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Provenance: Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum, 2000

Biography:

An unknown Civil War officer authored the diary. He was an aide-de-camp to General John E. Wool, and was stationed at Fort Monroe. He had a servant at camp by the name of Philip, and he wrote to his wife Maggie and other friends and relatives who lived in Troy, New York, where he had most likely enlisted. He also corresponded with his brother Fred Cross/Crop who resided in London, England.

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Box 1:

1-1 Diary, January 1 – September 29, 1862, 3x6”, 264 pages