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Richard Wilcox's document is a four-page manuscript transcription of a published account of Wilcox's activity as a Union informant. Wilcox was a Northerner employed as a watchman at the Navy Yard in Pensacola, Florida. The Federal government had reinforced Fort Pickens, on Santa Rosa Island in Pensacola harbor, before Florida seceded from the Union and the Navy Yard went under the control of the Confederates. Wilcox spied for Adam Slemmer (1824-1868), commander Fort Pickens, and kept him informed of activities within the Navy Yard. When opportunities for communication were eventually cut off, Wilcox joined the Confederate army, marched to Norfolk, and made his escape north from there. This transcription may have been published in a Philadelphia newspaper, but the manuscript does not carry a citation. Further information on Wilcox can be found in Edwin Fishel's, *The Secret War for the Union* (1996).

<u>Series II, Miscellaneous Papers (1861-1868)</u> is largely a collection of unrelated letters and documents. The material is arranged in two subseries: Correspondence, and Documents. The Correspondence is divided into three parts: Military, Personal, and United States Navy.

Military correspondence is arranged in four sections: Department of Tennessee, Division of Kentucky, Philadelphia Home Front, and Miscellaneous Letters and Envelopes.

Department of Tennessee has a variety of disparate letters that were addressed to military administrators assigned to that state. Gen. George Stoneman wrote four of the letters, and two of those were addressed to Gen. Augustus L. Chetlain in Memphis. Stoneman ordered Chetlain to watch gambling establishments in both private and public places in the city, and arrest any officers found there. Two letters were sent to, and one sent from, Brevet Brig. Gen. James Lowry Donaldson, quartermaster in the Department who raised a regiment from his division's employees. Additional Tennessee material can be found in the folder of Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau's papers in Series I.

District of Kentucky has a group of eight unrelated letters pulled from office files in Louisville by Frederick Webber. Among the more notable are two letters from Indiana governor Oliver P. Morton asking for favors from Gen. William T. Sherman, and one from Gen. Jeremiah T. Boyle to the quartermaster's department in Louisville. Two letters were sent to Gen. Robert Anderson, one from Gen. William Nelson (then a lieutenant), and one, a letter of introduction, was sent from three men in Frankfort. In addition, there are four letters written to Capt. J. H. Ferry, assistant quartermaster in Louisville (1863), which concern the shipment of rations.

Philadelphia Home Front has nine minor letters and documents regarding wartime concerns in Philadelphia, such as a draft notice and a discharge notice, a letter asking for a donation for a new ambulance being purchased, a character endorsement, and a letter of introduction.

Among the **Miscellaneous Letters** is one written in August 1864 by Union brigadier general John Thomas Croxton to an unidentified general. Scribbled in pencil on two cropped pieces of