
Guide to the William B. Fullerton Civil War Letters

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: This collection consists of letters from William Fullerton to and from his family during his term of enlistment in the Union Army from 1862-1865.

Physical location: Stored offsite at NRLF: Advance notice is required for access to the papers.

Language: English

Access

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Biographical Note

William B. Fullerton was born in 1823 in Wolfboro, New Hampshire and died there at the age of 84 in 1906. He enlisted in the 12th New Hampshire Infantry August 12, 1862. He served for three years in the Union Army, spending most of the time sick in a hospital, and then working for the Quarter Master's office in Albany, New York. After discharge, he went home to Wolfboro, New Hampshire to take over the family farm. There he married and had two children.

Scope and Contents Note

This collection of letters covers Fullerton's enlistment in August 1862 to his final days with the Quarter-Master in Albany, New York. The correspondence is mostly to and from his three sisters, Susan, Lydia and Mary-Ann. The letters detail his life in the Infantry, and the illnesses that kept him from serving on the front lines.

Arrangement

The letters are arranged chronologically.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Fullerton, William B.--Correspondence

United States--Army--New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 12th (1862-1865)

Soldiers--New Hampshire--Correspondence

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Box-folder 1:2 **"Wakefield, N.H. Centennial" flyer, Sept. 22, 1785-Sept. 22, 1885**

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Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "My Dear, Dear Brother, I have tried every evening and morning this week to get time..."

Box-folder 1:4 **January 7, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Summit House Hospital to sister Maryann,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Maryann, I think it is your turn to have a letter now..."

Box-folder 1:5 **March 30, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Convalescent Camp to sister Maryann,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Maryann, I thought a few lines would be acceptable to you from me to day..."

Box-folder 1:6 **April 29, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Convalescent Camp to sister Lydia,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Lydia, I thought I had got smart enough to write a lines to you to day..."

Box-folder 1:7 **May 12, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Wolfboro, to Susan Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env., "Dear Sister Sue, Being all out of sorts with myself and everybody elce I think I will write a line to you..."

Box-folder 1:8 **June 15, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Wolfborough to Susan Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env., "Dear Sister Sue, I received your kind letter last week you may be assured..."

Box-folder 1:9 **July 20, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Wolfborough to Susie Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env., "Dear Sister Sue, Please excuse me for not answering your letter before..."

Box-folder 1:10 **September 10, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Concord to Susan F. Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env., "Dear Sister Sue, I thought that you would like to here frome me by thiss time..."

Box-folder 1:11 **September 19, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Concord to Susan Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env. "Dear Sister Sue, I thought I would write a line to you to day..."

Box-folder 1:12 **September 24, 1862, "Bolivar" [Wm. B. Fullerton] to Susan Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env., "Dear Sister Sue, Being over to the citty I thought I would drop a line to you..."

Box-folder 1:13 **September 29, 1862/[Oct. 1, 1862], Wm. B. Fullerton, Boltimore, Monday/Lydia, Wednesday, to "Dear Sister Lydia"/"Dear Sue",**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. pencil/A.L.S. ink, "Dear Sister Lydia, Here I am in the Streats of Boltimore..."/"Dear Sue, I received this letter about half an hour ago..."

Box-folder 1:14 **November 19, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Georgetown, D.C. to sister Mary Ann,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Mary Ann, I thought I would write a line to day to let you know..."

Box-folder 1:15 **November 12, 1862, Wm. Fullerton, Waterloo, Virginia to Susan Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env., "Dear Sister Sue, I thought I would write gest a line to you this evening..."

Box-folder 1:16 **December 11, 1862, Wm. B. Fullerton, Georgetown College Hospital to sister Lydia,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "My Dear Sister Lydia, I thought I would write jest a line to you to night..."

Box-folder 1:17 **December 14, 1862, Wm. Fullerton to sister Lydia,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "My Dear Sister Lydia, Here I am in a new home once more..."

Box-folder 1:18 **[1862], Lydia [Fullerton], Wednesday evening to Sue,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sue, I sent the last letter that I got from Bolivar to Ma so I will send this to you..."

Box-folder 1:19 **January 21, 1863, Wm. B. Fullerton, Finley Genrl. Hospital to Susan Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., w/env. "Dear Sister Sue I thought I would write a line to you and send it by a fellow that belongs in New Market..."

Box-folder 1:20 **January 22-23, 1863/ January 26, 1863, Wm. B. Fullerton, Finley Genrl. Hospital to Mary Ann [Fullerton] to [Susan],**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Mary Ann, Wall here I am in the hospital agane..."/A.L.S., "I got Bolivars letter today..."

Box-folder 1:21 **February 17, 1863, Wm. B. Fullerton, Finley Genrl. Hospital to sister Lydia,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Lydia, I did not think of writing to you quit so soon as this but..."

Box-folder 1:22 **February 25, 1863, Wm. B. Fullerton, Finley Hospital to Susan Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., w/env. "My Dear Sister Sue, I received your kind letter of Feb. 19th..."

Box-folder 1:23 **February 26, 1863, Mary [Ann Fullerton] to Sis,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sis, I recieved a letter from Lydia yesterday with one from Bolivar..."

Box-folder 1:24 **March 13, 1863, Wm. B. Fullerton, Finley Hospital to sister Lydia,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Lydia, Altho it is late in the afternoon I thought I would write..."

Box-folder 1:25 **June 27, 1863, Wm. B. Fullerton, Convalescent Camp to sister Lydia,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Lydia, I thought I mite as well write you..."

Box-folder 1:26 **July 4, 1863, Wm. B. Fullerton, Convalescent Camp to Susan Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env., "Dear Sister Sue, Wall here it is the 4th of July and I an here in old VA..."

Box-folder 1:27 **October 15, 1863, Wm. Fullerton, Albany N.Y. to sister Lydia,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Lydia, I thought I would write a few lines to you to day..."

Box-folder 1:28 **January 11, 1864, Wm. B. Fullerton, Provost Marshals, Albany to sister Sue,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister Sue, I wish you a happy new year, as meney others have wished..."

Box-folder 1:29 **February 8, 1864, Wm. B. Fullerton, Provost Marshals, Albany to Lydia Fullerton,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S. w/env., "Dear Sister Lydia, I thought I would write you a few lines to night..."

Box-folder 1:30 **February 8, 1864, Wm. B. Fullerton, Provost Marshals, Albany to sister [Lydia],**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister, I received a letter from you this morning..."

Box-folder 1:31 **February 14, 1864, Wm. B. Fullerton, Provost Marshals, Albany to sister [Susan],**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., w/env. "Dear Sister, Perhaps you are expecting a line from me about this time..."

Box-folder 1:32 **July 25, 1864, J.H. Moody, Satterlee USA General Hospital, Philadelphia to Susie,**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Poor Dear Susie, Your kind letter was recieved at the same time Carries came..."

Box-folder 1:33 **August 7, 1864, Wm. B. Fullerton, Provost Marshals, Albany to "Dear Sister",**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister, Perhaps a few lines from me tonight will be acceptable..."

Box-folder 1:34 **November 14, 1864, Wm. B. Fullerton, Albany, New York to "Dear Sister",**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister, Perhaps I might as well spend a half an hour in writing to you..."

Box-folder 1:35 **January 24, 1865, Wm. B. Fullerton, Albany, New York to "Dear Father",**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Father, I improve the present opportunity of writing a few lines..."

Box-folder 1:36 **February 26, 1865, Wm. B. Fullerton, Provost Marshals, Albany to "Dear Sister",**

Scope and Content Note

A.L.S., "Dear Sister, I will write you a few lines to day..."