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**Lewis Hanback 1839-1897
Letters, 1862-1865**

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Biographical Note

Lewis Hanback was born in Illinois. During the Civil War he enlisted in the 27th Illinois Infantry as a Private but was later promoted to an adjutant for the brigade. While in the war he saw action in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. After mustering out of service he attended Law School in Albany, New York.

He moved to Kansas and became involved in politics. He was a probate judge, a clerk in the Atate House of Representatives, assistant U.S. district attorney for Kansas and elected as a Republican from Kansas to the 48th and 49th Congresses. He is buried in Topeka, Kansas.

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Scope and Content Note

Letters written while Hanback was with the 27th Illinois Infantry in the Civil War. His letters cover his involvement in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. In May 1864 he describes the battles of Rocky Faced Ridge and Marietta. By September he is mustering out of the Army. After the war he attends debates in "Copperhead holes" and attends Law Schools at Albany, New York. His letters discuss slavery, patriotism, military life and military discipline.

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Folder List

Folder 1: Correspondence January - June 1862.

Folder 2: Correspondence July - December 1862.

Folder 3: Correspondence March - December 1863.

Folder 4: Correspondence February - June 1864.

Folder 5: Correspondence July - October 1864.

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