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COLLECTORS. CIVIL WAR LETTERS,  
1861-1865.

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Summary: Chiefly letters to Lavinia Obreham of Freeport, Winneshiek County, Iowa, from her brothers, Edwin C. and Charles J. Obreham, her cousin and future husband, Chales L. Beebe, and other Union soldiers serving with the 9th Iowa Volunteers and other units; written from Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Washington, DC, the letters deal largely with camp life, troop movements, and military engagements, with some mention of the siege of Vicksburg and the march on Savannah.

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Mainly letters from three soldiers, as follows:

Charles L. Beebe:

Letters from Charles L. Beebe to Lavina Obreham, dating from January 1, 1861 to December 15, 1865: travels with Presiding Elder of Brethren Church and visit to church in Rock Island, Illinois; Union Army movements, soldier's life; evacuation of Vicksburg, location of army camps; expedition into Louisiana after a force of rebels; capture of prisoners and army equipment and supplies; a steamboat with bacon for rebel army; desertion of Confederate conscripts; Northern Army diet and foraging for food, game animals and fish; battle at Chattanooga; guarding captured railroad property of Federal Government surrendered by rebels; deaths and casualties among Negro and white troops within Union Army; opinions and feelings of Union Army troops regarding use of Negroes, doing duty with them, and Negro suffrage, use of Negro troops with Confederate Army.

Charles J. Obreham:

Letters from Charles J. Obreham to Lavina Obreham dating from September 4, 1862 to January 6, 1865; Union Army movements and quality of food, encounter with a band of rebel guerillas, comments on Vicksburg campaign; reenlistment in First Illinois Veteran Volunteer Cavalry; deaths and casualties; location of Union Army camps, camp conditions; Christmas and New Year's in Tennessee.

Edwin C. Obreham:

Letters from Edwin C. Obreham to Lavina Obreham, dating from November 16 (15), 1861 to May 29, 1865; soldier's life; preparation for battles; opinions of regiment on election; condition of Union and Confederate troops at Vicksburg, food conditions, attack on Vicksburg by Union troops including the Iowa 9th, failure of attack and beginning of siege, condition of 12th and 46th Illinois, the 3rd Iowa; casualties and deaths; personal thoughts on enlistment of men and women. Death of brother Henry H. on June 13, 1863. Life of Army of the Mississippi: steamers at landing, location of Army camps, surrender of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863, fighting at Black River and condition of Vicksburg. Battles in Georgia: position of troops of 9th Iowa Volunteers in Georgia; deaths and casualties in skirmishes with enemy; Morale of Union Army, capture of prisoners, fortifications of both Armies, rebels entering Union lines, length of time in trenches, exchange of papers and conversation with rebels. Destruction of railroad, location of Union regiment, march to Savannah. Sherman's campaign, mustering of troops, Sherman's Army reviewed by President Johnson and General Grant.

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JUNE AND GILBERT KRUEGER, COLLECTORS. OBREHAM AND BEEBE FAMILY CIVIL WAR LETTERS. CALENDAR:

- January 1, 1861 Letter from C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, dear cousin, re his travels with a Presiding Elder in the Bretharn Church and visit to a church at Rock Island, Illinois.
- October 22, 1861 Letter from Jack Drake to Lavinia Obreham, Camp Herren (about forty miles from St. Louis, Mo.), re soldiers' life in Civil War, prisoners of war, raiding parties, etc. of 9th Iowa Volunteers.
- November 15, 1861 Letter from Ed Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, Camp Herren, dear sister, life in Civil War.
- November 19, 1861 Letter from Jack Drake to Lavinia Obreham, Camp Herren, re life in Civil War.
- January 7, 1862 Letter from Ed Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, Camp Herren, preparation for battles.
- September 4, 1862 Letter from Charles J. Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, Union Army Movements.
- September 15, 1862 Letter from Ed Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, Helena, Arkansas.
- September 18, 1862? Castalia, to my dear friend, from Miss Enaline Knight, personal letter.
- September 26, 1862 C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, the ague and fever.
- October 19, 1862 Letter from Ed Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, re elections and opinions of regiment.
- October 28, 1862 Sylvester Roberson to Lavinia Obreham, La Grange, Tennessee, preparations for battles, army movements, Civil War.
- December 12, 1862 Ed Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, Helena, Arkansas.
- 27, 1862 Sylvester Roberson to Lavinia Obreham, re Civil War, preparations for battles, army movements, Tennessee.
- January 12, 1863 C. J. Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, army diet, New Madrid, Missouri.
- January 30, 1863 C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, army movements, Moscow, Tennessee.
- February 18, 1863 C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, army life and movements, Camp Lafayette, Tennessee.

- March 1, 1863 C. J. Obreham to family, encounter with Jeb Thompson's band of guerillas (rebels). "I think if we whips them at Vicksburg that the war is pretty near over, that is the talk here." New Madrid, Missouri ;
- March 16, 1863 Edwin C. Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, condition of troops at Vicksburg; Vicksburg, Mississippi.
- March 19, 1863 C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, evacuation of Vicksburg, the camp near Vicksburg, army movements; Memphis, Tennessee.
- April 11, 1863 C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, (same as above), Memphis.
- April 18, 1863 Ed Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, camp life, food available; Greenville, Mississippi.
- May 25, 1863 Edwin C. Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, attack on Vicksburg by Federal troops, including the Iowa 9th; failure of attack and beginning of siege, the 12th and 46th of Illinois, 3rd of Iowa, casualties and deaths, personal thoughts on enlistment of men and women; Yazoo River, Mississippi.
- June 14, 1863 Edwin C. Obreham to sister and parents, death of brother, Henry H. on June 13, 1863; Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi.
- June 28, 1863 Edwin C. Obreham to -----, camp life of the Army of the Mississippi, steamers at landing, wounded soldiers; Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi.
- July 8, 1863 Camp of the 9th Iowa Volunteers, from Edwin C. Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, surrender of Vicksburg July 4, 1863, fighting at Black River, condition of Vicksburg; Vicksburg, Mississippi.
- August 2, 1863 From Charles J. ----- to Lavinia Obreham, enlistment in First Illinois Veteran Volunteer Cavalry to be organized on October 1, 1863; camp near Vicksburg.
- August 7, 1863 From Sophia to -----, personal letter; Palatine, Illinois.
- September 11, 1863 From C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, expedition into Louisiana after a force of rebels, capture of prisoners, army equipment and supplies, a steamboat loaded with bacon for the rebel army, deseration of Confederate Conscripts, Northern army diet and foraging for food, game animals and fish; Camp near Natchez, Mississippi.
- December 10, 1863 From C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, camp conditions, a cavalry camp of 15,00 nearby, a force of rebels, news from Grant and Mead, cannonading near Natchez, battle at Chattanooga; Camp at Oak Ridge near Vicksburg.

- April 21, 1864 From Edwin C. Obreham to Lavinia Obreham, waiting for orders to more, personal letter; Woodville, Alabama.
- May 21, 1864 From Edwin C. Obreham to his mother, battles in Georgia, hunting for enemy; Kingston, Georgia.
- June 10, 1864 From Charles J. Obreham to father, mother and sister, fired by rebels, number of killed and wounded; New Orleans, Louisiana.
- June 17, 1864 From Edwin C. to Lavinia Obreham, a large force of rebels within one half mile, condition of armyworn, courage of army, taking prisoners, number of men killed and wounded; Sand Mountain, Georgia.
- June 25, 1864 From Edwin C. Obreham to sister, position of troops of 9th of Iowa Volunteers, number of wounded and killed in skirmishes with enemy, mailing address if Obreham at Nashville, Tennessee description of fighting in area; Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia.
- June 30, 1864 From C.L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, orders to march at 3:00 a.m.; Vicksburg, Mississippi.
- July 14, 1864 From M. M. Beebe to dear cousin, personal letter.
- August 14, 1864 From Edwin C. to Lavinia Obreham, position of 9th Iowa, fortifications of union and rebels, hard fighting but no decisive battle, rebels entering union lines, length of time in ditches of 9th Iowa, skirmishes with rebels, exchange of papers with rebels and talking with them, number killed; Camp of the 9th of Iowa Volunteers, Georgia.
- November 7, 1864 From Edwin C. to Lavinia Obreham, destruction of a railroad, the regiment one hundred miles from Atlanta, ordered to prepare for long and hard march south of the rebel army toward the coast, payment of troops, expected march to Savannah, Georgia; Camp of the 9th of Iowa Volunteers.
- January 6, 1865 From Charles to Lavinia Obreham, position twenty miles above New Orleans, camp conditions, the march from Memphis started by boat, Christmas and New Year's in Tennessee; Camp of 46th of Illinois, Louisiana.
- January 21, 1865 From Edwin C. to Lavinia Obreham, orders to Charleston, S.C., Sherman Campaign, health and food conditions of army, mailing address in N.Y.; Beaufort, South Carolina.
- May 3, 1865 From Edwin C. to Lavinia Obreham, camped a few miles from Vicksburg opposite mouth of Yazoo River, on a scouting mission; Milliken's Bend, Louisiana.

- May 24, 1865 From C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, guarding government railroad property surrendered by rebels; Mobile, Alabama.
- May 29, 1865 From Edwin C. to Lavinia Obreham, mustering of some troops, Sherman's army reviewed by President and General Grant; Washington, D.C.
- December 15, 1865 From C. L. Beebe to Lavinia Obreham, march from Natchatoches, Louisiana four and one half days, one hundred and ten miles; camped with Negroes and doing duty with them, killed and wounded among Negro and White, feelings regarding use of Negro troops and opinions on Negro suffrage by Union Army troops; Shreveport, Louisiana.
- (later)  
September 10, 1874 From Mary Beebe to sister, Miss Abby W. Beebe, Decorah, Winneshiek County, Iowa (postcard); Astherville.

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Civil War (Savannah March)  
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