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Guide to the Dunn Family Collection 1864-1865



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.DUNNFAMILY
Title	Dunn Family. Collection
Date	1864-1865
Size	0.25 linear feet (1 box)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	The Dunn Family Collection contains the correspondence of brothers George and William, soldiers during the U. S. Civil War, with their sister Elizabeth.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Dunn Family. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Biographical Note

Not much is definitively known of the Dunn family. The contents of the letters indicate that both of the Dunn brothers were soldiers in the Civil War. George Dunn was a soldier in the 7th Regiment apparently stationed in Madison Station, Alabama. William Dunn, his brother, appears have his letters directed to the 7th Illinois Regiment, Company C, which would make him a member of the Union Calvary. Beyond that, it is difficult to determine other details of their lives both because of the limited nature of the collection itself and the relatively common names of the brothers leading to multiple possible candidates. Elizabeth Dunn, William and George's sister and recipient of the letters in this collection, is similarly mysterious. The letters of her brothers are addressed to her in Illinois, but no date of birth or death is known for her.

Scope Note

The Dunn Family Collection consists of William and George Dunn's letters to their sister, Elizabeth. Many of the letters in this collection have original envelopes. The letters are all dated 1864-1865. The letters are arranged first by author, then chronologically.

The collection was previously part of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection.

Subject Headings

- Dunn, George, 1864-1865
- Dunn, William, 1864-1865
- Dunn, Elizabeth, 1864-1865
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INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

George Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, 1865

- Letter from George Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, August 29, 1865
- Letter from George Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, September 8, 1865
- Letter from George Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, September 22, 1865
- Letter from George Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, October 11, 1865

Box 1

Folder 2

William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, 1864-1865

- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, October 22, 1864
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, December 4, 1864
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, December 16, 1864
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, January 6, 1865
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, February 4, 1865
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, February 4, 1865
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, February 25, 1865

Box 1

Folder 3

William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, 1865

- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, February 28, 1865
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, March 25, 1865
- Two typed transcriptions of letter, date unknown
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, April 17, 1865
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, June 8, 1865
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, June 13, 1865
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, July 18, 1865
- Letter from William Dunn to Elizabeth Dunn, date illegible