

Knapp Family Correspondence, 1859-1883

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Biographical

Born in Pierrepont, New York, in 1839, Orlando Knapp moved to Indiana, sometime around 1859, where he met and married Armina Cordelia Edmonds. They had two children before she died in 1862. At this point Orlando enlisted in the 12th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. While away from home he wrote to his sister, Charlotte, who lived in Pierrepont. After the war Orlando became a traveling salesman, working in Indiana, New Hampshire eventually settling in Howard City, Michigan. In the mid 1870's he ran a grocery store with his son James. He died in Howard City in 1917.

Charlotte Knapp was born in Westport, New York, in 1831. Charlotte, her two older siblings, and their parents moved to Pierrepont, New York, in 1832 or 1834. She married Thomas Edmonds, of Angola Indiana, Charlotte and her husband returned to Pierrepont where she gave birth to four children. In 1862 her husband enlisted in the 12th Indiana Volunteers with her brother Orlando. In 1863 Charlotte lost all of her children to diphtheria. During the war she corresponded often with her brother Orlando, and also with Thomas until he died. In 1870 she married again, this time to a farmer named Richard Bell. They had two children while she was in her early forties. Then in 1875 she died and was buried in a cemetery west of Pierrepont.

Scope & Content

Collection consists of 93 letters, 51 envelopes, 4 photographs, 3 postcards. Many letters are from Orlando Knapp to his sister Charlotte, and also some are from him to his parents. There are some from Thomas Edmonds, and Mary Olmsted to Charlotte.

Provenance

Purchased from Mr. & Mrs. Ira Bullis, Canton NY in 2000.

Notes

- All transcriptions by Janet M. Bullis and James D. Carl. Transcripts contain annotations [in brackets] that may help the reader put information in the letters in context. For more information, see St. Lawrence County Historical Association *Quarterly* article, Summer 1996, contained in the collection, or a longer research paper *Letters to Charlotte: The Civil War Correspondence of Orlando James Knapp*, By Janet Bullis and James Carl
- Dates between asterisks (*) indicate transcript only—no original letter is included

Box & Folder listing

Box 1. *The St. Lawrence County Historical Association Quarterly.* Letters to Charlotte: The Civil War Correspondent of Orlando James Knapp. Volume XLI – Number 3 – Summer, 1996r

Letters from 1859-1862. (5)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>From</i>
April 3, 1859	--	Parents	Orlando
1862			
August 25	--	William Knapp	Charlotte
September 25	Indianapolis, IN	Charlotte	Orlando
November 11	Colton, NY	Charlotte	Lattie Knapp
December 2	Chulahoma, MS	Charlotte	Orlando & Thomas

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>From</i>
1863.			
April 17, 1863	Duane, ?	Charlotte	Mary Olmsted
April 20, 1863	Fort Loumis, TN	Charlotte	Orlando & Thomas
June 14, 1863	Gaines Bluff	Charlotte	Orlando
July 4, 1863	Angola, Indiana	Charlotte	Mary Jane Fuller
July 4, 1863	Oak Ridge, Miss.	Charlotte	Orlando & Thomas
July 31, 1863	Messengers Ferry, MS.	Charlotte	Orlando
September 2, 1863	Messengers Ferry, MS.	Charlotte	Orlando & Thomas
September 7, 1863	Messengers Ferry, MS	Charlotte	Orlando & Thomas
No date. (Sept.1863?)		Charlotte	Orlando & Thomas
October 28, 1863	Eastport, MS.	Charlotte	Orlando
November 16, 1863	Bridgeport, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
December 5, 1863	Bridgeport, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
December 22, 1863	Bridgeport, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
December 27, 1863	Adams Hospital. Memphis, TN	Charlotte	Thomas
1864			
January 2, 1864	Oregon	Charlotte	Ann Edmonds
January 16, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
January 28, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
January 30, 1864	Adams Hosp., Memphis, TN	Charlotte	Thomas
February 21, 1864	Duane, ?	Charlotte	Mary Olmsted
March 4, 1864	Adams General Hosp., Memphis, TN		Charlotte Thomas
March 5, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
March 13, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
March 23, 1864	Somewhere in VA	Charlotte	Orlando
April 16, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
April 20, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte, Father, Mother	Orlando
April 23, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte	Orlando
April 25, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte	M.D. Gage
April 28, 1864	Scottsboro, AL	Charlotte	M.D. Gage
May 20, 1864	Kingston, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
June 3, 1864	Dallas, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
June 10, 1864	?	Charlotte	Aikins Foster
June 20, 1864		Charlotte	Unknown
June 26, 1864	Duane	Charlotte	Mary Olmsted
July 8, 1864	Oregon	Charlotte.	Ann Edmonds
July 10, 1864	Camp in GA	Charlotte	Orlando
July 17, 1864	Duane	Charlotte	Mary Olmsted
July 24, 1864	Atlanta, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
July 30, 1864	Atlanta, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
August 7, 1864	Atlanta, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
August 13, 1864	Atlanta, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
August 18, 1864	Angola, IN	???	Celia Fuller
August 23, 1864	Atlanta, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
September 1, 1864	Duane, ?	Charlotte	Mary Olmsted
September 1, 1864	Camp in GA	Charlotte	Orlando
September 17, 1864	Eastpoint, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
September 21, 1864	Eastpoint, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
September 25, 1864	Duane, ?	Charlotte	Mary Olmsted
October 2, 1864	Eastpoint, GA	Charlotte	Orlando

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>From</i>
October 13, 1864	Rome, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
October 23, 1864	Chattanooga, TN	Charlotte	Orlando
October 30, 1864	Chattanooga, TN	Charlotte	Orlando
November 4, 1864	Somewhere in GA	Charlotte	Orlando
November 8, 1864	Somewhere in GA	Father & Mother	Orlando
November 9, 1864	Somewhere in GA	Charlotte	Orlando
November 11, 1864	Somewhere in GA	Charlotte	Orlando
December 19, 1864	Camp near Savannah, GA	Charlotte	Orlando

1865

January 1, 1865	Savannah, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
January 8, 1865	Savannah, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
January 22, 1865	Savannah City, GA	Charlotte	Orlando
January 30, 1865	Bear Fort, SC	Charlotte	Orlando
February 12, 1865	Bear Fort, SC	Charlotte	Orlando
February 17, 1865	Bear Fort, SC	Charlotte	Orlando
February 20, 1865	Bear Fort, SC	Charlotte	Orlando
March 5, 1865	Bear Fort, SC	Charlotte	Orlando
March 19, 1865	Bear Fort, SC	Charlotte	Orlando
April 10, 1865	New Berne, NC	Charlotte	Orlando
April 18, 1865	New Berne, NC	Charlotte	Orlando
April 22, 1865	New Berne, NC	Charlotte	Orlando
May 1, 1865	New Berne, NC	Charlotte	Orlando
May 5, 1865	Alexandria, VA	Charlotte	Orlando
May 15, 1865	Alexandria, VA	Charlotte	Orlando
May 22, 1865	Alexandria, VA	Father	Orlando
May 22, 1865	Washington, DC	Charlotte	Orlando
May 29, 1865	Washington, D.C.	Charlotte	Orlando
June 9, 1865		Charlotte	Joseph Barnett
	(Commissioner in Dept. of the Interior Pension Office)		
June 15, 1865	Indianapolis, IN	Charlotte	Orlando
June 23, 1865	Rome Station, IN	Father & Mother	Orlando

Post Civil War letters from 1866-1883. (16)

Probably 1866-1867		Father	Orlando
March 22, 1866	Malone, NY	Charlotte	Mary Olmsted
July 8, 1866	Watertown, NY	Lattie	Orlando
October 21, 1866	Rome, NY	Lattie	Orlando
July 21, 1867	Oil Mills, NH	Lattie	Orlando
August 4, 1867	Oil Mills, NH	Lattie	Orlando
August 25, 1867	Oil Mills, NH	Lattie	Orlando
Probably 1867		Lattie	Orlando
April 18, 1870	Stories, songs, and poems by Charlotte		
July 7, 24, 1870	Some sort of story by Charlotte		
December 25, 1870		Grandfather	???
July 9, 1871	Howard City, MI	Father & Mother	Orlando
April 19, 1875	Howard City, MI	Father & Mother	Orlando
April 27, 1876	Howard City, MI	Grandpa & Grandma	Nettie Knapp
September 18, 1876	Howard City, MI	Grandma	Nettie
March 18, 1883	Howard City, MI	Grandmother	Nettie

Photographs.

Charlotte Knapp Edmonds Bell

Charlotte Ellen Knapp Edmonds Bell (With 2 cent stamp on back)

Copy of a photo with Orlando, James, and Nettie Knapp in it

Copy of a photo of a young Orlando J. Knapp

Tintype of Charlotte Knapp

3 post cards titled Sheridan's Ride, depicting Civil War life

Envelopes (51)

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