

## Guide to the Samuel Hildreth Putnam Collection

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- Creator:** Putnam, Samuel Hildreth, 1835-1911
- Title:** Samuel Hildreth Putnam Collection
- Dates:** 1861 - 1879
- Bulk Dates:** 1861 - 1867
- Quantity:** .25 linear feet (1 mss box)
- Abstract:** The Samuel Hildreth Putnam Collection contains letters related to the life of a typical businessman in southeastern Ohio, during and after the Civil War. The documents chronicle his Civil War career, and also relate to the courtship of his wife and his married life.
- Identification:**
- Language:** English

### Biography

Samuel Hildreth Putnam was born in the Harmar neighborhood of Marietta, Ohio, June 19, 1835, a son of Douglas and Mary (Hildreth) Putnam. His ancestry is traced back through David Putnam, Col. Israel Putnam, Gen. Israel Putnam (of Revolutionary War fame), Capt. Joseph Putnam and Thomas Putnam to John Putnam, The Worthy, who immigrated to America from Buckinghamshire, England, in 1634. The Putnams settled originally near Salem, Massachusetts, coming to Ohio following the Revolutionary War.

Samuel H. Putnam entered Marietta College with the Class of 1857. Enlisting in the Ohio militia at the outset of the Civil War, his unit was assigned to guard the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad from feared Confederate sabotage. Within the year, he had enlisted in the Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and was made a quartermaster sergeant, later rising to the rank of first lieutenant. Putnam served in the western theater, including battles at Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, and Chickamauga.

On October 18, 1866, he married Abigail Fobes Mixer, with whom he had three children: Samuel H., Benjamin B., and Mary. He entered the employ of the Marietta Bucket Factory, at one time owned by his father, and was associated with it until 1884. Putnam also acquired and worked farmland in Ohio and several other states. He died at his home in Marietta on May 2, 1911.

### Scope and Content

The first part of this collection opens a window on the Civil War experience of an ordinary soldier and young officer from southeastern Ohio. Over 60 letters and one telegram were written by Putnam to friends and family members, including his future wife (Abigail Mixer), his father (Douglas Putnam), his brother (Douglas Putnam, Jr.), his stepmother (Ann Eliza Whipple Putnam), and his two sisters (Mary and Lizzie). These documents provide insights into the initial enthusiasm to enlist at the outset of the war; the hard life of campaigning, fighting, foraging for supplies, fending off bushwhackers and guerillas, while fighting Confederate cavalry; and the tensions pulling a soldier between his duty to his country and his duty to his family back home.

The later correspondence is related to Putnam's courtship of Abigail Mixer, and it reveals how a post-Civil War couple prepared for their wedding and their life together. There are also letters he wrote to his family describing business affairs.

The Samuel Hildreth Putnam Collection is of interest to historians who study nineteenth-century America, particularly the American Civil War. The letters provide insights into life in camp and on the march during that war. Also highlighted is the role of southeastern Ohio in the Civil War. The collection contains about 86 items, and digital images are available online at OhioLink's Digital Resource Center.

### **Statement of Arrangement**

The documents are arranged in chronological order.

### **Restrictions**

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### **Indexing Terms**

Bosworth, Mary Putnam, 1846-1912  
Chickamauga, Battle of, Ga., 1863  
Decherd (Tenn.)  
Floods-Ohio-Marietta  
Camp Chase (Ohio)  
Harmar (Ohio)  
Louisville (Ky.)  
Marietta (Ohio)  
McCandlish, Eliza Putnam, 1849-1931  
Murfreesboro (Tenn.)  
Nashville (Tenn.)  
Pittsburg Landing (Tenn.)  
Putnam, Abigail Mixer, 1839-1924  
Putnam, Ann Eliza Whipple Tucker, 1809-1862  
Putnam, Douglas, 1806-1894  
Putnam, Douglas, 1838-1918  
Putnam, Samuel Hildreth, 1835-1911  
Shiloh (Tenn.)  
Stewartsboro (Tenn.)  
Stewart's Creek (Tenn.)  
Stones River, Battle of, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1862-1863  
Unionville (Ohio)  
United States. Army. Ohio Cavalry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)  
United States-History-Civil War, 1861-1865

### **Preferred Citation**

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Box 1/Folder 1: 1861

1. Samuel Hildreth Putnam (“Sam”), Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abby Mixer, Unionville, Ohio. Describes life in camp and news of personal acquaintances. July 14, 1861.  
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2. Samuel Hildreth Putnam, Hunters Camp, Pilcher Trustle, M. & C. R. R., letter to Abbie F. Mixer, Unionville, Ohio. Describes company movements, supplies, and provisioning. August 12, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item02](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item02)
3. Samuel H. Putnam, Pilchers Trustle, M. & C. R. R., letter to Abbie Mixer. Describes personal information and his effort to enlist in cavalry. September 12, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item03](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item03)
4. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Chase, letter to Abbie Mixer, Unionville, Ohio. Describes his transfer to the First Ohio Cavalry. September 23, 1861.  
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5. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Chase, letter to Abbie Mixer, Unionville, Ohio. Describes life in camp and the company's receipt of horses. October 9, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item05](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item05)
6. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Chase, letter to Abbie Mixer, Unionville, Ohio. Details a fight with a Secessionist, rebel prisoners at Camp Chase, and the donation of quilts to the company by the ladies of Cincinnati. October 29, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item06](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item06)
7. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Chase, letter to Ann Eliza (Whipple) Putnam and Mary Putnam. Details receiving a box of food, news of acquaintances, and sickness in the camp. November 7, 1861.  
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8. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Chase, letter to Abbie Mixer, Unionville, Ohio. Describes drill with sabers, his horse, and the company's potential shipping out to Kentucky. November 30, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item08](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item08)
9. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Night, “Four miles back of Louisville, Ky.,” letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes movement of his company from Columbus to Kentucky, burning General Hill in effigy, and camping on land belonging to a Rebel sympathizer. December 12, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item09](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item09)
10. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Ranson, “two miles east of Louisville, Ky.,” letter to Abbie Mixer. Details company's travel, burning an effigy, and camping on a Rebel sympathizer's land. December 13, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item10](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item10)
11. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Millikan, “two miles South of Louisville, Ky.,” letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes camping on a Rebel sympathizer's land. December 14, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item11](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item11)
12. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Buell, “Two miles South of Louisville, Ky.,” letter to Douglas Putnam. Details company training, revolvers, and colonel resigning. December 24, 1861.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder01\\_Item12](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder01_Item12)

### Box 1/Folder 2: 1862 January – June

1. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Buell, “Two miles South of Louisville, Ky.,” letter to Abbie Mixer. Discusses training mules, Sibley tents, and the possibility of battle. January 1, 1862  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder02\\_Item01](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder02_Item01)
2. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Buell, Louisville, Kentucky, letter to Abbie Mixer. Discusses upcoming battle, working with mules and getting a smallpox vaccination. January 10, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder02\\_Item02](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder02_Item02)

3. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp Willich, Lebanon, Kentucky, letter to Ann Eliza (Whipple) Putnam. Discusses muddy camp, battle strategies, smallpox vaccination, injured ankle and 3 February 1862 article in Cincinnati Gazette by John Gurley. February 6, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder02\\_Item03](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder02_Item03)
4. Samuel H. Putnam, "On board Steamer Key West no. 2," letter to Ann Eliza (Whipple) Putnam and Lizzie Putnam. Details troop movements by steamboat in Kentucky. February 28, 1862.  
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5. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp of first Ohio Cavalry, near Spring Hill," letter to Ann Eliza (Whipple) Putnam. Describes dusty and warm conditions, and his recovery from an illness. March 30, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder02\\_Item05](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder02_Item05)
6. Samuel H. Putnam, "Field of Shiloh," Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Details their camp at Shiloh and assurances that he is not able to obtain any brandy. April 18, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder02\\_Item06](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder02_Item06)
7. Samuel H. Putnam, "Field of Shiloh," Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Attempts to forward a signed check and cash. May 1, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder02\\_Item07](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder02_Item07)
8. Samuel H. Putnam, "In the woods five miles from Corinth, Miss.," letter to Douglas Putnam. Details their advance on Corinth, Mississippi, and mentions supplies and the death of Luther Edgerton. May 15, 1862.  
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9. Samuel H. Putnam, "Ten miles South of Corinth, Miss.," letter to Douglas Putnam. Details their advance into Corinth Mississippi and their supply lines. June 3, 1862.  
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Box 1/Folder 3: 1862 July – December

1. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp in Florence, Ala.," letter to Ann Eliza (Whipple) Putnam. Discusses the capture of part of the 1st Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, arrest of a local preacher for treason. July 27, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder03\\_Item01](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder03_Item01)
2. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp near Winchester, Tenn.," letter to Douglas Putnam. Discusses sleeping under a wagon, cavalry casualties, attitudes of native population, Rebel sympathizers at home and the arrested pastor. August 6, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder03\\_Item02](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder03_Item02)
3. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp near Winchester, Tenn.," letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes the murder of Colonel Robert McCook and his efforts to gain a commission in the infantry or artillery. August 9, 1862.  
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4. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp near Decherd Station on Nashville & Chattanooga R.R.," Tennessee, letter to Eliza (Whipple) Putnam. Describes foraging for labor and mules, and guerilla warfare. August 11, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder03\\_Item04](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder03_Item04)
5. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp near Decherd Station on Nashville & Chattanooga R. R.," letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes the travels of his company, murder of Col. Robert McCook, and foraging. August 11, 1862.  
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6. Samuel H. Putnam, Camp near Decherd Station N. & C. R. R., Tennessee," letter to Douglas Putnam, Jr. Describes activity in the company and his attempts at getting a commission in a new regiment. August 13, 1862.  
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7. Samuel H. Putnam, "In Camp three miles from Crab Orchard, Ky.," letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Discusses travels of his company, news of personal acquaintances, and death of his step-mother, Ann Eliza (Whipple) Putnam. October 18, 1862.  
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8. Samuel H. Putnam, "In Camp three miles out from Nashville, Tenn. on the Lebanon Pike," letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes possible advance to Chattanooga, his hirsute state, and being forage master. November 24, 1862.  
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9. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp Rosecrans near Nashville, Tenn.," letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Comments on mutual acquaintances, meeting Mrs. Joseph (Nye) Lovell and avoiding his Putnam (Secesh) relatives. December 13, 1862.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder03\\_Item09](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder03_Item09)
10. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp Rosecrans near Nashville, Tenn.," letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes his thoughts on being assigned to a different company, outpost duty, foraging, and meeting Mrs. Joseph (Nye) Lovell. December 21, 1862.  
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Box 1/Folder 4: 1863 January – March

1. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp at Stewards [Stewart's] Creek [Tennessee]," letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes life in camp including flooding, mules escaping, butchering beef, and being thrown from his horse. January 21, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder04\\_Item01](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder04_Item01)
2. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp at Stewards [Stewart's] Creek ten miles from Murfreesboro [Tennessee]," letter to "Dear Friend" [Abbie F. Mixer?]. Details the events of and his actions in the Battle of Stones River. January 25, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder04\\_Item02](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder04_Item02)
3. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp at Stewards Creek," Tennessee, to Douglas Putnam. Describes the conflicts with his commanding officer over his commission. January 30, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder04\\_Item03](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder04_Item03)
4. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp at Stewardsboro [Stewartsboro]," Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Discusses a factory retiring its debt, the survival of a local lumber mill, working with mill owner John Goodman, the fleet arriving in Nashville, and his idea that the price of lumber will increase after the war. February 10, 1863.  
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5. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp at Stewardsboro [Stewartsboro]," Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Discusses not receiving permission to go and see his brother and cousins, the sabotage of railroad tracks and the pursuit of the rebels. February 26, 1863.  
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6. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp at Stewardsboro [Stewartsboro]," Tennessee, letter to "Dear Friend" [Abbie F. Mixer?]. Discusses the contrast between the soldier's lives in the field versus those at home in Ohio, his anger at "Northern traitors," his cousins becoming Methodists, and the sabotage of railroad tracks nearby. March 2, 1863.  
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7. Samuel H. Putnam, "Camp at Stewardsboro [Stewartsboro]," Tennessee, letter to Lizzie Putnam. Describes his camp, the mud and rain, mentions that his brother has not written to him, and the actions of the 55th Regimental Infantry USCT. March 7, 1863.  
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8. Samuel H. Putnam, "Stewardsboro [Stewartsboro]," Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Includes a receipt, dated March 16, 1863, for a package containing \$200 from S. H. Putnam, addressed to D. P. Putnam. March 14, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder04\\_Item08](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder04_Item08)

9. Samuel H. Putnam, "Stewardsboro [Stewartsboro]," Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes the good weather, visiting John Goodman and his family, and the family's fears that their horses would be taken. March 18, 1863.  
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Box 1/Folder 5: 1863 April – June

1. Samuel H. Putnam, "Stewardsboro [Stewartsboro]," Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes the weather, peach trees, John Goodman's slaves running away, trouble with guerilla fighters, and the fortifications of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. April 1, 1863.  
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2. Samuel H. Putnam, Lavergne, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Encloses two hundred dollars and describes his company's movements. April 20, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder05\\_Item02](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder05_Item02)
3. Samuel H. Putnam, Lavergne, Tennessee, letter to "Dear Friend [Abbie F. Mixer?]." Congratulating her on her charitable performance, describing troop movements, skirmishes, and the burning of the Goodman property. April 23, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder05\\_Item03](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder05_Item03)
4. Samuel H. Putnam, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, letter to Abigail F. Mixer. Describes taking a walk and having his picture taken for her. May 5, 1863.  
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5. Samuel H. Putnam, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Discusses William Gurley, Marietta, being inspected, preparing for orders to move, and a washboard patent. May 5, 1863.  
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6. Samuel H. Putnam, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, letter to unknown. Discusses the weather, high interest in General Hooker's actions, the young women of Marietta, and socializing with Southern women. May 8, 1863.  
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7. Samuel H. Putnam, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, letter to "Dear Friend [Abbie F. Mixer?]." Describes trimming his whiskers, Sundays in the camp, playing cards and drinking whiskey, his Secesh lady, and the cost of supplies. May 24, 1863.  
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8. Samuel H. Putnam, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes care of horses, hot weather, dust, flies, his photograph, moving the body of Fulton Guitteau, interest in General Grant's actions, and newspapers. May 26, 1863.  
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9. Samuel H. Putnam, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes meeting a Lieutenant William Day and questioning him on behalf of Abigail's friend Phebe, inspecting pickets, and the hanging of a citizen. June 6, 1863.  
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10. Samuel H. Putnam, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes meeting people from home, his brother, buying provisions, and speculating on battles. June 9, 1863.  
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Box 1/Folder 6: 1863 July – December

1. Samuel H. Putnam, "In camp in the field four miles north of Dechard Station, Tenn.," letter to "Dear Friend [Abbie F. Mixer?]." Describes rain and mud, movement of troops, fighting and mutual acquaintances. July 6, 1863.  
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2. Samuel H. Putnam, Dechard, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes sending home one hundred dollars pay for him to deposit. July 28, 1863.  
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3. Samuel H. Putnam, Dechard, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes his interest in Ohioans' actions during Morgan's Raid, the near drowning of General Thomas, and pursuing outlaws into local caves. July 30, 1863.  
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4. Samuel H. Putnam, Bolivar, Alabama, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes leaving Dechard, Tennessee, wagon travel in the mountains, finding his brother, and washboard patent issues with Mr. Poole. August 22, 1863.  
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5. Samuel H. Putnam, Bolivar, Alabama, letter to Douglas Putnam. Discusses problems with Mr. Poole and the washboard patent, Major Pattin's responses, and the option to resign his commission and return home to resolve the situation. August 23, 1863.  
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6. Samuel H. Putnam, Chattanooga, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Discusses Mr. Poole and Major Pattin, building breastworks, deserter providing information, problems finding forage, and the Battle of Chickamauga. September 26, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder06\\_Item06](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder06_Item06)
7. Samuel H. Putnam, Chattanooga, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Discusses the washboard patent situation with Mr. Poole and his resignation to return home and resolve the situation and manage the factory. October 24, 1863.  
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8. Samuel H. Putnam, Chattanooga, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes his resignation, how he will search for his brother Douglas and Major Pattin, and his plans to return and help with their business. October 31, 1863.  
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9. Samuel H. Putnam, Stevenson, Alabama, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes his travels in Alabama by boat and train. November 4, 1863.  
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10. Douglas Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, note to Samuel H. Putnam, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Requests that S.H. Putnam withdraw his resignation. November 5, 1863.  
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11. Samuel H. Putnam, Louisville, telegram to Douglas Putnam. Informs D. Putnam that he missed the Nashville train. November 28, 1863.  
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12. Samuel H. Putnam, Louisville, Kentucky, letter to Douglas Putnam. Describes his efforts to travel on crowded trains and without a pass. November 28, 1863.  
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13. Samuel H. Putnam, Nashville, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Explains that he will get to his brother Douglas as soon as he is able. November 30, 1863.  
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14. Samuel H. Putnam, Nashville, Tennessee, letter and note to Douglas Putnam. Describes waiting for his brother Douglas who is wounded, his frustration with the Army, and how well-dressed the women of Nashville are. December 2, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder06\\_Item14](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder06_Item14)
15. Samuel H. Putnam, Nashville, Tennessee, letter to Douglas Putnam. Tells him that a Sergeant Chaplain is heading there with news and that he has met others from home and is assisting them with obtaining passes. December 5, 1863.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder06\\_Item15](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder06_Item15)

Box 1/Folder 7: 1866 August – October

1. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Thanks her for hosting him at a wedding, says that the factory is doing well, and expresses his gratitude for how well her family treated him. August 5, 1866.  
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2. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes his efforts to buy them a house and keep their engagement secret. August 15, 1866.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder07\\_Item02](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder07_Item02)
3. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes his day, keeping their engagement a secret and requests to visit her. August 26, 1866.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder07\\_Item03](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder07_Item03)
4. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Informs her that he purchased a house, his plans for it, and requests they delay their wedding to allow a business trip. September 12, 1866.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder07\\_Item04](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder07_Item04)
5. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes a dam breaking, moving log rafts, and preparing their house. September 16, 1866.  
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6. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describing the weather, anxiety over high water, anticipating their life together, and keeping their wedding a secret. September 23, 1866.  
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7. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes an upcoming dance in Harmar and more high water. September 27, 1866.  
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8. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes how he is unsure how his father feels about the wedding, notes that he is trying to keep it secret, and mentions attending a dance and a bezique card party. September 30, 1866.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder07\\_Item08](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder07_Item08)
9. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes attending a dance and bezique card party, flood damage to dams, and his anticipation of their wedding. October 4, 1866.  
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10. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Describes making travel arrangements and wedding plans. October 7, 1866.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder07\\_Item10](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder07_Item10)
11. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie F. Mixer. Reveals that his sister discovered the date of the wedding, issues with high water, and the election of Andrew Johnson. October 11, 1866.  
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Box 1/Folder 8: 1867 May – June

1. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie (Mixer) Putnam. Describes managing shipments by boat and meeting with family members. May 17, 1867.  
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2. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie (Mixer) Putnam. Gives her news of the family. May 19, 1867.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder08\\_Item02](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder08_Item02)
3. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie (Mixer) Putnam. Describes the purchase of parlor furniture and family travel arrangements. May 23, 1867.  
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4. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie (Mixer) Putnam. Gives news of family, local housebreaking scare, and travel arrangements. May 26, 1867.  
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5. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie (Mixer) Putnam. Describes visiting Cincinnati, furnishing a parlor, and the illnesses of their acquaintances. June 2, 1867.  
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6. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie (Mixer) Putnam. Discusses an upcoming wedding, driving a new team, and planting corn. June 6, 1867.  
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7. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Abbie (Mixer) Putnam. Discusses getting caught in the rain while driving the new team and preparations for an upcoming wedding. June 9, 1867.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder08\\_Item07](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder08_Item07)
8. Samuel H. Putnam, Cincinnati, Ohio, letter to Abbie (Mixer) Putnam. Describes his travels. June 11, 1867.  
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Box 1/Folder 9: 1872 – 1879

1. Samuel H. Putnam, Harmar, Ohio, letter to Douglas Putnam. Gives D. Putnam news of a conference, land sale in Ottawa county Ohio, and assurances that all is well at home. June 14, 1872.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder09\\_Item01](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder09_Item01)
2. Unidentified writer, Cincinnati, Ohio, letter to “Dear Friend.” Apparently a former resident of Harmar, the writer mentions church activities and discusses his/her depression and despair, especially over past events. August 18, 1879.  
[http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008\\_Box01\\_Folder09\\_Item02](http://cdm16824.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/searchterm/mss008_Box01_Folder09_Item02)