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R Self, Jesse N., 1838-1863.
304 Letters, 1860-1863.
One folder, photocopies.

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Jesse N. Self was born on 1 December 1838 in Washington County, Missouri. He was the grandson of Fountain and Sarah (Williams) Self, both of whom were residents of New Madrid in 1812. Jesse's father, Lemuel Self, was born in New Madrid and lived there until 1828, when he located in Washington County. He married Sarah Eaton in 1836. He relocated again in 1840, moving his family to Cherry Valley, now known as Cherryville, southeast of Steelville.

Jesse N. Self grew up in Crawford County, but by 1860 he was a schoolteacher in Irondale in Washington County. He enlisted in the Union army during the Civil War. He served initially with Phelps's Regiment Missouri Infantry, a six-month unit, and then enlisted in Co. F, 32nd Missouri Infantry. Company F was one of four companies in the 32nd which were raised in Crawford County in the fall of 1862. The men elected Self as captain. The 32nd completed its organization at Benton Barracks in St. Louis before being assigned to Union forces operating against Vicksburg. Capt. Self fell sick soon after leaving Missouri, and was never again well. He died on 25 February 1863 of erysipelas, a streptococcal disease, at the officer's hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Self collection includes two ante-bellum letters written from Irondale, Missouri, and twelve written during Civil War service. The last letter, by Assistant Surgeon William Grinstead, announces Self's death in Memphis. The letters include comments on crops and local events at Irondale, camp life at Rolla during the winter of 1861-1862, and the organization of the 32nd Missouri at Benton Barracks and its voyage down river toward Vicksburg aboard the steamer *Sucker State* in late 1862 and early 1863.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
7 June 1860	Jesse N. Self, Irondale. Mo.	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
13 July 1860	Jesse N. Self, Irondale, Mo.	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
9 October 1861	Jesse N. Self, Camp Rolla, Mo.	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
18 November 1861	Jesse N. Self, Camp Rolla, Mo.	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
2 January 1862	Jesse N. Self, Camp Rolla, Mo.	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
17 January 1862	Jesse N. Self, Camp Rolla, Mo.	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.

31 October 1862	Jesse N. Self, Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
13 November 1862	Jesse N. Self, Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.	Self family, Cherry Valley, Mo.
25 November 1862	Jesse N. Self, Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.	William Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
2 December 1862	Jesse N. Self, Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.	William Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
15 December 1862	Jesse N. Self, Benton Barracks,	Self family, Cherry Valley, Mo.
19 December 1862	Jesse N. Self, on board the steamer <i>Sucker State</i>	Self family, Cherry Valley, Mo.
21 January 1863	Jesse N. Self, on board the steamer <i>Sucker State</i>	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.
26 February 1863	William Grinstead, Memphis, Tenn.	Lemuel Self, Cherry Valley, Mo.

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