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Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains one carte de visite photo of John Sedgwick, Civil War Union General, 6th Army Corps, and a 13 page handwritten report by him, to Brig. Gen. S. Williams of the Army of the Potomac, concerning movements of the 6th Army Corps around Fredericksburg, Virginia, from April 28 to May 5, 1863.
The Union forces at Fredericksburg were commanded by Gen. Joseph Hooker and the Confederate forces were under Gen. Stonewall Jackson. In the report Gen. Sedgwick describes the attack of the 6th upon the heights of Fredericksburg, the horrific losses suffered, and pursuit by the 6th of the Confederate troops towards Chancellorsville. His report concludes as follows:

The losses of the 6th Corps in these operations were 4,925 killed, wounded and missing. We captured from the Enemy, according to the best information, five Battle Flags, fifteen pieces of Artillery, and 1,400 prisoners, including many officers of rank. No material of any kind belonging to the Corps fell into the hands of the Enemy except two wagons and a forge that were passing through Fredericksburg at the time of its reoccupation by his Forces. I must add in closing that the conduct of the Troops from the first crossing of the River until our return at Banks Ford was such as merit my heartiest approbation.

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