

Webber's most remarkable contribution to McAllister's collecting effort was a small group of letters written by Confederate prisoners of war. In his letter of December 3, Webber mentioned, "I have a collection of Southern prisoners letters written to their friends from Camp Morton – how would you like a few of them?" He wrote again on December 31, "I enclose [for] you [a] collection of Autographs etc. The letters in the small envelope were from Rebel prisoners." The letters, which were written by prisoners in 1862 and 1863, quite clearly never made it to their intended recipients, and are now filed in Series III with other Confederate material. Webber's letters to John A. McAllister are in McAllister's papers (McA MSS 001).

Series I, Papers of Individuals (1854-1867) holds five groups of material related to the experiences of five Union men who functioned at various levels in the war: an army colonel, William Watts Hart Davis; a navy surgeon, James McClelland; a soldier, J. Ridgway Moore; an army general, Lovell Harrison Rousseau; and a Union spy, Richard Wilcox. The first three groups consist of military correspondence and documents, Moore's papers are personal correspondence, and Wilcox's provide a straightforward narrative account.

William Watts Hart Davis Papers (1862-1864) has four folders of documents and letters. Davis (1820-1910) was a Doylestown native, a lawyer, and newspaper publisher, who served in two Pennsylvania regiments during the war. His second and most notable assignment was with the 104th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, a unit which he organized in September 1861. Davis was stationed at Gloucester Point, VA, and at Morris Island in Charleston Harbor, SC; the collection holds paperwork from both places. The material is arranged in four groups: Announcements to General Officers; Correspondence; Countersigns; and Telegrams and Passes.

The first folder contains nearly twenty orders sent to Davis, most of which regard troop movements, and many of which are the orders of Brigadier General Alfred Howe Terry (1827-1890) signed by Adrian Terry as Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General. The second folder holds a dozen letters written to, or by Colonel Davis, which discuss routine military concerns.

The third folder has nearly fifty countersign slips that were sent to Davis between 1862 and 1864. These papers record time-sensitive secret passwords that were issued by a commanding general, and were folded into a triangle, sealed, and delivered to Davis. The first group was issued at Yorktown and received by Davis at Gloucester Point across the York River; the second was both issued and delivered at Morris Island. A folder of Telegrams and Passes has a dozen military telegrams sent to Davis, again covering routine matters such as announcing vessels set to depart, personnel movements, and news of payroll, along with five passes allowing Davis to move through military checkpoints.

James McClelland Papers (1854-1867) is a single folder of documents related to his career as a naval surgeon. A Pittsburgh native, McClelland (1810-1877) was an 1837 graduate of Jefferson Medical College. He was appointed as assistant surgeon in the U.S. Navy in 1838, promoted to surgeon in 1853, and from July 1858, served on the frigate *Savannah*, the flagship for the Navy's