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## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

SC 01793

**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

1865 January 9

**Language**

English

**Extent**

0.1 Linear Feet 1 legal size folder

**Repository**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biographical / Historical**

The Union soldier who wrote the letter identifies himself as "Lee." This soldier fought in the American Civil War, which lasted from 1861 to 1865. The soldier fought for the Union Army which was named for its declared goal of preserving United States' constitutional union.

## **Content Description**

This collection contains a letter written by an unknown Union Army Civil War (1861-1865) soldier in Newport News, Virginia dated Jan 9, circa 1863. The soldier wrote to his sister about the conditions of the soldier's camp. In his description of the camp, he describes the amount of soldiers camped and the size of the camp. He writes that twenty soldiers were sick "with a bad cold." He also wrote the soldiers were protecting five union families from the rebel forces. When he went scouting, he did not see much, except for "five or six" black people, whom he describes as "odd" looking. At the end of the letter, the soldier signed "this is from your brother Lee."

## **Keywords**

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

Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Newport News (Va.)

Military

## **Description of Subordinate Components**

### **Series I: Correspondence**

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### **Scope and Contents**

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