
Finding aid for the Edward A. Fox letters 0168

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Abstract: The Edward A. Fox letters consists of 33 letters written by Union Sergeant Fox to his mother Hannah J. Fox during the period August 1862-February 1863, and more than 50 letters and notes written to his fiancée (later wife) Jennie Greenleaf from the late 1860s to the 1880s. Also included are assorted letters written from France at the beginning of the first World War and correspondence with a male relative.

creator: Fox, Edward A.

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Scope and Content

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The letters from Fox to his mother describe his experiences while serving with the Union Army (Connecticut Volunteers, 14th Regiment) in northern Virginia. They include documentary material and personal commentaries on military training, camp life, deserters, abolitionists, hired soldiers, prison policy, and battle. They also include a detailed account of the Union defeat at the Battle of Fredericksburg, where Fox was seriously wounded. Subsequent letters, written from a hospital in Washington, D.C. discuss his medical treatment and care. Many of the letters include thumbnail sketches to illustrate a soldier's costume, battle action, construction of a fort, a pup-tent, and a winter cabin.

The letters to Miss Jennie Greenleaf (later Mrs. Edward A. Fox) date from the period of their courtship through their marriage.

The collection also contains a transcription of all the Civil War letters, created by Fox's granddaughter Mildred Fox Hansen (located in Box 2).

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Fox, Edward A. -- Correspondence

Fredericksburg, Battle of, Fredericksburg, Va., 1862--Archival resources

Letters

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United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Archival resources

Letters to Mrs. Hannah J. Fox

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Box 1, Folder 1A	Camp (near) Arlington Heights, Headquarters Co. I, 14th Regiment C.V., Washington, D.C. 1862 August 28
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Box 1, Folder 9A	Camp at Bell Plain, Virginia 1862 November 23
Box 1, Folder 9B	Bell Plains, Virginia 1862 November 23-30
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Box 1, Folder 11	Before Fredericksburg, Virginia 1862 December 11, 14
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Box 1, Folder 12A	Washington, D.C. 1862 December 19
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Box 1, Folder 17	US Military Hospital, New Haven, Conn. 1863 January 15
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Box 1, Folder 22	To Jennie Greenleaf, to accompany her to religious service, note suggesting lecture and newspaper clipping 1868 October 14
Box 1, Folder 23	To Jennie Greenleaf, letter suggests treatment for Jennie's cut finger 1869 February 12
Box 1, Folder 24	To Jennie Greenleaf, letter requesting to call on Jennie 1869 March 11
Box 1, Folder 25	To Jennie Greenleaf, letter recounting Christmas and call 1869 July 8
Box 1, Folder 26	To Jennie Greenleaf, letter recounts past call 1869 July 9
Box 1, Folder 27	To Jennie Greenleaf, letter mentions a tornado 1869 July 11
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Box 1, Folder 33	To Jennie Greenleaf, Fox describes town of Portland after the rebuilding since the great fire of July 4, 1866 1870 July 6
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Box 2, Folder 1-10 **Undated letters to Jennie undated**
Box 2, Folder 11 **Other letters and related material**

Box 2, Folder 11 **Letters and receipts 1890, 1900, 1918, 1925-1926**

Scope and Content

Includes letters written from France during World War I; letters to and from Albert Fox regarding a cemetery plot and receipts for its upkeep; letter of commendation from Wells Fargo; letter of appointment as Inspector from the Department of the Interior Office of Indian Affairs; and 2 of Fox's business cards from J.V. Farwell & Co., Chicago.

Box 2, Folder 12 **Photographs of Edward Fox 1861, undated**