Form of material and dates: Dated 1858-1864. Correspondence chiefly from brothers, William Waller Rouzie (1843-1863), and Richard Rouzie, fl. 1843-1879, to their sister, Susan M. Rouzie, fl. 1843-1864, all of Essex Co., Va. The letters fall into two groups, those from William Waller Rouzie while he was attending Ellington and Aberdeen academies in Virginia, 1858-1861; and those from both brothers while they were serving in the 55th Virginia Infantry Regiment of the Confederate Army, 1862-1864. Their contents detail life at the academies and in the military, including notes on various Civil War battles, and aspects of social life in Essex Co., especially William Waller Rouzie's courtship of his cousin, Susan Wright, fl. 1859-1864.

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11 [Nov.] 1858. William W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington [Academy, Hanover Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Attended Mr. Taylor's funeral; wants his father to order Roryn[?] and Robinson [slaves] to have his horse fat, as they won't do it on their own. ALS. 1 p.

25 Nov. 1858. William W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington Academy [Hanover Co., Va.], to "Mama" [Catherine A. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Informs her of the clothing he needs at school, including pantaloons, cravats, everyday shoes, and stocks; specifies the style of stocks that "are the go" up there; needs money; requests that his horse be fattened and "no knife put to his tail." ALS. 2 pp.

30 Nov. 1858. William W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington [Academy, Hanover Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Discusses lack of food and tobacco at school; needs money; Mr. Thomas is taking over the school after Christmas; asks his father to have his "colt fat by all means don't a negro put his leg across his back." ALS. 1 p.

18 Jan. 1859. William W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington Academy [Hanover Co., Va.], to "Papa" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Arrived at the Academy safely; having taken the mail train up; was accompanied by Robinson and Roryn[?] [slaves], the latter who has stayed with him. ALS. 1 p.

18 Feb. 1859. William W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington Academy, [Hanover Co., Va.], to "Father" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Brother Richard wrote that Betsy died, and now they must take Henry and Skidmore [slaves]; Richard also wrote about Miss Sue Wright and said it was perfectly natural for boys to be [?]athing the young ladies some time. ALS. 1 p.

[23 Feb. 1859]. William W[aller] Rouzie, [Ellington Academy, Hanover Co., Va.] to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Discusses "Cousin Henry" writing to him about "Cousin Sue," noting that he doesn't believe Henry can cut him out [from Cousin Sues affections]; he has parted his hair differently and looks like "a real dandy"; sent some valentines; feels the new horse will match "Pitter" better than his colt. ALS. 2 pp. Including ALS from William W[aller] Rouzie, [Ellington Academy, Hanover Co., Va.], to "Bob," n.p. 23 Feb. 1859, advising him that Betsy's death ought to be a warning and he should take God more seriously. 1 p.
14 March 1859. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington [Academy, Hanover Co., Va.], to "Sister," Susan M. Rouzie, [Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Doesn't think he can get home for Easter, and probably not even until August; wants summer clothes sent and something good to eat as he is "practically starved"; wants tobacco, too. ALS. 2 pp.

25 March 1859. William W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington [Academy, Hanover Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Really wants to come home at Easter if they will only send for him; asks that [food] and tobacco be sent. ALS. 1 p.

1 April 1859. William W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington [Academy], Hanover Co., Va., to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Sorry to hear Cousin Sue Wright is sick, but hopes to see her at Easter; wishes that family would write, as well as Robinson [a slave]; truly wishes to come home at Easter. ALS. 1 p.

14 April 1859. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington [Academy, Hanover Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. The roads are better; wishes someone would write; went to Ashland and heard Mr. Goggin speak; also seven or eight other "Politicians, Rats & Pigs." ALS. 1 p.

18 April 1859. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington Academy, Hanover Co., [Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Glad father is sending for him; he will be at Milford Depot Saturday after Good Friday; "Give my love to all at home white and black." ALS. 1 p.

10 May 1859. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Ellington Ac[adem]y, Hanover Co., [Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Relating how a Mr. Springfellow, his wife, his daughter, and a Mrs. Nelson were injured when their carriage was struck by a Central Cars train. ALS. 1 p.

21 May 1859. William [Waller] Rouzie, Ellington [Academy, Hanover Co., Va.], to "Sue" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Would be glad to have "Papa" bring his clothes; he will be careful crossing the railroad, as many people have been killed; asks that she try to keep Henry from courting Cousin Sue. ALS. 2 pp.

5 June 1859. William W[aller] Rouzie, [Ellington Academy, Hanover, Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Hopes that he can go with her and Cousin Sue Wright to the spa this summer; mentions difficulty in competing with Cousin Henry for Cousin Sue; has been reading, going to races, and circuses. ALS. 2 pp.


3 Nov 1859 [?]. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen Academy, [St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Hopes Jerry is not a worthless dog; wants him to learn to run opossum; discusses his lessons. ALS. 2 pp.
Sept. 1860. W[illiam]m W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen Academy, [St. Stephen's Church, Va.], to "Father" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Likes school well here; message to Mat to hurry [and get to school] or he may get shut out; could room with him, Butter and Bird. ALS. 1 p.

8 Oct. 1860. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen Academy, [St. Stephen's Church, Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Discusses time it takes to receive mail; likes the school and instructors; is reading Cicero's Orations, and is in the first mathematical class; will try to "acquire manly principles"; needs clothing and shoes; is "heels over head" in debt. ALS. 3 pp.

24 Oct. 1860. W[illiam]m W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen Academy, [St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Went to Braington and saw many lovely ladies; mentions John Gordon being a smart fellow; will go to St. Paul's next Sabbath since Dr. Wright is preaching; asks if Jerry's dog has learned how to kill "koons". ALS. 2pp.

14 December 1860. J. Calvin Purell, [Aberdeen Academy], St. Stephen's Church, [King and Queen Co.], Va., to John S. Rouzie, [Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. William has been studying Latin, French, Algebra, Geometry, and Composition; is having most trouble with Algebra, but his standing is creditable and his deportment and health are good. ALS. 1 p.


13 January 1861. W[illiam]m W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen Academy, St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va. to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Clay, Matt and himself are going to Shelba to meet Cousin Sue and Miss Till there; dyptheria going around; Capt. O.R. Fleet's little boy shot his right arm below the elbow; expects to be at war soon, as there is fighting in South Carolina. ALS. 2 pp.

24 January 1861. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen Academy, St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va., to Susan [M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Cousins Juliet, Satan, and N. Ware have told him [Cousin Sue] is as "mad with me as possible"; has written her to find out why; Matt and he went to Shelba and St. Paul's; the dyptheria has passed. ALS. 2 pp.
12 February [1861]. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen [Academy, St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Has been troubled in "spirits" due to a recent difficulty; wishes she and Cousin Sue would hurry their visit. ALS. 2 pp.

14 February [1861]. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen [Academy, St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va.], to "Pa" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Requests Arnold's Latin prose composition book; is studying Cicero, Virgil, and Bourdon's Algebra; Matt is sick with a sore throat.

22 February 1861. Sue [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.], to "Bro. Willie" [William Waller Rouzie, Aberdeen Academy, St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va.]. Discusses the anarchy and confusion of the times, the need for the South to stand for her rights and feels that [George] Washington would agree; discusses Valentines she received. ALS. 4 pp.

23 February [1861]. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen [Academy, St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va.], to "Father" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex, Co., Va.]. Would have liked permission to go to the theatre in Tappahannock; he and friend Berkley were reprimanded three times in church at Braington because they had supposedly disgraced themselves, but Council has cleared them. ALS. 2 pp.

3 May 1861. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Aberdeen [Academy, St. Stephen's Church, King and Queen Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. There are 27,000 Union troops at Washington [D.C.] expected to attack Alexandria, [Va.] where there are two companies from Carolina.

ALS. 1 p.


23 Sept. [1861]. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Fort Lowry [Lowry Point, Essex Co., Va.], to "Pa" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Furlough begins on Sunday; requests that his horse be sent by one of the negroes; expects to go to Middlesex with his colonel. ALS. 1 p.
1 January 1862. R.A. Cauthorn, Tappahannock, [Va.], to William W[aller] Rouzie, Tappahannock, [Va.]. Receipts for clothing goods, knife, pepper, and general merchandise. 1 p. ADS.

19 February 1862. Richard Rouzie, "In Camp", to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. William and Davy have just arrived; has applied to Col. Mallory for the post of ordnance Sergeant of the [55th Va.] regiment, and will wait to apply for furlough until hearing from him; am sending 35 dollars home with Doug. 1 p. ALS.

28 March [1862]. William W[aller] Rouzie, Fort Lowry, Lowry Point, [Essex Co., Va.] to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Expects to be ordered to go somewhere between Port Royale and Fredricksburg; requests that she check on his horse and sends money and a colored shirt. 1 p. ALS.


14 August 1862. William W[aller] Rouzie, Near Orange Court House, [Orange Co., Va.] to "Pa" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Has just been through a battle [Cedar Mountain?]; "Bro" Dick is sick at hospital in Lovingston, 30 miles above Charlottesville, but is doing fairly well. 1 p. ALS.

8 Sept. 1862. William W[aller] Rouzie, Camp near Fredricktown [Frederick?], Maryland, to "Mother" [Catherine A. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Is near Washington and Baltimore; doesn't know where Stonewall will jump "just like a Negro, you never know [where] he is about until he walks in the backdoor with his hat off"; has been in battles of Cedar River, Coon's Ford, Manassas, and Bull Run, but not injured; Dick Dunn and John Clarkson were killed; A.J. Dereaux and Albert Moore wounded. 1 p. ALS.

[ca. 8 Sept. 1862]. William W[aller] Rouzie, Camp near Fredricktown [Frederick], Maryland, to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Since the 28th of July have not pitched a tent or had more than a 24 hours rest; have been in four pitched battles; describes and comments on 2nd Battle of Bull Run, Aug. 30th; [the "Yankees"] seem to be rolling their forces around Washington and Alexandria; under the most unmerciful shelling on the 24th; Clarkson and Dick Dunn were killed, Arthur Dereaux wounded; recently have had several skirmishes and one pitched battle. 3 pp. ALS.
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19 Sept. 1862. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, near Shepard's Town, Maryland, to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Has been in Maryland twice lately and expects to go in a week; "Bro" Dick is now on his way to the Regiment; took 13,500 men at Harper's Ferry last Monday morning. 1 p. ALS.

22 Sept. 1862. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, Camp near Martinsburgh[sic], Va. [W. Va.], to "Father" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Is safe but has been in every "fight, skirmish and shelling" since Richmond; marched 223 miles in 8 days and fought 6 pitched battles; praises Jackson; took 13,500 prisoners and eighty pieces of cannon at Harper's Ferry; "Bro" Dick is now well. 2 pp. ALS.

23 Sept. 1862. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, Camp near Martinsburgh[sic], Va. [W. Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. "Bro" Dick well; expresses desire to come home; mention of Mr. Saunders and his "courting". 2 pp. ALS.

23 Sept. 1862. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, Camp Branch near Martinsburgh[sic], [Berkeley Co.], Va. [W. Va.], to "Mother" [Catherine A. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Is near Martinsburg; next week will be in Maryland or Richmond; "Bro" Dick and himself are both well. 1 p. ALS.

30 Sept. 1862. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, between Martinsburgh[sic] [Berkeley Co.], Va. [W. Va.] and Winchester [Frederick Co., Va.] on turnpike, to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Himself, "Bro" Dick, Cousin John, Dick McDonald, and Leonard Mundis are all well; has been in a skirmish. 1 p. ALS.

[Sept. 1862]. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, Berkeley County, Va., to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Has been promoted to the Second Sergeant of the company for good conduct in the battles in Northern Virginia and Maryland; hopefully the 55th will winter in Essex. 2 pp. ALS.

24 Oct. [1862]. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, Camp near Winchester, [Frederick Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Haven't received letters for long time; have now finished Western Virginia and burned the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; expects to be in Essex in less than a month; asks that mother have a suit of cloth woven by the time he gets home. 1 p. ALS.

12 Nov. 1862. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, Camp near Winchester, [Frederick Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Talk that the regiment might winter in Essex; in need of socks, shirts, drawers and neckties; himself not lacking clothes because has helped himself to socks, shirts and drawers [from dead Yankees] at Shepardstown and Harper's Ferry; he was afraid to take pants or a coat for fear of getting shot as a Yankee; "Bro" Dick and he hope to get a furlough. 4 pp. ALS.
21 Nov. 1862. W[illia]m W[aller] Rouzie, Camp near Winchester, [Frederick Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Now under marching orders, but doesn't know destination; the "Yankees" are holding Fredricksburg, [Va.] again, and expresses fear for Essex Co.; however, is confident [Gen. Robert E.] Lee has a plan; inquires about family, Cousin Sue, and the Negroes, stating that he will bring them all presents; Col. M[urray] told him he would try to get him a furlough this winter; send flannel shirts to "Bro Dick." 1 p. ALS.
21 January 1863. William W[aller] Rouzie, Headquarters 55th Virginia Regiment, to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Patrick McGee has been court martialed for substituting for a man in the fortieth Virginia Volunteer, deserting and trying to substitute for another man in the forty-seventh; is being executed today; heard 7,000 Confederate soldiers under General T.H. Holmes in Arkansas made an unconditional surrender; camp rumors about a fight up here soon; asks that papa have some boots made, as shoes are very scarce. ALS 2 pp.


1 March 1863. William W[aller] Rouzie, Camp Greg [near Orange Court House, Orange Co., Va.], to "Mother" [Catherine A. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Doesn't understand why she didn't send lard and fruit with Fred Powers' wagon; asks that she please send them as that all they have to eat is mess pork, flour, and salts. ALS 2 pp.

12 March 1863. Richard Rouzie, Jr., Camp [Greg], near Orange Court House, Orange Co., Va., to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Arrived safely, and tells that his excuse was sufficient to prevent a court martial; enemy is paroling many of our men, who are then receiving thirty day furloughs; these include Arthur Allen, R.H. Banks, Dr. Bougham, and Benell Berkley from Essex Co.; mention of Adj[ant]t Williams and rumors of his "playing games with equal zeal" in regard to Cousin Sue; message to tell Sue to write the secret she wanted him to know; some think the 9th cavalry "have the country by the nose" [are getting all the social attention], but knows all are very kind to the infantry also. ALS 4 pp.

16 March 1863. William W[aller] Rouzie, Camp Greg [near Orange Court House, Orange Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. "Bro" Dick and himself are well; take the 3 dollars lent by her and the 18 dollars Pa lent him out of the 35 dollars Dick is sending, as he has loaned him the money now; has heard Gen[eral] Fitz[ugh] Lee's cavalry was captured; there is heavy firing over the river today. ALS 1 p.

28 March 1863. Richard Rouzie, Jr., Head[quarters] 55th V[irginia] Reg[iment], [Greg Camp, near Orange Court House, Orange Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Was sorry to hear that the yanks gave Pa a hard time on the way home, but at least he wasn't captured; the firing heard on Friday was a salutation in honor of U.S. Grant's arrival to take command of the Army of the Potomac, and states that he will never take Richmond; will soon have a grand tournament in Wilcox's Division with 500 competitors in the ring and even a clown from the 7th Tenn[essee] Reg[iment]; tell the girls in Essex they are welcome but the 9th Cavalry is not; Rev. Ino Clinanbery[?] is to preach to the brig[ade]; thinks the Adj[utant] [Williams] has given up on Cousin Sue. ALS 2 pp.

5 April 1863. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Camp Greg[Near Orange Court House, Orange Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. "Aolaide" is going to court Cousin Sue; send breeches with Coleman; "Bro" Dick has been appointed Commissary Sergeant. ALS 1p.

11 April 1863. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Camp Greg [Near Orange Court House, Orange Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Discusses need for shoes, especially on picket duty, and his desire to save one pair for after the war; wishes he had seen Cousin Sue and fears Mr. Bo[wie] will cut him out; Lucie's colt must be named Banner; "Bro" Dick is now Commissary Sergeant. ALS 3 pp.

19 Apr[i]l 1863. W[illiam] W[aller] Rouzie, Camp Greg [near Orange Court House, Orange Co., Va.], to "Susan" [M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Is sorry Mr. Bowie is making such headway [with Cousin Sue]; has been appointed Sergeant Major of the Regiment so himself and his brother are now both out of Co. F; needs a coat and pants. ALS 1p.

13 June 1863. Richard Rouzie, Headqua[rters Division] Ord[inance Train, to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Has been in a state of excitement for eight to ten days due to the advance of the Yankees but are all safe; General Lee has left with the first and second corps of the A[rmy] [of] N[orthern] V[irginia]; gives description of the Battle of Culpper [sic]; many feel "our little Adjutant" [Williams] is smitten with someone, and that he is a gallant little fellow; Davy [slave] is well and suits me. ALS 2 pp.
9 July 1863. Richard Rouzie, Jr., near Hagerstown, M.D., to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Gives an account of the Battle of Gettysburg; fell back Saturday morning thinking they had been severely whipped, but learned the Yankees had fallen back 12 hours earlier; still is certain "our boys" have been checked for the first time; brigade acted gallantly, taking several flags; our brave little Adj[utant] took one; Tho[mas] Powers was taken prisoner; Dr. Jno. T. Boughan had right arm amputated; Geo[rg]e Smither was killed; is pleased to get her letters, but right now "news of fish fries and teaparties makes us have hard thoughts." ALS. 3 pp.

13 Aug 1863. Richard Rouzie, Jr., near Orange C[ourt] H[ouse], [Orange Co., Va.], to "Pappa" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. William owes 24 dollars and has 36 due him; has talked to Adjutant Williams who said to go to Richmond to collect his [WWR] pay; only the parent or guardian of a deceased soldier can do so. ALS. 1 p.

13 Aug 1863. Richard Rouzie, Jr., Camp Orange C[ourt] H[ouse], [Orange County, Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Send me something to eat, as we are on short rations; send me the news; hopes Davy [slave] returns soon, as cooking in the sun is disagreeable. ALS. 1 p.

17 Aug. 1863. [Richard Rouzie], Camp near Orange C[ourt] H[ouse], [Orange Co., Va.], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. A lot of letters received from and sent to home recently; hopes the authorities are thinking about peace if it can be made on honorable terms; is glad Davy [slave] got home safe; Miss Duck's marriage does not trouble him; feels he is still handsomer than Mr. Farland; believes Tho[mas] Powers will be exchanged soon. ALS. 2 pp.

5 O[c]tobe[r] 1863. Richard Rouzie, Jr., n.p., to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie], Lloyds, Essex County Virginia. Lee and Meade are on either side of the Rupidan and all is quiet; perhaps all are tired of "blood and carnage"; It is rumored without foundation that Hill's Corps is to be sent to Tennessee; it could be that as authorities trust Ewell more, and will leave him to protect Richmond; Robert Rouzie says cavalry fighting is nothing compared to infantry; many feel bitter about conscripts on safe duty at home. ALS. 3 pp.

9 February 1864. Richard Rouzie, Jr., near Harrisonburg [Rockingham Co., Va.], to "Pa" [John S. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Sends the descriptive list requested; shortly after Davy [slave] arrived marched to Mt. Jackson and guarded New Market Gap for 10 days; General Rosser and the Thomas' Brigade raided into Hardee [sic] County. [West Virginia], capturing wagons, prisoners, livestock and stores. 1 p. ALS.


23 March 1864. Richard Rouzie, Jr., Camp 55th [Virginia Regiment], to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Health is good; has had ten or twelve inches of snow and is glad, as it prevents military operations and will probably speed the granting of furloughs; is whiling away the monotony of camplife reading the "Raid and Romance of Morgan and his men"; The Adjutant [Williams] feels he has no chance [with Cousin Sue] when competing against men of the 9th Calvary; states that he is not engaged to Evelyn. 2 pp. ALS.

[1864]. Richard Rouzie, n.p., to "Sister" [Susan M. Rouzie, Lloyds, Essex Co., Va.]. Would like advice as to whether he should exchange his position as Ordnance Sergeant for a lieutenantcy in the line. 1 p. ALS.