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Abstract

The collection contains a letter from H. E. Norton, a soldier in a Michigan brigade headquartered at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas just after the American Civil War, describing a journey from Washington and complaining that the brigade had been "sold" by the Michigan governor for political purposes.

Creator

Norton, H. E., 1828?-1911?

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Biographical Note

H. E. Norton was a soldier in a Michigan brigade during and following the American Civil War. He may have been Hylon E. Norton (1828-1911), a sergeant in Company I of the 6th Michigan Cavalry.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a letter from H. E. Norton, a soldier in a Michigan brigade just after the close of the American Civil War. Writing from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to friends Erastus and Viola Terry in June 1865, Norton briefly describes the brigade's journey westward. He then complains that veteran members of his regiment were supposed to have been mustered out in May but that the regiment was instead ordered westward, seemingly with the acquiescence of Michigan's governor. ("[I]t is Generally Believed that the Michigan Brigade was Basely sold by the Governor of the State of Michigan for we could never have been transfered to this Dept. if he had not consented to it," he writes.) Norton pledges to remain with his regiment and discusses the camp rumor that the regiment will soon be assigned to guarding a government train to Nebraska Territory.

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