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Creator

Henkel, David H., 1839?-?

Creator

Kagey, David F., 1834?-?

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of four Civil War era letters concerning the Henkel and Kagey families of New Market, Virginia. Also included are two letters signed by Solon P. C. Henkel, M.D. for reimbursement for goods taken from his farm by Union soldiers and for medical supplies used while he cared for Union soldiers at the Federal hospital in New Market.

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Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Artillery—Danville Artillery
New Market (Va.) -- History
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Description of Subordinate Components

Letter from David H. Henkel to Joe Henkel

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5520

Unit Date 1863 January 2

Language English

Creator Henkel, David H., 1839?-?

Scope and Contents

Written from Bowling Green, Virginia. Letter regards life in camp, the wounding of Captain George W. Wooding, and family news.

Keywords

Correspondence

Soldiers -- Confederate States of America -- Correspondence

Transcription

Boulding Green [Bowling Green] Jan 2nd 1863

Dear Bro Please excuse my not writing ere this but I hope our changing camp will be a sufficient excuse. I arrived safely in camp on Christmas day found the boys in picket down near the river. All are well with the exception of the wounded. It was feared Capt Wooding's wound would prove mortal but later accounts from him report him to be improving, he still lies near Fredericksburg. All is quiet. Our army is going into winter quarters. We have been hard at work on our cabins for two days. Have you seen father concerning the rent. He spoke of one hundred dollars a year. I have not seen Casper concerning any assignment to a hospital and I think as we are going into winter quarters that I will not if I get my substitute, it will not be worthwhile I will enclose a letter in this to John [Windle] concerning him.

How is [Eleanor] getting? Has Sid Rice left him yet he has not gotten to camp. I can buy some little things [?] her such as patterns, thread, needles, fish hooks, etc. but I do not know how to get them up.

Carry on as though I was there any thing that you do I will be satisfied with. Write soon and believe me to be your bro DHH Wooding's Battery Boulding Green [Bowling Green] Caroline, Va Care Maj. James Jack's Arty

Letter from David H. Henkel to S. Henkel

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5521

Unit Date 1863 June 19

Language English

Creator Henkel, David H., 1839?-?

Scope and Contents

Written from Woodville, Virginia. Letter regards troop movements and a request for money.

Keywords

Correspondence

Soldiers -- Confederate States of America -- Correspondence

Transcription

Woodville, June 19th 1863

Dear Bro, We are now on the march for Winchester which point we will reach next Monday night. We camp at Little Washington tonight. Left Fredericksburg last Tuesday. We expect to go into Maryland I would like if you could go along over. Anyway I wish you would send me some \$400/\$500 borrow it from some one and give a note in my name. I can get some goods back or a horse or tow. If you have the above amt. on hand please send it. I wish the things I purchase for the farm. All well please send my rings by the first opportunity. Your bro DHH

Letter from Mary Kagey to David F. Kagey

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5522

Unit Date 1863 November 7

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from New Market, Virginia. The letter discusses family news, domestic matters, news of soldiers capture. At this time, David F. Kagey was a student at the University of Virginia.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Prisoners and prisons

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Home life

Kagey, David F., 1834?-?

Transcription

New Market, Nov 7 1863

Dear Brother I have put off writing evening after evening thinking I would have something interesting to write about this evening. I feel tired but will lay to write a short letter at least every evening I tell Billy to enquire for a letter for me, yet I have a right to expect one from you having promised to write to you so frequent and not performing. Aunt Ann and Lallie got home last Sunday. They are very well and getting along very well. Barbara wished them to stay two weeks longer but Mrs. Will did not want them to stay. I was down at home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Will was putting up a box of good things for Mr. Will. They had potatoes, apples, roasted chicken, fried chicken, bread, fries, and some half bushel of real old time ginger

cakes, such as old Aunt Ginnie use to bake. Mrs. Will treated me to four. I wish you could have been here for cade is something seldom been there days. They use the foam that gathers on the molasses whilst it is cooling which makes a rich and nice cake and persons are using it about here. Mr. Leavers has made several hundred gallons of molasses and they are not done boiling yet. Sarah says if she thought you would like to have it she would buy four or 5 gallons for you. They sell it at \$8 a gallon but to wait there would perhaps be no chance of getting any and price may also advance; would you like to have some? The salt arrived here safely. They have not got their pork yet and I think it fortunate as this warm weather has set in.

The folks here are tolerable with little Emma is threatened with croup this evening. She still talks of you at times as being at grandfather Rodeses. Billy has been unwell for a week on too but is better for a few days and passed through he looks thin, and badly. He and Mr. Strayer went fishing today, but did not catch any fish. This is the second days fishing Mr. S has had this week without getting any, but he seems in good spirits and speaks of going again. Mr. O, Miss Janine and the rest of us are very well. I feel very tired. I have been boiling soap today.

I regret very much to tell you that John Reid, Bob Tidler, and John Millan were captured by the Yankees. They were sent out on a scout by Capt. Nelson and I suppose ventured too far, it is reported that they were captured beyond Winchester near or at Woods factory. Their have been so many different rumors about them one scarcely knew what to believe. One day report would be they were captured and another day they were not but I believe it is now confirmed. I feel very sorry for Mrs. Reid they say she is almost inconsolable. I have not seen Miss Bettie for some time she was out at Rosenbergers whilst Sallie was their. she spoke of having had a nice time. I have not heard from your friend Miss Emma except through Mrs. Miller. I always inquire about her she says Emm gets along very well complains of nothing but the cooking which is so different from what it is here. I expect to go to see Mrs. Coyner in a few days she has just returned from Augusta where she has been for some time. Miss Emma has not written to Sarah yet I do not think it likely she will as she has not done so yet. Mr. Thomas has not brought that flour yet but Billy saw him a short time ago and he promised to bring it very soon.

I am glad to hear there is a likelihood of your getting home at Christmas. I hope you will not be disappointed nor disappoint us. We feel anxious to see you and will try to have something nice for you. I wish sometimes you had some of these nice Fenwick or Bellflower apples to eat that you could have and some of Aunt Fannies nice bread and milk, too. The nice applies will soon be gone they are [illegible]. I hope you are enjoying good health and find your studdies less irksome. Wright whenever you have an opportunity. The time seems very long. The folks at home send their love to you. Mrs. Will wished me to remember her to you. I must close, accept the love and best wishes of your sister. Mary S. Kagey

P.S. Please excuse the hastily and badly written letter, it is getting late and I feel very dull.

Letter from Abram M. Henkel to David F. Kagey

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5523

Unit Date 1864 January 15

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from New Market, Virginia. Letter regards family and Civil War news.

Keywords

Correspondence

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Kagey, David F., 1834?-?

Transcription

New Market, Va Jan 15th 1864

Dear Friend Davy, I will now write you a few lines to let you know what we are all about. We are all well at present. Your folk were all well when last heard from. I suppose you have heard all about Mr. Strayer's death ere now. This neighborhood has not very much sickness now.

The Yanks are still at Martinsburg; they come up to Winchester every few days. The Winchester people think that the Yanks will soon make a raid up the Valley. The 6th army corps has arrived at Martinsburg. Have you heard that Lieut. Coyner has taken a wife? He and Bettie Read were married on the 15th. They started to Augusta, about half an hour after they were married. They were married at 8 o'clock A.M. They did not make much ado about it. George Killian was married last week to Miss Sallie Anderson; they had a nice time of it. I do not know of any one else who is going to get married shortly unless it might be Davy, but I hardly think he would get married as long as this war lasts. Davy - what do you think of the order from Cooper, for the substitute men. I heard some one say that Nelson would appoint you enrolling officer of this county if you would accept of it. I think you would have a good time; you could be at home the most of

the time. If you can get the position, I would like to see you come over. What do the students who have substitutes say about going into the army. We cannot join new companies only such as were in service on April 16th 1862. Nelson is going to Richmond tomorrow or next day. Rupe is going to Richmond next Monday, if nothing intervenes. How does studying go since you got back? The sick of Thomas' brigade have all been sent away.

I received a letter from Casper several days since - he was quite well. Resser is camped about 5 miles from here. Gilmore is camped near Forestville. I must close as it is getting late. Write soon again. Yours & c
Abram M. Henkel

Letter from Solon P. C. Henkel to William E. Hall

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Unit Date undated

Language English

Extent 2 items

Scope and Contents

The letter contains a list of property taken by Union troops.

There are two copies of this letter.

Keywords

Financial records

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Finance

Correspondence

Transcription

7 good horses \$700.00 17 cattle 450.00 20 Hogs @ \$4.00 80.00 40 acres of corn @ \$20 800.00 40 thousand bales, 5cts 2000.00 House plundered of provisions, jewelry, watches, and clothing 600.00 \$4630.00

The above losses were all by the Union forces.

400 yds Cotton burnt With at that time 40 cts \$60.00 Barn torn down 400.00 1 full case of eye instruments
1 case of instruments for Hydrocele

I assisted in the Federal Hospital three months in attending to wounded. Operated frequently, amputated several limbs, took up femoral artery in two cases, furnished medicines and other comforts to the sick and wounded. Solon P. C. Henkel, M. D.

[addressed to] Dr. William E. Hall 54 Va. Volunteer in Charge of Federal Hospital New Market