



Record Group Number: 9200 **Subgroup Number:** D30 **Series Number:** 000

Collection Name: Small Manuscripts Collection

Subgroup Name: Abram Draper Papers

Series Name: Abram Draper Personal Correspondence

Beginning Date: 1859 **Ending Date:** 1865

Bulk Dates: 1861-1862 **Quantity of Material:** 2.5 cubic feet

Historical Note: A series of letters written to and from 2nd Sergeant Abram Draper, a soldier who was a member of the 1st Delaware 90-day unit in 1861, and of Company A, Fourth Delaware Regiment Volunteer Infantry, a three-year unit in the American Civil War.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of letters mainly from Draper, but also family and military members detailing soldier life in the Union army during the Civil War. The letters include duties of soldiers in the First, Third, Fourth, and Seventh Delaware; a soldier getting shot in the foot on guard duty; mention of the Battle of Fredericksburg; a detailed account of Drapers death; a telegram announcing his death; letters to and from Draper to his brother and wife Anna Draper who lived in Glasgow, Delaware; poetry written by Draper during the war to his wife; accounts of pre-war life for the Draper Family; and the envelopes in which the letters were contained. Draper's war-time correspondence were from Camps Fisher, Gilpin, Brandywine, and numerous towns throughout Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by date of letter.

Writing Style: Handwritten.

Available Copies: Transcriptions and digital images available.

Condition of Material: Moderate; water damage; fading; dirt damage; storage damage.

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