

**SAMUEL RANKIN LATTA LETTERS**  
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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	1 manuscript volume (containing 36 items)
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, Mississippi.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	June 1861-April 1862, 1886
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	N/A
<b>Language.</b>	English.
<b>Summary.</b>	Typescripts of letters between Capt. Samuel Rankin Latta, of the Macon Grays, 13 <sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry, and his wife residing at the family home in Dyersburg, Tennessee.
<b>Organization.</b>	Arranged chronologically
<b>Restrictions on access.</b>	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Samuel R. Latta was captain of the Macon Grays, Company B, 13th Tennessee Infantry, during the Civil War. He and his wife, Mary, had six children and lived in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Typescripts of an exchange of letters between Captain Samuel R. Latta and his wife, Mary, during his service in the Confederate States Army at Fort Wright, Tennessee; in southeastern Missouri; at Columbus, Kentucky; and at Corinth, Mississippi. Latta's letters describe his regiment's participation in the Battle of Belmont and the Battle of Shiloh. Also included are three letters from Latta's brother living in Boston, Massachusetts, and two letters from a school teacher.

**LETTER DESCRIPTIONS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contents</u>
June 7, 1861	From N. R. Wallace to S. R. Latta, Macon.
June 7, 1861	From J. G. Latta (brother of S. R. Latta) to his father; Collector's Office, Custom House, Boston.
June 11, 1861	From S. R. Latta to his wife, Mary; Dyersburg, Tennessee
June 16, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Steamer <i>Ben McCullough</i> , between Memphis and Randolph.
June 23, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Fort Wright, Tennessee; Randolph Island, (P.S. June 24).
June 26, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Fort Wright, Tennessee.
June 28, 1861	From Mary Latta to her husband; Dyersburg, Tennessee.
July 2, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Fort Wright.
July 25, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Fort Wright.
July 31, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; New Madrid, Missouri, Headquarters of the Army of Liberation.
Aug. 4, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; New Madrid
Aug. 13, 1861	From J. G. Latta to S. R. Latta; Custom House, Boston.
Aug. 17, 1861	From J. G. Latta to his mother; Custom House, Boston.
Aug. 19, 1861	From Mary Latta to S. R. Latta; Dyersburg, Tenn. From N. R. Wallace to his cousin, Sam.
Aug. 20, 1861	From S. R. Latta to his wife, Mary, near Benton, Missouri.
Aug. 25, 1861	From Mary Latta to S. R.; Dyersburg.
Aug. 28, 1861	From S. R. Latta to his wife, Mary; Saxton, Missouri.
Aug. 31, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Camp Brown, near Sikestown, Missouri.

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Sept. 7, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Columbus, Kentucky.
Sept. 11, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Columbus, Kentucky.
Nov. 22, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Columbus, Kentucky.
Dec. 13, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Columbus, Kentucky.
Dec. 18, 1861	From Mary Latta to S. R.; Dyersburg, Tenn.
Dec. 20, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Columbus, Ky.
Dec. 25, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Columbus, Ky.
Dec. 29, 1861	From Beck Wallace to Cousin Sam; Macon.
Jan. 25, 1862	From Mary Latta to S. R.; Dyersburg, Tenn.
Feb. 14, 1862	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Columbus, Ky.
Apr. 6, 1862	From Mary Latta to S. R.; Dyersburg, Tenn.
Apr. 10, 1862	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Corinth, Miss. (P.S. Apr. 12)
Apr. 13, 1862	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Corinth, Miss.
Apr. 18, 1862	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Corinth, Miss.
1886	Excerpt of a letter from S. R. Latta.
Nov. 8, 1861	From S. R. Latta to Mary; Columbus, Ky.

**INDEX TERMS**

Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Infantry Regiment, 13th.

Latta, Mary.

Latta, Samuel R. (Samuel Rankin)

Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862.

Tennessee--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives, Confederate.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives, Confederate.

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