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Unit: 44th Illinois Infantry

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2 Letter about Corey's Death

2 Letters from Corey to his father

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Remarks:

Talked w/Tom Windall 10/21 re: letters. He will send copies of ALL. and check with H. State Archives

Mary Ann Peckham:

Park Supt, Stones River

Dear Miss Peckham:

I enclose some letters from the Civil War written by a great-uncle on my Mother's Side.

I enclose a few letter copies (some of his death). There is a packet of letters about an inch or more thick, that I have here at home.

My Son, Tom, has called you and he gave me your address. We are searching for a safe storage spot for these letters and wish to give them to responsible people and hopefully they can add a bit of knowledge to the Civil War History.

If interested, please give me the address to send them to.

Respectfully
Owen D. Windall

Copy of letter of his death

Murfreesboro Tenn

Feb 9th 1863

Miss Mary Cory,

Undoubtedly your Father has received a letter from me before this, telling the particulars of your brothers death, I wrote A day or two later then the Lieutenand, I would have answerd yours of the 22d before this, but I have been on actu duty ever since I have received it untill at present, of which I have a few moments of leasure, in the letter that I wrote your Father, I sent A lock of your Brothers hair, he was killed on the morninge of the 31st of Dec and was not buried untill the 6th of Jan his Corpse was in A good state of preservation when he was laid in the graive, I laid him in the graive and had him with 2 find others, he lays on

on the and said, as he can he c
be taken up with and disturbing Army
any of the others, ~~he was buried~~ with
~~as decent and as well~~ we buried ther
him as well as we could, he on
did not have any coffin or even the
a blanket to fold him in by there
he had an an overcoat, I that
wraped him in that as much to a
as I could, if your Parents should to th
ever come or send some one, I to th
would be very happy in doing an
all in my power in helping like
removing him, there is no chance turn
of me sending him home, for have
there is no coffins any nigher from
then Louisville suitable for house
the purpos, if any one comes woun
after him before the Army the h
moves from here I can help the lef
in removing him, if the Army there
should move from here I will had
have to go with it and there this
would not be much of a chance to go
of me helping in taking him I will
up, there for I will tell where I can

Copy letter his death
ODW

Copy of letter of his death
O.O.

he was buried, in going to
Murfreesboro from Nashville
within 3 miles of Murfreesboro
there is a learge cedar forist
on the right of the road at
the south end of the forist
there is a learge brick house
that has been burned, to go
to Alberts grave, turn to the right
to the brick house and pass over
to the right in a south east directi
on to a road called the Nolandsville
pike after getting on this road
turn to the left at the first
house it stands quite a piece
from the road, at the back of the
house there is a piece of ~~roads~~
woods and a bain leading from
the house he lays at the end on
the left, most any man that lives
there can tell where we was driven
back, you must excuse me for
this short on dull letter I have got
to go on duty and must close,
I will be very happy to do all

his things has been [illegible]
by express and we have a reciept
for the box if you have not
recieved the box we will send
the reciept to your father and it
can be colected there as well as
here, enclosed you will find a
circular from Springfield telling
how his back pay and bounty
can be colected &c,

your friend

Thomas W. Travis
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Sheridans Divi
Murfreesboro
Tenn

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Copy of letter of
his death
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Camp on stone cre
Murfreesboro Tennessee

Jan 12th 1863,

Dear sir

it is with regret that i take my pen in hand, to record the death of your son, he was beloved by the whole of the co, he was killed on the 31st of Dec 1862, i was not more then ten feet from him when he was shot, the details ar thus, the regt had charged in to a piece of woods, & drove the enemy out, they then called and came down on us again they then drove us backage Albert got behind one tree an i be hinde another, we fierd several rounds, he loaded

Letter of his death
ODW

from you of which i enclose in
~~the same envellope for return~~
i will all so enclose a lock
of his hare of which i got when
he was laged in this grave, my
best respects to you, your
obeident servent

Thomas W. Travis
Co. H, 94 Ill Vols
Sherdiens Divi
Army of the
Comberlen

P.S. his things will besent home
as quick as an opertunity
is offered

Letter of his death
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then was gon, he had a gold
finger ring that was worth
two dollars and a half that
was gone all so, it had his
initials on the plate, he got
it in Springfield Missouri,
after the evacuation of Mur-
freesboro i went & buried
him, and another of his meas-
mates, there is six layes in
one grave i had him layed
so if you wished ~~him~~ to take
him home that he could be take
out without disturbing eney
of the others, he all so had
a bayonet thrust through the
right shoulder whether that
killed him or not, i do not
know, he was a brave & a good
soldier, when he had his
health th...

of the pit of ~~stomic~~ stom-
ich, he fell then got up &
run a few steps, and fell again
he got up again & then run
a few steps more & fell again
he got up again, & then i got
holde of his left arm & a serge
got holde of his right arm
we run several rods part of
the time we had to carry
him the enemy got so close
to us that the sergt let go
of his arm he then fell to
the ground, i then asked him
if he thought he would die,
& he said that he did not
know, those is the last words
that i ever herd him say, his
bodiey fell in the hands of
the enemy, they took every
thing from him he had a
pair of gloves sent him a
few days days befor them

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Copy of a letter
of his death
O D W

Camp Near Nashon
Dec 6th 1862

Mr J. Cory
Galesburg
Mich

Dear Father

I take my pen in hand to wrig
you a few lines this evening Old g
frost is pepping in to every hole a
Clouth hous which is getting do
rotten we have lived in it all mo
sixteen mo i am righting on my
-sark by a few coles that we hav
in a mes pan but it is about as cold
for Jim spicer is setting in front o
Our rigt went out on picket gu
yesterag morning it Commenced
when we was a going out and snow
the fornoon it was a bitter cold
we ware all up all when the Ecl
was on the moon it was a ve
interesting to watch it i saw it
it commenced and watched it i
it became natcherll agane it
about two ours it is so Cold that i

Camp Ronzi
Mis
June 28, 62

Dear Father

it is with plesure that i take my pen in hand to write you a few not very intersting lines the letter that you reieved from me was a letter that i rote to you in mo it was about one of the boys that i inlested in the burg his name was John Galigon when i rote that he could let you better we expected that he would go home and i told him to go to our hous) for he had no home wept where he went to work) till his hand got well but the last i heard from him he was sick in Rolla mo ~~you~~ it is your wish that i would write oftener than ha ben times that i could wrot that i have ~~[illegible]~~ neglected but that ar scarce we have

so much duty to perform the
Co chafto go on picket gard
every 4 dayes and sum time
sum of us chaft to go on po-
-leas guard ther the next day
we my be orderd out in the
nite to work a on the best
works to work thay has ben
pretty fory way of a fite
hear the other nite thay expect
an atact on the memphis rode
we had no beestworks on the
rod but in les than an our
the battery was orderd out on
the rod thay planted too
peaces thar i was on town
guard that nite the Genest
wam down to the stashon
looked at sum bales of cotton
that had ben dron thar
so he sed boys why can
we do as old Jackson did

left [redacted] Springfield mo
you rote that wrihele borne had
ben out hom i should like to
see him every much is his hell
ime better than it cust to be Dear
pearents i am a I getting so
i like the serives better every
day i simes like a home to
Me Capt Barret has ben
disarnibly discharged from the
sirvies our first lutannent was
put up to Capt Charles A Dale
was put in capt an Dres praid
yesterday we ar all swell sat
esfided now the rest of our Co
has com up from Carony
so we ar all to gether once more
till traves that i could
not fill up the blank for
Barret has got the pay
book with him an he had better
sell him for he is out of
the sirves now i have sen Lut
hages and Anim brown D pond
& bill Stanerd the rest was out
on a scout the next morning

nite thare is not so much dange
now as thar for we have len een-
forced three ~~Divishons~~ brigades
we ar under Gen. Daves & in
Gen Asbouth brigade we ar
under Gen Popes Divishans
but under Daves in his absence
for i hear that pot is gon to
~~[illegible]~~ washmaton i went out
and picked a fine lot of ~~[illegible]~~
blackberies and Jim Spicts ha
Com in with sum MOS
thay are plenty out hear
~~a~~ i would like very much
to be to home a mounth now i
wounder if i would have anney
strowberies @ no it is a mistack
yo say that the frute is all drill
i never see so much frute in my life
as thare is out hear thare is in
frunt of our thnt a peach tree the
limbs bracking down with the
fruite & Dear father i am happy
to tell you that i never in joy
such good helth in my life i
have not seen a sick day sence i