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**Description**
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Biography:

John H. Warner of Lansing, New York enlisted in Company G of the 109th New York State Volunteers in August 1862 for a term of three years. His regiment was assigned guard duty along the railroad in Maryland from 1862-1864. In March 1864 the 109th was transferred to the 9th Corps of the Army of the Potomac and in late April/early May was sent to Virginia to participate in the Wilderness Campaign.

Warner was wounded in late spring 1864 and spent the remainder of the war in Satterlee U.S.A. General Hospital in West Philadelphia. He was discharged in May 1865 by Section 6 of General Order 77 (issued April 28): "that all soldiers in hospitals who require no further medical treatment be honorably discharged from service with immediate payment."

During the war, Warner wrote home to his sisters Mary and Abby and his brothers Hiram and Genoa.

Scope and Content Notes:

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Box 1:

1-1 Correspondence October 21, 1862 - February 24, 1863

October 21, 1862 Hyattsville, MD : Dear Sister
December 26, 1862 Camp Cornell, Hyattsville, MD: Dear sister
January 1863 Camp Cornell: Dear Cousin Mary
January 2, 1863 Camp Cornell, MD: Mrs. Bower
January 21, 1863 Camp Cornell: Dear brother (Genoa)
January 26, 1863 Camp Cornell: Dear sister Mary
February 12, 1863 Camp Cornell: Dear Brother (Genoa)
February 13, 1863 Camp Cornell: Mrs. Bower
February 24, 1863 Camp Cornell: Dear Sisters Abby and Mary (his b-day)

1-2 Correspondence April 6-7, 1863 - December 26, 1863

April 6,7 1863 Camp Cornell: (to his sisters)
May 27, 1863  Camp Cornell: Mrs. Bower
May 30-June 1, 1863  Camp Cornell: Dear remembered Sister (Mary)
June 17, 1863  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister Abby
August 13, 1863  Camp Cornell: Dear Brother (Hi)
August 29, 1863  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister Mary
October 22, 1863  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Mary)
November 8, 1863  Camp Cornell: Mary
December 10, 1863  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Mary)
December 26, 1863  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Abby)

1-3 Correspondence  February 7, 1864 - September 11, 1864
February 7, 1864  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Mary)
February 12, 1864  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister Mary
March 1, 1864  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister Mary
April 3, 1864  Camp Cornell: Dear Sister (Abby)
June 19, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. General Hospital, West Philadelphia, PA: Dear Sister Abby
August 6, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Brother Hi
August 19, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Brother Genoa
August 22, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: My Dear Sister Mary
September 2, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
September 11, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby

1-4 Correspondence October 9, 1864 - May 5, 1865
October 9, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sisters
November 27, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Mary
December 4, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Brother Hi
December 10, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
December 18, 1864  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Friend Mrs. Smith
January 3, 1865  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
March 24, 1865  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
March 31, 1865  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Abby
May 5, 1865  Satterlee U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital: Dear Sister Mary