



## Charles W. Rubey Papers (R0200)

**Collection Number:** R0200

**Collection Title:** Charles W. Rubey Papers

**Dates:** 1857-1914

**Creator:** Rubey, Charles W.

**Abstract:** The Charles W. Rubey Papers contain the personal, business, and military papers of Charles W. Rubey, a businessman and militia officer from Lebanon, Missouri. Included are personal, family, and business papers, and records from militia organizations raised in Laclede County during the Civil War. The military records include correspondence, orders, equipment, and ordinance returns, certificates of enrollment and exemption, and muster rolls.

**Collection Size:** 0.25 cubic foot  
(15 folders, 2 rolls of microfilm)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Charles W. Rubey Papers can be found in the following collections:

*Draper-McClurg Family Papers (C3069)*

*Lizzie C. Gilmore Correspondence (R0346)*

*Grand Army of the Republic. George G. Meade Post No. 48 Records (R0081)*

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**Historical Note:**

Charles W. Rubey was born in Cooper County, Missouri, in 1836. He was raised and educated in St. Louis, Missouri, where he married Mary J. Nesbitt in 1858. He was engaged in the grocery and general merchandise trade there until 1860, when he moved to Lebanon, Missouri. Mary Nesbitt Rubey died at Lebanon in 1863.

Charles Rubey had an active career during the Civil War. He served, first as a courier for the United States Army, and then entered the 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia (EMM) as a captain in 1862. He served as captain of the Company B of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, captain of Company L of the 6<sup>th</sup> Provisional Regiment, and captain of Company L of the 16<sup>th</sup> Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. Special assignments included appointments as Commissary of Exemptions for Laclede County, 1863-1864, and as an aide to General John B. Sanborn at his headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. Rubey was injured when his horse fell on him during the pursuit of Sterling Price's Confederate forces in 1864 and was later wounded at Newtonia, Missouri.

Rubey married Elizabeth L. Duval of Macon City, Missouri, in 1865. After mustering out of service in July 1865, he continued his mercantile business in Lebanon, Missouri, which he had operated with former fellow officer Josiah Ivey during his last year and a half of the war. Rubey later engaged in livestock and real estate trading. He was clerk of the circuit court and recorder of the Laclede County in the 1870s and 1880s. He was member of the Masonic Lodge, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. He died in Lebanon, Missouri, in 1914.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Personal Papers  
Military Papers  
Correspondence

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Personal Papers**

This series consists of the personal papers of Charles W. Rubey. These materials include personal and business correspondence, business records, and papers related to his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. The series is organized by subject.

## Military Papers

This series contains the papers of Charles W. Rubey related to his military career during the Civil War. These materials include correspondence, military orders, receipts, and muster rolls. Folders 7-8 and 11-13 have indexes included. Folder 14 contains the muster rolls for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia, the 6<sup>th</sup> Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia, and the Laclede County militia which was raised under the Missouri Ordinance of 1865.

## Correspondence

This series contains a letter from Charles Rubey to his wife, Bettie, dated October 3, 1866. Folder 15 contains the original document and is not on microfilm.

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