

Transcribing the Past: Civil War Manuscripts

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My Dear Mary: The Letters of Lt. Lyle Garrett and Mary Garrett

These letters were exchanged between Lt. Lyle Garrett of the Twenty-third Iowa Infantry and his wife, Mary Garrett, in 1862-1863. They primarily describe Lt. Garrett's experiences in the Civil War, including camp life, attitudes about the South and slavery, and troop movements in Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. These letters are from the [Western History Collections'](#) Charles Evans Collection.

- MyDearMary-FinalTranscriptions.zip -- reconciled transcriptions produced by the project
- MyDearMary-Images.zip -- the images used to create the correspondence transcriptions

A Soldier's Life: The Diary of Charles Kroff

This leather-bound diary was kept by Charles Kroff during the years 1861-1865. It describes his experiences as a soldier in the Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War and details his participation in the battles of Shiloh, Fort Donelson, and Corinth. This diary is from the [Western History Collections'](#) Sherry Marie Cress Collection.

- Kroff-FinalTranscriptions.zip -- reconciled transcriptions produced by the project
- Kroff-Images.zip -- the images used to create the diary transcriptions