

Sub-Series Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains a letter written by Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh from Washington, D.C.

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 2, Folder 23

Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Washington City D.C. Content includes description of Pugh's railroad journey to the capital and speculations regarding the impending congressional vote on the Lecompton Constitution. Letter's year established from reference to the constitution 1858 February 19

Sub-Series 1.3. Correspondence - 1861 1861

Sub-Series Scope and Contents

This sub-series is primarily composed of letters written by Isaac C. Pugh and Elvira E. Pugh. Other correspondents include Almira Pugh, B.G. (Bartly) Pugh, and I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh. Letters discuss life on the home front, financial affairs of the Pugh family, and the activities of the Union military.

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged chronologically by date.

- Box 1, Folder 3 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Camp Hayden, Big Muddy, Illinois. Content includes news that Pugh and his men "are here for the purpose of guarding the Railroad Bridge from being destroyed by sympathizers with the South". Letter also describes Pugh's strained relationship with Col. (later Maj. Gen.) Oglesby 1861 May 1**
- Box 1, Folder 3 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Camp Defiance, Cairo, Illinois. Letter enquiring after the family. Content includes Pugh's views on leaves of absence 1861 May 10**
- Box 1, Folder 3 **Isaac C. Pugh to a "Dear sir", Camp Defiance, Cairo, Illinois. Content includes discussion of shipments made to Rebel states and towns and the confiscation of goods. Letter written while Pugh and his regiment enforced a "strict blockade" at Camp Defiance 1861 May 16**
- Box 1, Folder 4 **Isaac C. Pugh to John H. Pugh, Camp Defiance, Cairo, Illinois. Content includes instructions regarding personal finances. Letter originally enclosed a freight receipt from the Adams Express Company 1861 May 25**
- Box 1, Folder 5 **Isaac C. Pugh to John H. Pugh, Camp Defiance, Cairo, Illinois. Letter regarding personal finances. Content also includes mention of Confederate General Pillow, whom Pugh served with in the Mexican-American War. Includes original envelope 1861 May 30**
- Box 1, Folder 6 **Almira Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, originally enclosed in letter from Elvira E. Pugh. Note asking her father to return home 1861 June 2**
- Box 1, Folder 6 **Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Macon County, Illinois. Letter asking Pugh to return home after three months of service. Content includes an update on the Pugh family and farm 1861 June 2**
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Camp Defiance, Cairo, Illinois. Content includes Pugh's opinion of respectable military service and his approval of his sons' decision to enlist in the army 1861 June 18**
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Macon County, Illinois. Letter regarding status at home 1861 June 19**
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Camp Defiance, Cairo, Illinois. Content includes discussion of policymaking in the Illinois Volunteers 1861 June 23**
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh. Letter regarding the status of the family and farm 1861 June 25**
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Isaac C. Pugh to his son (probably John H. Pugh), Camp Defiance, Cairo, Illinois. Content includes instructions regarding personal finances 1861 June 26**
- Box 1, Folder 8 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Camp Lyon, Birds Point, Missouri. Content includes news that Pugh had a "personal interview" with General Fremont regarding possible alterations in command 1861 September 4**
- Box 1, Folder 8 **B.G. (Bartly) Pugh to his mother (Elvira E. Pugh), Paducah, Kentucky. Letter includes numerous accounts of injured soldiers and a civilian 1861 September 18**
- Box 1, Folder 8 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Paducah, Kentucky. Content includes news of a possible Rebel attack on Paducah and instructions regarding Pugh's personal finances and the family farm 1861 September 21**
- Box 1, Folder 9 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Paducah, Kentucky. Content includes instructions regarding personal finances. Includes original envelope 1861 September 27**
- Box 1, Folder 10 **Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Decatur, Illinois. Letter originally accompanied a package of bedclothes and food for Pugh 1861 October 10**
- Box 1, Folder 10 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Paducah, Kentucky. Content includes Pugh's assessment of Union General Fremont 1861 October 29**
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Box 1, Folder 10	Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Decatur, Illinois. Letter regarding the status of the home front and potential family plans for the winter season 1861 November 5
Box 1, Folder 10	Isaac C. Pugh to his son (John H. Pugh), Paducah, Kentucky. Content includes instructions regarding personal finances 1861 November 11
Box 1, Folder 10	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Paducah, Kentucky. Content includes Pugh's criticism of Union military policy in regard to northern soldiers' treatment of the South 1861 November 13
Box 1, Folder 11	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Paducah, Kentucky. Content includes news of the growing unpopularity of General Smith amongst the troops and instructions regarding the family farm 1861 November 26
Box 1, Folder 11	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Camp Paine, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Paducah, Kentucky. Letter regarding Elvira's possible visit to Paducah 1861 November 30
Box 1, Folder 11	Isaac C. Pugh to John H. Pugh, Paducah, Kentucky. Letter written "for the purpose of trying to get what money I spent in raising the 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers". Content includes detailed financial and legal instructions 1861 December 2
Box 1, Folder 11	Rinaldo Pugh to his grandmother, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Paducah, Kentucky. Letter regarding Pugh's transition into military life 1861 December 27
Box 2, Folder 23	L.B. Zaring (?) to a "Dear friend" (probably one of Pugh's sons), Beards Station, Oldham County, Kentucky. Letter informing recipient that Zaring has voluntarily enlisted in the army 1861 December 15(?)

Sub-Series 1.4. Correspondence - 1862 1862**Sub-Series Scope and Contents**

This sub-series is primarily composed of letters written by Isaac C. Pugh and I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh. Other correspondents include Elvira Pugh, B.G. (Bartly) Pugh, and J.H. (John Henry) Pugh. Letters detail aspects of military life, including operations, troop movements, and changes in command as they occur. Pertinent content includes an account of the battles of Forts Henry and Donelson, and the battle of Shiloh (Pittsburg Landing).

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 1, Folder 12	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh and son, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Fort Heiman, Kentucky. Correspondence from Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, undated and incomplete (on same sheet of paper). Letter to Elvira contains an account of the Union attack on Fort Henry, in which Pugh participated. Letter to son regards personal finances. Paper also includes marginalia and a drawing of a hand (probably by Bell Pugh) 1862 February 10
Box 1, Folder 12	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Fort Donelson, Tennessee. Content includes news that Bartly submitted his resignation from the military 1862 February 21
Box 1, Folder 12	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Fort Donelson, Tennessee. Content includes news of alterations in Union command and discussion of the Pugh children. The Tennessee address of I.C. and B.G. Pugh is written numerous times on the back of the letter 1862 February 27
Box 1, Folder 13	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh and son (Bartly), Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Camp on Tennessee River. Correspondence from Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Steamer Aleck Scott (written while on the Tennessee River). Includes three separate letters on same sheet of paper. Letter to Bartly regarding his resignation March 1862
Box 1, Folder 13	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Pittsburg, Tennessee. Content includes criticism of a Colonel Williams 1862 March 22
Box 1, Folder 14	B.G. (Bartly) Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Decatur, Illinois. Content includes a request to take over the farm after attending school 1862 March 24

Box 1, Folder 14	Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh. Content includes news of the situation at home and a request for Pugh to leave the service 1862 March 25
Box 1, Folder 14	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Pittsburg, Tennessee. Content includes Pugh's assessment of military bravery and warning of possible financial hardship 1862 March 29
Box 1, Folder 14	Isaac C. Pugh to his son (probably John), Camp near Pittsburg, Tennessee. Letter regarding Pugh's financial and legal affairs back home; expresses the dire need for the settlement of all payments owed to Pugh for the benefit of his family 1862 March 31
Box 1, Folder 15	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Camp near Pittsburg, Tennessee. Letter containing a detailed account of the Battle of Shiloh (Pittsburg Landing) 1862 April 8
Box 1, Folder 15	Isaac C. Pugh to higher command, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Camp near Pittsburg, Tennessee. Letter contains a "statement of the operation of the Brigade under my command on the 6th and 7th of April 1862 in the battle of Pittsburg Tennessee" 1862 April 10
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to his son (Bartly Pugh), Pittsburg, Tennessee. Letter granting permission to acquire the family farm 1862 April 15
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to his son (probably John), Pittsburg, Tennessee. Letter regarding personal financial matters. Content also includes Pugh's request to have his account of the Battle of Shiloh published in local newspapers "for the benefit of their readers" 1862 April 15
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Pittsburg, Tennessee. Content includes news of alterations in Union command 1862 April 19
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Pittsburg, Tennessee. Content includes news of troop movements around Corinth, Mississippi 1862 April 23
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Shiloh, Tennessee. Content includes news that Pugh's regiment is to prepare for an attack on the Rebel forces near Corinth, Mississippi 1862 April 29
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp in the field near Corinth, Tennessee. Content includes news of a Rebel encounter and movement toward Corinth, Mississippi 1862 May 20
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp in field near Corinth, Mississippi. Content includes discussion of Rinaldo's impending journey to New Mexico, the political issues of the war, and Pugh's self-assessment of his military character 1862 May 25
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh and son (Rinaldo), Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Corinth, Mississippi. Includes two separate letters on same sheet of paper. Letter to Rinaldo regarding his decision to quit school and the imminent battle of Corinth 1862 May 25
Box 1, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to his son (B.G. "Bartly"), Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Corinth, Mississippi. Letter regarding Bartly's decision to reenlist in the military 1862 May 25
Box 1, Folder 17	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Corinth, Mississippi. Content includes news of the evacuation of Corinth and the Union siege of the city 1862 June 1
Box 1, Folder 17	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp 6 miles west of Corinth, Mississippi. Content includes instructions regarding personal financial matters and news of a possible Rebel defeat in Virginia and along the Mississippi River 1862 June 8
Box 1, Folder 17	Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Decatur, Illinois. Content includes Elvira's request for her husband to return home and more information regarding the military control of Richmond, Virginia 1862 June 16
Box 1, Folder 18	J.H. (John) Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, Decatur, Illinois. Letter regarding his recent marriage and "profession in the War claim business" 1862 June 19

Box 1, Folder 18	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Grand Junction, Tennessee. Letter regarding affairs of family members 1862 June 19
Box 1, Folder 18	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp in the field near LaGrange, Tennessee. Content includes discussion of the Pugh children and news of an imminent troop relocation to Memphis, Tennessee 1862 June 24
Box 1, Folder 19	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp at Cold Water, Mississippi. Content includes news of a Rebel skirmish and encounter with numerous southern slaves forced to serve the Confederate army. Letter also discusses a confrontation with a Lt. Col. Warner regarding the army's treatment of southern blacks 1862 July 2
Box 1, Folder 19	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Holly Springs, Mississippi. Letter regarding Pugh's encounter with southerner William A. Braden, a relative of Pugh acquaintances in Illinois 1862 July 4
Box 1, Folder 19	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, LaGrange, Tennessee. Content includes news of the Union defeat at Richmond and instructions regarding the family farm 1862 July 7
Box 1, Folder 20	Elvira E. Pugh to Isaac C. Pugh, at home. Content includes an update on the family farm and news of Rinaldo's decision to enlist in the army 1862 July 21
Box 1, Folder 20	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes a description of army life while in the field 1862 July 22
Box 1, Folder 20	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes a discussion of Bartly and Rinaldo's pending military service, and a description of the local residents of Memphis 1862 July 31
Box 1, Folder 20	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes Pugh's view on the length of the war and description of Memphis residents 1862 August 3
Box 2, Folder 1	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes news that Rinaldo was mustered into the army and Pugh's uncertainty regarding a personal leave of absence 1862 August 22
Box 2, Folder 1	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes news about Rinaldo's military prospects and instructions regarding the family farm 1862 August 29
Box 2, Folder 1	Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Memphis, Tennessee. Letter detailing Pugh's enthusiasm for the soldiering life. Content includes a vivid description of the area and people around Memphis 1862 September 1
Box 2, Folder 1	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Memphis, Tennessee. Content relays Pugh's desire to accompany southern blacks to the North, and news of the "good name" given to his regiment by the citizens of Memphis. Post-script notifying Elvira of Major General Pope's success at the Second Battle of Bull Run (Second Manassas) 1862 September 2
Box 2, Folder 1	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp in the field near Memphis, Tennessee. Letter relaying the imminent relocation of Pugh's troops toward the vicinity of Confederate Generals Jackson and Buckner (Simon Bolivar) 1862 September 5
Box 2, Folder 2	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Rolla, Tennessee. Content includes commentary on the need for military morality 1862 September 17
Box 2, Folder 2	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Rolla, Tennessee. Content includes Pugh's views on his delayed leave of absence and the character of fellow officers 1862 September 19

- Box 2, Folder 2 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Camp near Bolivar, Tennessee. Content includes news of changes in Union military command and Rinaldo's appointment as First Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the 41st Illinois Volunteers 1862 October 14**
- Box 2, Folder 2 **Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Camp at Bolivar, Tennessee. Content includes news of Rinaldo's position as acting adjutant for the 41st Illinois and the mass signing of a petition to make Isaac C. Pugh a brigadier general 1862 October 22**
- Box 2, Folder 3 **Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, Bolivar, Tennessee. Letter requesting his mother and sister (Bell Pugh) to write often 1862 October 29**
- Box 2, Folder 3 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarter, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Camp near Bolivar, Tennessee. Content includes news of a possible promotion for Pugh and the potential interference of England and France in the American rebellion 1862 November 2**
- Box 2, Folder 3 **Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, La Grange, Tennessee. Letter giving detailed accounts of two Union reconnaissance missions 1862 November 10**
- Box 2, Folder 3 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Right Wing Army of Tennessee, Camp near La Grange, Tennessee. Letter regarding alterations in military command and a pending appointment for Pugh 1862 November 17**
- Box 2, Folder 4 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Right Wing Army of Tennessee, Camp near La Grange, Tennessee. Letter originally enclosed a petition in favor of Pugh's promotion signed by his brigade. Content includes news of an expedition to Somerville, Tennessee 1862 November 24**
- Box 2, Folder 4 **Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, Right Wing Army of Tennessee, La Grange, Tennessee. Letter describing an expedition to Somerville, Tennessee. Content includes a detailed account of Rinaldo's encounter with a young Union woman and child 1862 November 24**
- Box 2, Folder 4 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Right Wing Army of Tennessee, Camp near LaGrange, Tennessee. Content includes Pugh's views on the future of freed slaves and recent alterations in Union command 1862 November 27**
- Box 2, Folder 5 **Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, Right Wing Army of Tennessee, Yockna Creek, Mississippi. Letter requesting new clothes for Rinaldo and his father. Content includes an update on alterations in Union command 1862 December 14**
- Box 2, Folder 5 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh and daughters Almira H. Pugh and Bell Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Camp near Yockna Creek, Mississippi. Three letters composed on same sheet of paper. Letter to Elvira includes Pugh's views on Union command. Letters to Almira and Bell regarding their studies 1862 December 14**
- Box 2, Folder 5 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, Camp in the field near Tallahatchie River, Mississippi. Content includes news of diminishing communication and supplies in Pugh's army due to the capture of Holly Springs, Mississippi by the South 1862 December 28**
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Sub-Series 1.5. Correspondence - 1863 1863

Sub-Series Scope and Contents

This sub-series is composed of letters written by Isaac C. Pugh and I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh. Letters describe military events such as encounters with the Rebel army, changes in military command, and battles as they transpire. Pertinent content includes accounts of the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Jackson, Mississippi.

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged chronologically by date.

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| Box 2, Folder 6 | Isaac C. Pugh to J.H. (John) Pugh, Esq., Head Quarters, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, West Tennessee. Content includes instructions regarding personal financial matters and an update on Pugh's military situation circa early January 1863 |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Right Wing 13th Army Corps, Camp near Tallahatchie, Mississippi. Content includes Pugh's views on Union leaders and the policies of the Confederate States of America 1863 January 4 |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Moscow, Tennessee. Content includes news of the burning of Holly Springs, Mississippi by Rebel and Union troops 1863 January 12 |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Rinaldo Pugh to his family, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 17th Army Corps, probably near Moscow, Tennessee. Letter requesting more substantial letters from home. Content includes a brief description of southern hospitality 1863 January 15 |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 17th Army Corps, probably near Moscow, Tennessee. Letter describing Rinaldo's views on the proper conduct of soldiers. Content includes a humorous anecdote regarding an encounter with a southern girl 1863 January 17 |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Moscow, Tennessee. Content includes news of Rinaldo's case of typhoid fever and confinement in a local household 1863 January 22 |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Moscow, Tennessee. Letter describing the critical condition of Rinaldo's health and the dire need of Elvira's assistance 1863 January 23 |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Moscow, Tennessee. Letter detailing Rinaldo's health and Pugh's resolve to continue with his military duty if he were to lose a child 1863 January 26 |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Moscow, Tennessee. Content includes news of Rinaldo's improving health and the impassibility of roads and waterways in the South due to weather conditions 1863 February 1 |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Isaac C. Pugh to Rinaldo Pugh, Head Quarters, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Moscow, Tennessee. Letter addressed to Decatur, Illinois, where Rinaldo took a leave of absence for his health. Content includes instructions regarding personal finances 1863 February 22 |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Moscow, Tennessee. Letter written upon departure of Elvira and Rinaldo Pugh to Decatur, Illinois. Content includes news of a Rebel cavalry attack on a Yankee forage train, in which forty mules and sixteen men were captured 1863 February 22 |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Isaac C. Pugh to J.H. (John) Pugh, Esq., Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Moscow, Tennessee. Letter regarding business matters of father and son 1863 March 5 |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh to an unknown recipient, Memphis, Tennessee. Note containing instructions for the use of \$100.00 (originally enclosed) 1863 March 20 |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes news of a gift presented to Pugh from his soldiers and Pugh's opinion of the military promotions made in Union command 1863 March 22 |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Isaac C. Pugh to J.H. (John) Pugh, Esq., Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee. Letter regarding John's business and personal finances 1863 March 22 |
| Box 2, Folder 9 | Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes news of alterations in Union command and Pugh's desire for Bell to attend a forthcoming girls' school in Decatur, Illinois 1863 April 14 |
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Box 2, Folder 9	Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes colorful descriptions of the Tennessee landscape and the "artful" ways of Rebel women 1863 April 18
Box 2, Folder 9	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, Memphis, Tennessee. Letter originally enclosed photographs of military personnel. Content includes an update on Pugh family friends and personal finances 1863 May 1
Box 2, Folder 9	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee. Letter originally included photographs of military personnel, including Pugh. Content includes news of a new military order regarding the command of colonel officers and a possible relocation to Vicksburg 1863 May 9
Box 2, Folder 9	Isaac C. Pugh to A.H. (Almira) Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tennessee. Content includes discussion of Almira's education and comportment 1863 May 14
Box 2, Folder 10	Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, Memphis, Tennessee. Letter written shortly before departure on the Mississippi River to Youngs Point, Louisiana. Content includes news of a petition made by the citizens of Memphis to keep Rinaldo's brigade 1863 May 16
Box 2, Folder 10	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, On board steamer Sultanna. Content includes news of an encounter with Rebel troops and burning of the town of Greenville, Mississippi 1863 May 18
Box 2, Folder 10	Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Youngs Point, Louisiana. Letter regarding an encounter with Rebel enemy on banks of the Mississippi River, and burning of Greenville, Mississippi 1863 May 19
Box 2, Folder 11	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, in the field near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Letter detailing the start of the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi 1863 May 26
Box 2, Folder 11	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, camp before Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes the status of Union forces at Vicksburg 1863 May 29
Box 2, Folder 11	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, Camp near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes the status of the Union forces at Vicksburg and condition of the troops 1863 June 4
Box 2, Folder 11	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, in the field near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes the status of the Union forces at Vicksburg 1863 June 14
Box 2, Folder 11	Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, rear of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes a description of the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi 1863 June 14
Box 2, Folder 12	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, in camp near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes information regarding status of the war and government 1863 June 18
Box 2, Folder 12	Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, probably camp near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Two letters on same sheet of paper describing the siege of Vicksburg 1863 June 19-20
Box 2, Folder 12	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, in the field near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes a description of the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi 1863 June 20
Box 2, Folder 12	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, in camp near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes an account of the Rebel surrender at Vicksburg, Mississippi 1863 July 4
Box 2, Folder 13	Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 3rd Brigade, 12th Division, 13th Army Corps, near Jackson, Mississippi. Content includes a detailed account of a battle with Rebels near Jackson, Mississippi 1863 July 13

Box 2, Folder 13	Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Corps, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes an account of Union defeat and losses at Jackson, Mississippi under the command of General Jacob Gartner Lauman 1863 July 26
Box 2, Folder 13	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, Magnolia Hall near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes an account of Union defeat and losses at Jackson, Mississippi under the command of General Jacob Gartner Lauman 1863 July 29
Box 2, Folder 13	Rinaldo Pugh to J.H. (John) Pugh, Esq., Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes news of General Lauman's dismissal from duty following the Union defeat at Jackson, Mississippi 1863 August 1
Box 2, Folder 14	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Letter regarding family affairs and the aftermath of the Union battle at Jackson, Mississippi 1863 August 1
Box 2, Folder 14	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes news of Rinaldo's resignation from the military 1863 August 3
Box 2, Folder 14	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes discussion of family affairs and Pugh's commentary on the war 1863 August 12
Box 2, Folder 14	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Letter written shortly before departure to Natchez, Mississippi. Content includes news of the regiments' poor health and a discussion of Rinaldo's future plans 1863 August 17
Box 2, Folder 15	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Natchez, Mississippi. Contains two letters written on the same paper. Letter of August 27th regarding affairs of Pugh family and Illinois state events. Letter of August 28th regarding an arrest of a captain under Pugh's command 1863 August 27-28
Box 2, Folder 15	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Department of the Tennessee, Natchez, Mississippi. Letter written on military letterhead. Content includes news of a Union fight near Chattanooga, Tennessee under General William Rosecrans and the trial of General Jacob Gartner Lauman at Natches, Mississippi 1863 October 4
Box 2, Folder 15	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Department of the Tennessee, Natchez, Mississippi. Letter written on military letterhead. Content includes Pugh's views on military promotions and information for the winter season 1863 October 12
Box 2, Folder 15	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Department of the Tennessee, Natchez, Mississippi. Content includes news of Rebel forces near Pugh's outfit, and the status of Black regiments under General Thomas 1863 October 18
Box 2, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Natchez, Mississippi. Content includes a discussion of Pugh's military career and possibility of promotion 1863 October 24
Box 2, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, near Hebron(?), Mississippi. Content includes an update on the whereabouts of Pugh's regiment and status of Pugh family acquaintances 1863 December 8
Box 2, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, Seventeenth Army Corps, Department of the Tennessee, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Letter written on military letterhead. Content includes news that Pugh is serving on a military board to examine officers and commentary on the U.S. Congress and President Lincoln 1863 December 22
Box 2, Folder 16	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, Seventeenth Army Corps, Department of the Tennessee, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Letter written on military letterhead. Content includes a discussion of family affairs and description of Christmas festivities 1863 December 25

Box 2, Folder 16 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, Seventeenth Army Corps, Department of the Tennessee, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Letter written on military letterhead. Content includes an account of military Christmas festivities and news of potential alterations in Union command 1863 December 28**

Sub-Series 1.6. Correspondence - 1864 1864

Sub-Series Scope and Contents

This sub-series is primarily composed of letters written by Isaac C. Pugh. Other correspondents include Elvira E. Pugh and I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh. Letters describe military events, such as encounters with the Rebel army and changes in military command, and present Isaac C. Pugh's perspective on the continuation of the war, the state of the government, and his career.

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 2, Folder 17 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Letter describes Pugh's sentiments toward the continuation of the war 1864 January 3**

Box 2, Folder 17 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes Pugh's decision to resign if not promoted and information regarding alterations in Union command 1864 January 10**

Box 2, Folder 17 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Letter originally enclosed a copy of the Vicksburg newspaper "The Daily Citizen". Content includes information regarding Generals Sherman and Lauman, and black schools in the South 1864 January 20**

Box 2, Folder 17 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes discussion of the future of Pugh's career 1864 January 24**

Box 2, Folder 18 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes instructions regarding the family farm and a description of the winter season in Mississippi 1864 January 25**

Box 2, Folder 18 **Rinaldo Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Galesburg, Illinois. Two letters written on same sheet of paper. Letter of January 27th regarding the homecoming of the 41st Illinois Volunteers. Letter of January 28th regarding Rinaldo's 21st birthday 1864 January 27-28**

Box 2, Folder 18 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes an update on Pugh's military status and a discussion of the Pugh children's activities 1864 January 30**

Box 2, Folder 18 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes news of a Union expedition launched under General Sherman and Pugh's continued service on the military board 1864 February 4**

Box 2, Folder 19 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes news of Pugh's "application to the Governor for the privilege of raising (sic) a Regiment of Cavalry" and general sentiments regarding the quality of Union military leadership 1864 February 23**

Box 2, Folder 19 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes news of the return of General Sherman's expedition and the destruction of one-hundred miles of Rebel railroad. Pugh also discusses the possibility of running for congress 1864 March 3**

Box 2, Folder 19 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes news of the arrival of "several thousand contrabands and several hundred prisoners and refugees" in Vicksburg 1864 March 4**

Box 2, Folder 19 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Content includes news that several companies of the 41st Illinois Volunteers will be returning home as veterans 1864 March 6**

Box 2, Folder 20 **Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Camp near Hebron(?), Mississippi. Letter regarding Pugh's permanent departure from Vicksburg and his return to Decatur, Illinois on military leave 1864 March 10**

Box 2, Folder 20	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, Post at Mattoon, Illinois. Letter regarding his return to Decatur, Illinois 1864 April 9
Box 2, Folder 20	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Nashville, Tennessee. Content includes news of the recent activity of Generals Grant and Sherman 1864 May 22
Box 2, Folder 20	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Huntsville, Alabama. Content includes an update on Pugh's position and potential movement 1864 May 29
Box 2, Folder 21	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Nashville, Tennessee. Content includes news that Pugh expects to return to Decatur, Illinois by August 1864 June 5
Box 2, Folder 21	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Nashville, Tennessee. Content includes news that Pugh will take command of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps 1864 June 7
Box 2, Folder 21	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Nashville, Tennessee. Content includes discussion of Illinois state politics and son Rinaldo's studies 1864 June 13
Box 2, Folder 21	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Nashville, Tennessee. Content includes news that Pugh is to relocate to Allatoona, Georgia, to command the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, and the post 1864 June 18-20
Box 2, Folder 22	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Letter regarding alterations in Union command 1864 June 22
Box 2, Folder 22	Elvira E. Pugh to her mother and sister, At home. Letter regarding Colonel Pugh's whereabouts and the situation at home 1864 June 24
Box 2, Folder 22	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 41st Illinois Volunteers, Tunnel Hill, Georgia. Content includes news of a Rebel attack on Pugh and his men while en route to Georgia 1864 June 26-27
Box 2, Folder 22	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Tunnel Hill, Georgia. Content includes news that Pugh is guarding eight miles of railroad, three bridges, and a tunnel in the wake of a Rebel attack 1864 July 2
Box 2, Folder 22	Isaac C. Pugh to Elvira E. Pugh, Head Quarters, 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, Allatoona, Georgia. Content includes instructions regarding personal finances and speculations pertaining to governmental affairs 1864 July 7

Sub-Series 1.7. Correspondence - 1865 1865

Sub-Series Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains letters written by I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh and Elvira E. Pugh regarding family affairs.

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 2, Folder 23	Rinaldo Pugh to his sister (probably Bell), Galesburg, Illinois. Letter regarding Bell's school progress and the value of a liberal education 1865 May 16
Box 2, Folder 23	Elvira E. Pugh to her mother and niece, Macon County, Illinois. Content includes an update on the Pugh family and mutual acquaintances 1865 November 26

Sub-Series 1.8. Correspondence - 1872 1872

Sub-Series Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains a letter written by a woman named Nellie to Almira Pugh. The content of the letter suggests an intimate relationship between the two women.

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 2, Folder 23 **Nellie (probably Rinaldo's wife) to "Dear Sister Mira" (probably Almira), Quincy, Illinois. Content includes an update on Nellie's life and mutual relatives and acquaintances of the Pugh family 1872 September 11**

Sub-Series 1.9. Correspondence - undated undated

Sub-Series Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains a document from Decatur, Illinois women to the local men in uniform and two envelopes addressed to Elvira E. Pugh. All material is undated.

Sub-Series Arrangement

This sub-series is arranged alphabetically.

Box 2, Folder 23 **Correspondence from "wives, sisters, daughters and friends" to the "Gentlemen of Company B, Decatur Volunteers". Includes envelope addressed to Captain Pugh, Second Company, Decatur Volunteers. Letter regarding the presentation of an American flag to the soldiers in uniform undated**

Box 2, Folder 23 **Envelopes addressed to Mrs. E. E. Pugh, Decatur, Illinois undated**

Series 2. Documents 1861-1862, undated

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains several documents dating from the United States Civil War period including a freight receipt, a military special order, and a hand-written manuscript detailing the siege of Vicksburg written by I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh. Two typescript copies of the Vicksburg manuscript are also included.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date. Undated material is at the end of the series.

Box 1, Folder 4 **Receipt titled "The Adams Express Company! Great Eastern, Western & Southern Express Forwarders"; Marked Jno H. Pugh, Decatur, Ill 1861 May 24**

Box 1, Folder 13 **Military order titled Special Order No. 6, Head Quarters, Expedition Army Corps, Savannah, Tennessee. Order commanding Pugh's 41st Illinois division to reinforce Brigadier General Wallace's division 1862 March 13**

Box 1, Folder 1 **Manuscript titled "Our Army at the Siege of Vicksburg" by I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh. Manuscript recounts the siege as experienced by Pugh's army at Fort Hill undated**

Box 1, Folder 2 **Typescript titled "Our Army at the Siege of Vicksburg" by I.R. (Rinaldo) Pugh (two copies) undated**

Series 3. Press clippings undated

Series Scope and Contents

This series is composed of press clippings pertaining to the history of the United States Civil War. Press clippings are primarily images of monuments, memorials, historic homes, and battlefield sites taken from an unknown publication.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically according to press clipping caption.

Box 1, Folder 21 **"A street in Chattanooga in 1864" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"A view of Chattanooga in war time" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"Bird's-eye view of the country looking north from Lee and Gordon's mills along the west Chickamauga creek. Chattanooga lies north and a trifle to the west of Lee and Gordon's mills. The Battle of Chickamauga was fought on the wooded slopes on the west bank of the stream" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"Bragg's Headquarters, Missionary Ridge" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"Brotherton House, Chickamauga, General Rosecrans' Headquarters" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"Florida Monument, Chickamauga Park" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"Georgia Monument, Chickamauga" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"High Bridge, Kentucky River, Queen & Crescent Route" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"Lookout Mountain Incline, Chattanooga" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21 **"Map of the National Military Park near Chattanooga" undated**

Box 1, Folder 21	"Monument, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, Chickamauga Park" undated
Box 1, Folder 21	"New York Monument, Wauhatchie" undated
Box 1, Folder 21	"New York Peace Monument, Lookout Mountain" undated
Box 1, Folder 21	"Ohio Monument, Missionary Ridge" undated
Box 1, Folder 21	"Snodgrass House, Chickamauga" undated
Box 1, Folder 21	"Wilder's Brigade Monument, Chickamauga" undated