

# Guide to the Charles Morgan Coit Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1497

**CREATOR:** Coit, Charles Morgan, 1838-1878

**TITLE:** Charles Morgan Coit papers

**DATES:** 1861-1870

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of photocopies of letters written by Charles Morgan Coit to his mother, sister, and brother George during the Civil War. Also included are photocopies of letters written by George Coit to his mother and sister and a photocopy of a letter by Mary Coit.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Received from Charles A. Coit, 1989.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Charles Morgan Coit was born on March 29, 1838. He was secretary-treasurer of the Chelsea Savings Bank of Norwich, Connecticut when he was mustered into the army on October 5, 1861. A member of the Eighth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, Coit served as adjutant, captain, and later brevet lieutenant colonel. He fought in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Petersburg. Coit was wounded at Fair Oaks on October 29, 1864 and was mustered out of service on May 27, 1865. Coit married Mary Hillard and had two sons, Charles and Augustus. He died by drowning on July 3, 1878 off the New London, Connecticut coast while attempting to save the life of his younger son.

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## Scope and Contents

The Charles Morgan Coit Papers consist of correspondence written by Charles Morgan Coit to his mother, brother, and sister. The letters span his military career as adjutant, captain, and brevet lieutenant colonel in the Eighth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry from the fall of 1861 to the spring of 1865.

The letters deal with the daily tribulations faced by Coit and his regiment and cover such topics as living accommodations and sanitary conditions in various camps, the price and availability of food and clothing, weather and travel conditions, social life, morale, discipline, and descriptions of the skirmishes.

The papers were the gift of Charles A. Coit in 1989.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1861 September 30 - December 30
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence	1862 January 1 - March 31
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence	1862 April 4 - June 29
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence	1862 July 1 - October 31
b. 1, f. 5	Correspondence	1862 November 9 - December 30
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence	1863 January 1 - April 26
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence	1863 May 2 - September 10
b. 1, f. 8	Correspondence	1864 March 1 - June 24, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Correspondence	1864 July 3 - December 31
b. 1, f. 10	Correspondence	1865 January - Feb, May [Jun]
b. 1, f. 11	Correspondence of George Coit	1863 March 6 - March 18
b. 1, f. 12	Correspondence of Mary B. Coit	1870 August 5
b. 1, f. 13	Transcription of correspondence	1861 September 30 - December 30
b. 1, f. 14	Transcription of correspondence	1862 January 1 - June 29
b. 2, f. 15	Transcription of correspondence	1862 July 1 - December 30
b. 2, f. 16	Transcription of correspondence	1863 January 1 - September 10
b. 2, f. 17	Transcription of correspondence	1864 March 1 - October 29
b. 2, f. 18	Transcription of correspondence	1865 January - Feb, May - [Jun]
b. 2, f. 19	Transcription of correspondence of George Coit	1863 March 6

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Biographical material of Charles Morgan Coit

undated

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

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

### **Names**

Coit, Charles Morgan, 1838-1878