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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

Letter from Austin Glidden, a corporal in Company G, 23rd Massachusetts Infantry during the American Civil War, written at Newport News, Virginia on January 1, 1864, to his brother Benjamin, soliciting Benjamin's assistance in securing an officer's commission in a colored troops regiment.

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Austin Glidden, son of Joseph and Mary Hill Glidden, was born in Beverly (Essex County), Massachusetts on July 16, 1844. The 1860 federal census shows Austin Glidden living in the Beverly home of his parents and working as a shoemaker, as were his father and brothers. He enlisted as a private in Company G, 23rd Massachusetts Infantry on October 21, 1861. On January 17, 1863, Glidden was promoted to corporal, and he re-enlisted on December 2. Austin Glidden died of disease at New Bern, North Carolina on October 13, 1864, and was buried at Central Cemetery, Beverly.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single letter written by Austin Glidden, a corporal in Company G, 23rd Massachusetts Infantry during the American Civil War. Addressed to Glidden's brother Benjamin, the letter was written at Newport News, Virginia on January 1, 1864. Glidden writes that he will soon be home on furlough and solicits his brother's assistance in securing an officer's commission: "Many who are no more fitted than I have received commissions through the efforts of influential friends at home," Glidden writes. He suggests influential residents of Beverly, Massachusetts whom Benjamin might enlist in furthering his cause. Glidden notes that, with the organization by the governor of colored regiments, new officers will be needed. He then mentions others from his regiment who have received such commissions.

Keywords

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
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General

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This item had been purchased, accessioned, and originally cataloged as the Newport News, Virginia, Civil War Letter. Research on the letter's contents during processing revealed that the title Austin Glidden Letter would be more accurate. The letter, signed by "brother Austin," is addressed to "Brother Benjamin." Numerous sources show that Austin Glidden had an older brother named Benjamin (1839-1930). In the course of the letter, the writer mentions several residents of Beverly [Massachusetts], with whom he is acquainted, and the 1860 census places Austin Glidden in Beverly, Massachusetts. The writer notes that "Emilio," formerly of Company F, had become a major in the 55th Massachusetts; Luis Emilio of Company F, 23rd Massachusetts, later served in the 54th Massachusetts. He also refers twice to "Captain Raymond," and Captain John A. Raymond served in Company G, 23rd Massachusetts. Lastly, the writer notes his rank (corporal), which corresponds to that of Austin Glidden, 23rd Massachusetts. All of these items point to Glidden as the writer.

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