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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.1989.080

### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

Letter from "Chris" to "Mrs. Curtis," written at Nashville, Tennessee, informing her of his "squad's" arrival in the city, remarking upon the many flies in the hotel, and sharing his low opinion of the hotel's Black staff.

### Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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# Scope and Content

This collection consists of a letter written by "Chris" to "Friend Mrs. Curtis" from Nashville, Tennessee, where his "squad" has recently arrived. The writer seems to use military terms satirically, suggesting that he may have been a civilian ("[W]e unanimously appointed Mr. Curtis, Maj. Genl Commanding. Genl Curtis' corps is made up of the best fighting material between this place, and the rocky mountains.") He notes that they are staying in the best house (i.e., hotel) in town but are beset by flies ("The flies are so thick here, that they have regular picket guards stationed around everything we eat ..."), then shares his low opinion of the hotel's Black staff.

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