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261 Primarily correspondence from John V. Harrington, sergeant in the 3rd Delaware Infantry, to his brother-in-law, James Vickers of Felton. During the war, Harrington was stationed throughout the mid-Atlantic including Virginia and Maryland.
270 John V. Harrington, presumably of Felton, frequently corresponded with his brother-in-law, James Vickers, while he served as a soldier of the United States Army during the Civil War (1862-1862). From these letters, it's evident that Vickers tended to Harrington's finances and farm in his absence. Though Harrington often discussed business in his letters to Vickers, he also discussed the Civil War at great length.

When writing to Vickers, Harrington addressed troop positions in the mid-Atlantic as his regiment moved between Harpers Ferry, the Shenandoah Valley, the Baltimore area, Frederick, Maryland, and finally to Richmond. Harrington described battles he fought in or heard about including Sharpsburg, Antietam, and Gettysburg. He noted the theft and pillaging that occurred when the rebel army moved through an area. He addressed ongoing problems in his regiment, The 3rd Delaware Infantry, including deserters, resignation of commanding officers, illness and outstanding pay.

This collection of correspondence includes two letters from Harrington to his father, William Harrington, regarding his farm (1862-63). William Harrington passed away in 1863.

Also included in this collection are a number of typed transcripts of hand-written letters. These are located with the original correspondence. Twenty-four envelopes are also found in this collection. A majority of the envelopes are addressed to James Vickers but were not matched with the letters in the collection because they have partial or no date.

Finally, a 1961 memo from Mr. DeValinger, Public Archives Commission, addresses the archives' acquisition of these documents and Harrington family lineage.

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