Guide to the Anson Knettles Civil War Correspondence Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This is a collection of letters from Anson Knettles, who served as a Captain of the 109th Regiment from Binghamton during the Civil War, from 1862 to 1864. Knettles was a farmer in Lansing, NY, but had Army experience in Leavenworth, Kansas in 1859, and thus was qualified for his position as Captain. Wounded with the loss of an eye in the Siege of Petersburg, VA, in July of 1864, he returned to Lansing, where he continued farming until his death in 1898.

The collection includes letters to and from various family members, mostly his sister-in-law Minerva, his nieces Elizabeth and Emma, and his nephew John. There are also some letters from nephew John to home when he spent time at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Finally, there are a few photos, of Anson and his sister, and some genealogy and cemetery records concerning the family.

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