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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: This collection consists of letters from William Fullerton to and from his family during his term of enlistment in the Union Army from 1862-1865.
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Biographical Note
William B. Fullerton was born in 1823 in Wolfboro, New Hampshire and died there at the age of 84 in 1906. He enlisted in the 12th New Hampshire Infantry August 12, 1862. He served for three years in the Union Army, spending most of the time sick in a hospital, and then working for the Quarter Master’s office in Albany, New York. After discharge, he went home to Wolfboro, New Hampshire to take over the family farm. There he married and had two children.

**Scope and Contents Note**
This collection of letters covers Fullerton’s enlistment in August 1862 to his final days with the Quarter-Master in Albany, New York. The correspondence is mostly to and from his three sisters, Susan, Lydia and Mary-Ann. The letters detail his life in the Infantry, and the illnesses that kept him from serving on the front lines.

**Arrangement**
The letters are arranged chronologically.

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

**Subjects**
Fullerton, William B.--Correspondence
United States--Army--New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 12th (1862-1865)
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**Box-folder 1:1**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
*Album title page with photo taken, January 25, 1865*

**Box-folder 1:2**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
*"Wakefield, N.H. Centennial" flyer, Sept. 22, 1785-Sept. 22, 1885*

**Box-folder 1:3**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
*Susie [Fullerton] to Wm. Fullerton, August 15, [1862]*
A.L.S., "My Dear, Dear Brother, I have tried every evening and morning this week to get time..."

**Box-folder 1:4**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
*Wm. Fullerton, Summit House Hospital to sister Maryann, January 7, 1862*
A.L.S., "Dear Sister Maryann, I think it is your turn to have a letter now..."

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*Wm. Fullerton, Convalescent Camp to sister Lydia, April 29, 1862*
A.L.S., "Dear Sister Lydia, I thought I had got smart enough to write a lines to you to day..."

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*Wm. Fullerton, Wolfboro, to Susan Fullerton, May 12, 1862*
A.L.S. w/envelope, "Dear Sister Sue, Being all out of sorts with myself and everybody elce I think I will write a line to you..."

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