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Biographical Information:

Rufus Robbins, Jr. was born 1830 in Massachusetts to a family of farmers and shoemakers. when the Civil War broke out in 1861, Robbins left his home in South Abington, Mass. and enlisted in the Union Army. He served as a private in the 7th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, taking part in the defense of Washington, D.C. as well as the Peninsula Campaign. Robbins was eventually diagnosed with dysentary and was sent to Carver Hospital in Washington, D.C. in November of 1862. In December, he was transferred to General Hospital in Philadelphia. He died on January 7, 1863.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains letters written by Rufus Robbins, Jr. to family members during the Civil War. In his year and a half of service in the 7th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Robbins frequently wrote to his parents and brothers Henry and Edwin in South Abington, Massachusetts.

The letters contain information about camp life and the activities of Robbins' regiment. Of note, the letter dated May 11, 1862 gives Robbins' account of the Battle of Williamsburg, which took place on May 5.

An ambrotype of Robbins is also included, as well as a photocopied image of him taken from another print.

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Correspondence

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Scope and Contents

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Unit Date 1862 May

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Ambrotype of Rufus Robbins

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