Fulton, Edward A.

Edward A. Fulton collection
1860-1877
(bulk dates 1860-1863)

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Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 218
Creator: Fulton, Edward A.
Title: Edward A. Fulton collection
Inclusive Dates: 1860-1877
Bulk Dates: 1860-1863
Extent: .3 linear ft. (43 items)
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Edward A. Fulton served in the Union Army from 1861 to 1863.

After traveling through Europe, Fulton joined the 1st Delaware Volunteer Regiment. In 1861, the regiment traveled to Aberdeen, Maryland, where they were assigned to guard the railroad bridges over the Susquehanna River. In 1862, Fulton joined the 72nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Fulton's background in engineering and topography led to his assignment to travel around and become acquainted with the "Location of Batteries and the roads to and from Them" (Letter, May 1, 1862). Fulton subsequently became responsible for guiding reinforcement troops to the batteries in need of support.

In 1862, Fulton was injured and spent the following six months in a military hospital in Sharpsburg, Maryland. After recuperating from injuries which nearly cost him his leg, Fulton was discharged on a Surgeon's Certificate on May 1, 1863. Fulton's mother Mary and sisters Sarah and Anna were residents of Wilmington, Delaware, during Fulton's period of service. The location of Fulton's other sister, Sade Fulton Wright, is not known.

Sources:
Biographical information derived from the collection.
Scope and Content Note

This collection of correspondence consists of thirty-nine letters written primarily between 1860 and 1863. The majority of the letters were written by Edward A. Fulton to his mother, Mary Fulton, of Wilmington, Delaware, during the Civil War.

This correspondence began in 1860 when Fulton was traveling through Europe. Later, in 1862, Fulton enlisted in the Union Army and joined the 72nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He wrote to his mother from various camps in Virginia, describing battles fought near Harper's Ferry and Winchester. Also included are letters Fulton wrote in 1862 and 1863, when he spent over six months in a military hospital in Sharpsburg, Maryland, after injuring and almost losing his leg. In addition to Edward Fulton's letters to his mother, the collection also includes letters to Edward from his sisters, Anna Fulton and Sarah Fulton, with two with poems by Sarah. Several letters from the 1870s were written by Sade Fulton Wright to her mother, Mary Fulton. The collection contains a few incidental items, such as a poem written after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and two certificates from the Improved Order of Red Men, Wilmington, Delaware.
Selected Search Terms

**Personal Names**

Fulton, Edward A.--Correspondence.

Fulton, Anna--Correspondence.

Fulton, Mary--Correspondence.

Fulton, Sarah--Correspondence.

Wright, Sade--Correspondence.

**Corporate Names**

United States. Army. Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 72nd (1861-1865)

United States. Army. Delaware Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)

**Topical Terms**

Harpers Ferry, Battle of, Harpers Ferry, W. Va., 1862.

Kernstown, 1st Battle of, Winchester, Va., 1862.

Soldiers--Correspondence.

**Geographic Names**

Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Sources.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Sources.

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Sources.

West Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Sources.

**Form/Genre Terms**

Letters (correspondence)

**Occupation**

Soldiers.

**Personal Contributors**
Fulton, Anna, correspondent.

Fulton, Mary, correspondent.

Fulton, Sarah, correspondent.

Wright, Sade, correspondent.

**Related Materials in This Repository**

MSS 219 David N. Lilley letters

MSS 295 Thomas M. Reynolds letters to Louisa J. Seward
Arrangement

Letters are arranged in chronological order.
Detailed Description of the Collection

Letter to Mary Fulton, [1860] February 27 [Box 1 F1]
3 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Washington, D.C. Fulton describes President Buchanan's dedication to the statue of Washington. Written on stationery with a "View of Washington City."

Letter to Mary Fulton, [1860] August 29 [Box 1 F1]
2 p.
Autograph letter signed. From Paris, France.

Letter to Mary Fulton, 1860 September 4 [Box 1 F1]
2 p.
Autograph letter signed. From Le Locle, Canton de Neuchatel, Switzerland.

Letter to Mary Fulton, 1860 September 9 [Box 1 F1]
3 p.
Autograph letter signed. From Switzerland.

Letter to Mary Fulton, 1860 September 16 [Box 1 F1]
2 p.
Autograph letter. From Genoa, Italy.

Letter to Mary Fulton, 1861 January 1 [Box 1 F2]
2 p.
Autograph letter signed. From London.

Letter to Mr. Alfred Walton from John Steptoe, 1861 November 5 [Box 1 F2]
4 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Camp Observation. John Steptoe is the cousin of Edward Fulton.

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Letter to Mary Fulton, 1862 January 14 [Box 1 F3]

4 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Camp Observation. Fulton describes the practice drills with his regiment. Envelope has Adamstown postmark.

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Letter to Mary Fulton, 1862 February 6 [Box 1 F3]

3 p.

Autograph letter signed. From Camp Observation. Fulton says they are "waiting for the roads to get hard enough for artillery to make an advance."

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Letter to Mary Fulton, [1862 February] [Box 1 F3]

3 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Camp in the Woods. Describes the advance toward Winchester, "the Key of Manassas." Envelope has Adamstown postmark.

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Letter to Mary Fulton, 1862 February 22 [Box 1 F3]

4 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Camp Observation. As his regiment approaches Virginia, Fulton feels the war will end "in the course of a week."

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Letter to Mary Fulton, 1862 February 23 [Box 1 F4]

4 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Camp Observation. Envelope has Adamstown postmark.

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Letter to Mr. Alfred Walton, 1862 February 28 [Box 1 F4]

3 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Describes the preparation to "take Winchester."

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Letter to Mary Fulton, 1862 March 9 [Box 1 F4]
4 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter. From 12 miles from Winchester, Virginia. Camp in the Woods. Envelope has Adamstown postmark.

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Letter to Mary Fulton, 1862 March 15 [Box 1 F4]
4 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Describes the retreat of the enemy at Winchester.

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Letter to Mary Fulton, 1862 March 23 [Box 1 F5]
3 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Washington, D.C.

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Letter to Mr. Alfred Walton, 1862 May 1 [Box 1 F5]
3 p.

Autograph letter signed. From Camp Winfield Scott near Yorktown. Describes the fighting and lack of food at the camp. Fulton also mentions that because of his background in engineering and topography, he has been assigned to "travel around and become acquainted with the Location of Batteries and the roads to and from Them." Fulton was responsible for guiding support troops to the batteries.

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Letter to Mary Fulton, 1862 May 9 [Box 1 F5]
3 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From 35 miles from Richmond. Camp near West Point. Describes the "taking of Yorktown."

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Letter to Mary Fulton, [1862] June 1 [Box 1 F5]
2 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Camp Aberdeen, Hartford [sic] County, Maryland.
Letter to "Cousin" from Mary R. Chandlee, 1862 June 1 [Box 1 F6]
2 p.
Autograph letter signed. From Brick M. House.

Letter to Mary Fulton, [1862] October 4 [Box 1 F6]
2 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Near Sharpsburg, Maryland, Stone House Hospital. Fulton describes his injuries and near amputation of his leg.

Letter from Sarah Fulton, 1862 October 14 [Box 1 F6]
2 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware.

Letter from Sarah Fulton, 1862 October 18 [Box 1 F6]
3 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware.

Letter from Sarah Fulton, 1862 December 11-12 [Box 1 F7]
4 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware.

Letter from Sarah Fulton, 1862 December 18 [Box 1 F7]
3 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware. Includes a poem, "George Washington An Acrostic."

Letter from Anna Fulton, 1862 December 23 [Box 1 F7]
4 p.
Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware.

Letter to "Brotherlaw Sir" from John Rudolph. [1862] December 28 [Box 1 F7]
4 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From U.S. Steamer Keystone State off Charleston, South Carolina.

Letter to Thomas from John Rudolph, [1863] "the 26th" [Box 1 F8]
4 p.
Autograph letter signed. From U.S. Steamer Keystone off Wilmington [North Carolina].

Letter from Sarah Fulton, 1863 February 12 [Box 1 F8]
5 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware. Includes a poem, "After the Battle."

Letter to Mary Fulton, 1863 February 26 [Box 1 F8]
3 p.
Autograph letter signed. From Near Sharpsburg, Maryland. "Antietam Genl. Hospital." Fulton discusses his slow recovery and the continued operations on his leg.

Letter from Sarah Fulton, 1863 March 3 [Box 1 F8]
3 p.; with envelope
Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware. Sarah mentions that she has attended a temperance meeting; "... its object is ... to put an end to ... low places that disgrace Delaware so much."

Letter from Sarah Fulton, 1863 March 20 [Box 1 F9]
2 p.
Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware. Sarah mentions the deadly outbreak of smallpox in Wilmington.
Letter to Mary Fulton, 1863 March 24 [Box 1 F9]

6 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From "Antietam Genl. Hospital." Fulton discusses his trouble getting a discharge from Washington.

Letter from Sarah Fulton, 1863 April 4-5 [Box 1 F9]

4 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed. From Wilmington, Delaware. Sarah mentions Cannon, the new governor, and the 4th Delaware Regiment that is still in Yorktown.

Letter to Mary Fulton from Sade Wright, 1874 July 5 [Box 1 F10]

4 p.; with envelope

Autograph letter signed.

Letter to Mary Fulton from Sade Wright, 1874 July 13 [Box 1 F10]

4 p.

Autograph letter signed.

Letter from John B. Blake, 1877 April 30 [Box 1 F10]

2 p.


Letter to Mary Fulton from Sade Wright and George Wright, "Thursday" [Box 1 F11]

2 p.

Autograph letter signed.
Letter to Mary Fulton from Sade Wright, "Thursday eve." [Box 1 F11]

4 p.
Autograph letter signed. Includes a short note to Grandmother from Joseph F. Wright.

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Envelope from Sarah Fulton, 4 November [Box 1 F12]

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"Now Gone From Us" (poem), after 1865 April [Box 1 F12]

2 p.
Autograph manuscript signed. Poem about the death of Abraham Lincoln.

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Two certificates from the Improved Order of Red Men, Wilmington, Delaware, undated [Box 1 F12]

2 p.
Made out to James J. Wright.

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