

C Chase, Charles Monroe (1829-1902), Papers, 1861
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INTRODUCTION

Letters, Civil War diary, and musical composition book of a band director from DeKalb County, IL. Chase enlisted in the 13th Illinois Regiment in July 1861 and was sent to Camp Rolla in Phelps County, MO. The diary describes camp life, the routine and practice that the band followed, military engagements, and Chase's opinions on the war. The letters to him were written by friends from Sycamore, IL.

DONOR INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles Monroe Chase was born in Lyndon, Vermont, in 1829 and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1853. After teaching music and studying law in Cincinnati, he moved to Sycamore, Illinois, in 1856. While in Sycamore he practiced law, served as a police magistrate, edited the Sycamore DeKalb County Sentinel, and became leader of a brass band.

On 2 July 1861 Chase enlisted in the Thirteenth Illinois Infantry with ten members of his band, and they stayed in Rolla, Missouri, until their discharge on 10 October 1861. In 1863 he joined the staff of the Sycamore True Republican & Sentinel as the Kansas riorrespondent. In 1865 Chase returned to his birthplace to establish the Vermont Union, which he edited until his death in 1902.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

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FOLDER LIST

f. 1-2	Letters to Chase from friends in Sycamore, Illinois, July-September 1861. The letters deal with the war, events in Sycamore, and related topics.
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f.3	Book of musical compositions written by C.M. Chase.
f. 4	Typed transcription of Chase's diary, written from 21 July 1861 to 13 October 1861. It was published as an article in the Missouri Historical Review, volume 55, no. 4, July 1961. Roll 1 Microfilm copy of original diary.

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