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## Guide to the William K. Applebaugh Papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	William K. Applebaugh Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0638
<b>Date:</b>	1857-1926
<b>Extent:</b>	0.3 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Source:</b>	Electricity and Modern Physics, Division of, NMAH, SI. Applebaugh, William K.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers document the life and career of William K. Applebaugh, and his activities as a telegrapher during the U.S. Civil War.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Division of Information, Technology and Society, National Museum of American History.

### Provenance

Found in collection by Division of Information, Technology and Society, Electricity and Modern Physics (now the division of Work and Industry) collections.

### Related Materials

#### **Materials at the Archives Center**

Western Union Telegraph Company Records (AC0205)

### Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH Staff, undated.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Telegrapher during the U.S. Civil War.

Sergeant in Co. F, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry on September 18, 1862, Applebaugh was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant of the 161st PA Regiment on October 29, 1862, then Sergeant Major of the 16th PA Cavalry on June 20, 1863. On January 6, 1864, he was assigned to the U.S. Military Telegraph Service by General Halleck, and while serving as "1st Engineer" at Headquarters of the Army of the James, Sergeant Major Applebaugh became familiar with all the new electrical equipment developed to improve field communications. Immediately following his discharge on May 27, 1865, he was employed by Western Union and gained rapid advancement in the telegraphy profession

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## Scope and Contents

Archival materials documenting the life and career of William K. Applebaugh, and his activities as a telegrapher during the U.S. Civil War.

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## Arrangement

The collection is divided into two series.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1846-1926

Series 2: Printed Materials, 1857-1874

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Communications
- Military telegraph
- Telegraphers
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Types of Materials:

- Clippings -- 1840-1940
- Letters (correspondence) -- 1850-1900
- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.

Names:

Electricity and Modern Physics, Division of, NMAH, SI.

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 1	February 21, 1861
Box 1, Folder 2	January 1, 1864
Box 1, Folder 3	undated
Box 1, Folder 4	circa 1864
Box 1, Folder 5	January 7, 1863
Box 1, Folder 6	January 6, 1864
Box 1, Folder 7	April 2, 1864
Box 1, Folder 8	September 29, 1864
Box 1, Folder 9	December 5, 1864 1
Box 1, Folder 10	Envelope, undated
Box 1, Folder 11	June 1, 1871
Box 1, Folder 12	Envelope, undated
Box 1, Folder 13	November 3, 1865
Box 1, Folder 14	October 31, 1865
Box 1, Folder 15	February 29, 1864
Box 1, Folder 16	April 2, 1865
Box 1, Folder 17	April 1, 1865
Box 1, Folder 18	March 31, 1865
Box 1, Folder 19	April 8, 1862
Box 1, Folder 20	April 1, 1865
Box 1, Folder 21	April 2, 1865
Box 1, Folder 22	April 1, 1865
Box 1, Folder 23	April 2, 1865

Box 1, Folder 24	April 28, 1865
Box 1, Folder 25	March 20, 1865
Box 1, Folder 26	May 30, 1865
Box 1, Folder 27	April 14, 1865
Box 1, Folder 28	circa 1890s
Box 1, Folder 29	May 27, 1865
Box 1, Folder 30	October 13, 1926
Box 1, Folder 31	April 3, 1865
Box 1, Folder 32	December 16, 1910
Box 1, Folder 33	<i>New York Tribune</i> cartoons on the telegraph , undated
Box 1, Folder 34	Cartoon/illustration first telegraph message from California , undated
Box 1, Folder 35	Telegraph poem and the Atlantic Telegraph A British Monopoly, January 1857 and October 23, 1858
Box 1, Folder 36	<i>Harper's Weekly</i> , What May Be Expected After the Great Eastern , July 14, 1860
Box 1, Folder 37	<i>The Mentor, Bonds Beneath the Sea: The Cables</i> , undated
Box 1, Folder 38	Poem about the Atlantic Cable , circa 1846
Box 1, Folder 39	<i>American Phrenological Journal</i> , The Ocean Telegraph , 1858-09 - 1858-09
Box 1, Folder 40	<i>American Phrenological Journal</i> , Edward Everett on the Cable , October 1858
Box 1, Folder 41	Poem, the First Message for the Atlantic telegraph , undated
Box 1, Folder 42	The Failure of the Atlantic Telegraph , undated
Box 1, Folder 43	Note from Cyrus W. Field , undated
Box 1, Folder 44	Article on Atlantic telegraph by Cyrus W. Field, October 1866
Box 1, Folder 45	Picture of Cyrus W. Field , undated
Box 1, Folder 47	Buoy showing the last known position of the Atlantic Cable , circa 1865
Box 1, Folder 46	Poem, A Coil of Rhymes About the cable , undated
Box 1, Folder 48	<i>New England Magazine</i> , Girdling the Globe with Submarine Cables , circa 1877

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## Series 2: Printed Materials

Box 2, Folder 1	<i>Harpers Weekly</i> , 1857 - 1858
Box 2, Folder 2	<i>Harpers Weekly</i> , 1865 - 1865, 1859 - 1860
Box 2, Folder 3	<i>Harpers Weekly</i> , 1873 - 1874, 1869 - 1869
Box 2, Folder 4	<i>Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper</i> , 1865 - 1865, 1857 - 1859, 1869 - 1869
Box 2, Folder 5	<i>Life Illustrated</i> , 1857 - 1857
Box 2, Folder 6	<i>London Illustrated News</i> , 1859 - 1859

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