

Information Sheet

R Walker, Charles P., 1828-1874, editor.
649 *Daily Express* (Rolla, Mo.), 1861.
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This is Volume 1, No. 29 of the *Daily Express*, published 11 December 1861 at Rolla in Phelps County, Missouri. Charles P. Walker, editor of the weekly *Rolla Express*, published the daily sheet for the military market during the Civil War. It contains an address to Congress by President Lincoln, camp news, and official notices.

Charles P. Walker was a native of New Ipswich, New Hampshire. He moved the *Express* newspaper from Maries County to Rolla in 1860. Along with the weekly *Rolla Express*, Walker apparently began publishing his *Daily Express* in November 1861 when Rolla was the winter quarters of several thousand Union soldiers. The paper contained a mix of local news, camp gossip, and official notices. Among other items, the issue of 11 December 1861 carried a list of the casualties from the "battle" of Salem in Dent County on 3 December 1861. There is also a letter from Giles M. Goss of Brownsville, Indiana, advising relatives who may have been refugees at Rolla that they would be cared for in Indiana. Only one other issue of the *Daily Express* is known to be extant. The issue of 27 December 1861 is in the newspaper collection at the State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia. Publication of the *Daily Express* probably ceased in early 1862 when most of the troops left Rolla at the beginning of the Pea Ridge campaign.

Walker continued to publish the *Rolla Express* until May 1863, when he became a county official and major of the Enrolled Missouri Militia. Under different owners and publishers, the *Express* was revived in 1865 and continued sporadically into 1875. Charles P. Walker died on 4 March 1874 of pneumonia. He is buried in the Rolla Cemetery.

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