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Alfred Perkins Rockwell Letter, 1865

Summary:

Title: Alfred Perkins Rockwell Letter

Span Dates: 1865

Creator: Alfred Perkins Rockwell

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 1977/11.0205

Date Completed: August, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 1 letter

Donor: Purchased by MU

Search Terms:

Letters

Wheeling, WV

Alfred Perkins Rockwell

Civil War

Coal Towns

Biographical Notes:

Alfred Perkins Rockwell graduated from Yale in 1858 after studying chemistry at the Sheffield Scientific School. During the Civil War, he served as a Captain in the 1st Connecticut Light Battery. Later in life, he served as President of the Eastern Railroad Co., after which he became treasurer of the Great Falls (N.H.) Manufacturing Co. Alfred married Katherine Virginia Foote (1839-1902) on June 20, 1865.

The above information was taken from the finding aid for the Rockwell Family Papers at the Connecticut Historical Society and Museum:

https://chs.org/finding_aides/finding_aids/Rockwell_family.html

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of only one letter. In it, Rockwell discusses Wheeling, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh and coal towns more generally. The letter is addressed to future wife Kate and describes Wheeling, West Virginia, as 'dingy, dirty, smoky and busy.' He discusses his travel plans and search for a place to establish a home.

Processing Notes:

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