These are Civil War letters of Walter V. Reeder, 36th Illinois Infantry, written from Rolla in Phelps County, Missouri, 2 October—6 November 1861. The letters contain inquiries after family and friends, comments on the journey from Aurora, Illinois, and camp news from Rolla.

Walter V. Reeder was a resident of Aurora, Illinois. He enlisted in Company C, 36th Illinois Infantry in 1861, and, with his regiment, was sent to Rolla, Missouri. The regiment remained in Rolla until January 1862, when the Army of Southwest Missouri began the Pea Ridge campaign.

Additional letters by Walter V. Reeder, written from Rolla and Cassville, Missouri, and Pea Ridge and Salem, Arkansas, are in the collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison.