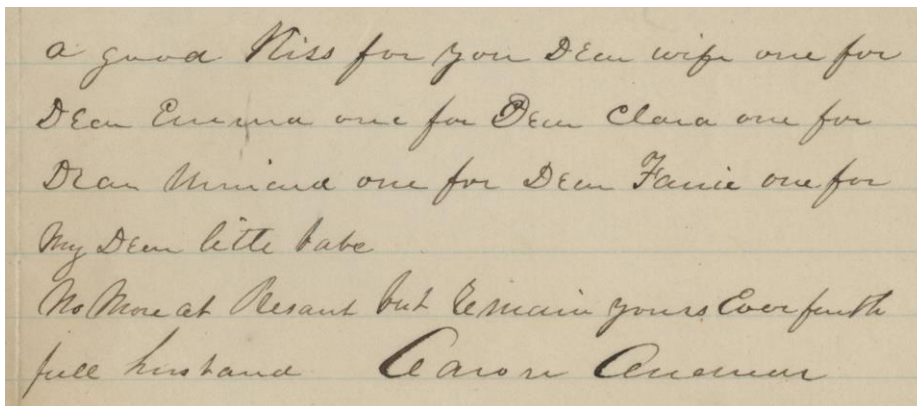


Guide to MS-181: The Papers of Aaron Andrews



(Andrews), 16th PA Cav., Co E

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MS – 181: Papers of Aaron Andrews (Andreas) 16th PA Cav., Co. E
(1box, .25 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1862-1865

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Provenance

Purchased from Denning House Antiquarian Books & Manuscripts 2011

Biography

Aaron Andrews (Andreas) was born on April 24th, 1832 in Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He lived in Luzerne County until he met his wife, Elizabeth Wolfe. They got married on March 17, 1853. Aaron got a job as a merchant to support his three kids before the Civil War started. Andrews would answer the call and enlist with the 16th PA Cavalry (161st PA Volunteers), Co. E in August of 1862. He wrote to his wife during the 3 years he was enlisted, following his unit through the Eastern Theater. He mentioned camp life, his encounters with Fitz Hugh Lee, son of Robert E. Lee, and occasionally about the battles he fought in. He was very concerned about his family back at home, writing as much as he could. He disliked the gossip about women from back home being unfaithful to their husbands who he was fighting with. He was promoted several times, Sergeant to 1st Sergeant to 2nd Lieutenant within the three years of his service. He mustered out with his unit on August 11, 1865. His journey home faced some complications, almost being captured by Confederates in May of 1865, but escaped. He lived with family for many years until a family argument in the 1890's resulted in Andrews moving to a soldier's home in Hampton Virginia. He passed away there on April 9th, 1911.

Scope and Content Notes

The collection contains 31 letters from Aaron Andrews (Andreas) to his wife over a 3 year span during the war (1862 to 1865). The collection also contains biographical information done by a family member, census records, and marriage records. Each letter is accompanied by a typewriter transcription by the same family member.

Box 1

- 1-1 Finding Aid and Biographical Information
- 1-2 Letters from August 3, 1862 to September 24, 1863
- 1-3 Letters from January 23, 1864 to December 29, 1864
- 1-4 Letters from January 3, 1865 to May ?, 1865

For more information about (Collection Name)

Samuel Bates *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers 1861-5* Volume VIII, pg 974

MS-075 Henry Siebert, 16th PA Cav, Co. E