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Biographical / Historical

James R. Dobbyn (1836-1912) was a carpenter in Washington, D.C. He enlisted in the 1st District of Columbia Cavalry in June 1863. His regiment was formed for the defense of the Federal Capital, but was transferred to the Department of Virginia and North Carolina in 1864. In March of 1864 Dobbyn's letter indicates he was in Great Bridge, VA.

The letter mentions a skirmish between an all-Black cavalry regiment, thought to be the 2nd United States Colored Cavalry, and Confederate forces near Suffolk, VA. The letter also lists prices for eggs and sweet potatoes.

Content Description

The collection contains 1 letter written and signed by James R Dobbyn to his brother in 1864. The letter was written while Dobbyn was serving in the 2nd US Colored Cavalry of the Union Army during the US Civil War. The collection also contains a typed transcription of the letter.

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