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Scope and Contents

Civil War letters from David Riel and Newton Van Leer of Company G, 15th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry and Charles W. Elliot of Company A, 11th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Most letters are to Sarah Riel of Wood County. Subjects include defense of the B&O Railroad, the kidnapping of Union generals Crook and Kelley, military action near Richmond, and military hospitals. Two postwar letters concern West Virginia emigrants to the West. This collection includes both original letters and a complete set of facsimiles.

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Civil War - West Virginia 15th Volunteer Infantry, Company G.

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Frontier and pioneer life

Elliott, Charles W.

Headley, Pauline M.

Riel, David

Riel, John G.

Riehl, Sarah.

Shaw, Sidney F.

Van Leer, Newton.

Description of Subordinate Components

David Riel, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1862 September 18

David Riel, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1862 September 19

David Riel, Camp Willey to Sarah E.C. Riel

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170676

Unit Date 1862 September 24

David Riel, Camp Willey, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel (includes note to Lenora Elliott)

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Unit Date 1862 September 28

David Riel, Camp Willey, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel (includes notes from Newton Van Leer to Sarah Riel and his mother)

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Unit Date 1862 October 3

David Riel, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1862 October 14

David Riel, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel (includes note to Charles Elliott)

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Unit Date 1862 October 15

David Riel to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1862 October 24

David Riel to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1862 November 1

David Riel to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1862 November 6

David Riel, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1862 November 11

David Riel, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel, Wheeling to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1862 December 12

David Riel to Sarah E.C. Riel (includes note to mother)

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Unit Date 1863 January 1

David Riel, Grafton to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel, Grafton to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date ca. 1863 February

David Riel, Grafton to Nickless Riel

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Unit Date ca. 1863 February

Charles Elliott, Tygart Creek (Wood County) to David Riel

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Unit Date 1863 February 26

David Riel to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel, Grafton to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 March 11

David Riel, Sir Johns Run to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 March 22

David Riel, Sir Johns Run to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel, Sir Johns Run to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 April 7

David Riel, Sir Johns Run to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 April 18

David Riel, Sir Johns Run to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 May 29

David Riel, New Creek (Hampshire [now Mineral] County) to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 June 24

David Riel, New Creek to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 July 5

David Riel, Berkeley County to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel, Romney to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 August 8

David Riel, Romney to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 September 1

David Riel, Romney to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 September 11

Newton Van Leer, Camp near Romney to sister

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Unit Date 1863 September 22

Newton Van Leer, Green Spring Run, near Romney to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 October 18

David Riel, Camp Romney to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 October 21

David Riel, Springfield (Hampshire County) to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 November 13

Newton Van Leer, Camp Springfield to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 November 15

David Riel, Springfield to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 November 18

Newton Van Leer, Camp Orleans Road (Morgan County) to sister

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Unit Date 1863 December 10

David Riel, Orleans Road to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1863 December 24

David Riel, Orleans Road to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 January 27

Newton Van Leer, Orleans Road to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel, Orleans Road to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Newton Van Leer, Orleans Road to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel, Orleans Road to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 March 13

David Riel, Orleans Road to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 March 24

David Riel, Webster (Taylor County) to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 April 7

Newton Van Leer, Webster to sister

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170727

Unit Date 1864 April 7

David Riel, Webster to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 April 18

Charles W. Elliott, Parkersburg to sister

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Unit Date 1864 May 8

David Riel, Meadow Bluff Headquarters, Greenbrier County to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 May 30

Newton Van Leer, Camp Meadow Bluff to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 May 30

David Riel, Camp Piatt, near Charleston to Sarah E.C. Riel

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David Riel, Charles Town to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 August 31

David Riel, Baltimore Hospital to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 September 17

Newton Van Leer to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 November 20

David Riel, Camp near Winchester to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1864 December 16

David Riel, Camp Melrow Hill (Virginia) to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1865 January 4

David Riel, Camp near Richmond to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1865 January 16

Newton Van Leer, Camp Deep Bottom (Virginia) to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1865 January 27

Charles W. Elliott, before Richmond to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1865 January 31

David Riel, Camp Laurel, in front of Richmond to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1865 February 23

Newton Van Leer, Richmond to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1865 March 8

David Riel, Camp near Richmond to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1865 March 21

David Riel, Hampton Hospital, Fortress Monroe (Virginia) to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170745

Unit Date 1865 April 13

David Riel, Hampton Hospital, Fortress Monroe to Sarah E.C. Riel

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Unit Date 1865 May 9

Newton Van Leer, Saltillo Nebraska to David and Sarah Riel

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Unit Date 1885 May 10

[?], LeRoy, Illinois to David Riel

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