

The Ingraham P. Smith Collection
Scope and Content
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The Ingraham P. Smith Collection of Civil War Letters consists of forty-five letters written on fifty-one sheets of paper, along with two documents from Army hospitals. There are no envelopes in this collection. The letters range in date from December 03, 1861 to August 06, 1865. Of the forty-five letters forty-one were definitely written by Ingraham Smith of Fulton County, New York. Another three were probably written by him. And the remaining one was almost certainly not written by Ingraham Smith, it may have been written by one of his brothers. Most of the letters, thirty-eight, were written to “Mother” or “Mary Ann Watson,” who was Ingraham’s mother. There are three written to “Sister,” three to Mary E. Smith (sister), and one to “Sister Libbie.” Mary E. and Libbie were the same person.¹ The letters and medical documents are arranged chronologically.

The first three, and the fifth, letters were written by Ingraham Smith while he was in school at Middlefield, PA. The fourth letter, the one not written by Ingraham, was written in Newport News, VA by someone in a regiment sent to reinforce Gen. McClellan’s Peninsular Campaign. The remaining letters were written by Ingraham Smith while he was part of Company G of the 121st New York Volunteer Infantry. Fifteen of the letters were written from Army hospitals: Satterlee, in Philadelphia, PA; Armory Square; or Finley, both of the latter in Washington, DC. In addition seven of the letters were written from Camp Convalescent, Alexandria, VA. One of the medical documents certifies the Ingraham Smith was admitted to the Armory Square Hospital and was not on its muster or pay rolls. The other is Smith’s hospital record card.

Each item was unfolded and placed in a mylar sleeve, such that all pages may be read without removing the item from the sleeve. Each item, in its mylar sleeve, was then placed in an acid-free folder. The collection is in forty-seven acid-free folders in one 815 cubic inch box.

¹ http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~larry7912/sullivan_fgr/SmithFreeman_F592.htm

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<i>Box #</i>	<i>Folder #</i>	<i>Item #</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date</i>
IS01					
	<i>IS01</i>	Letter ISL01	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	3 December 1861
	<i>IS02</i>	Letter ISL02	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	4 February 1862
	<i>IS03</i>	Letter ISL03	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	12 July 1862
	<i>IS04</i>	Letter ISL04	Unknown [Jerry Smith?]	Mother	29 July [1862]
	<i>IS05</i>	Letter ISL05	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	3 August 1862
	<i>IS06</i>	Letter ISL06	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	3 September 1862
	<i>IS07</i>	Letter ISL07	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	5 September 1862
	<i>IS08</i>	Letter ISL08	[Ingraham P. Smith]	Mother	15 September 1862
	<i>IS09</i>	Letter ISL09	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	2 December 1862
	<i>IS10</i>	Letter ISL10	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	9 February 1863
	<i>IS11</i>	Letter ISL11	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	13 February 1863
	<i>IS12</i>	Letter ISL12	[Ingraham P. Smith]	Libbie Smith	27 February 1863
	<i>IS13</i>	Letter ISL13	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	26 March 1863
	<i>IS14</i>	Letter ISL14	Ingraham P. Smith	"Sister" Smith	16 April 1863

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IS01					
	<i>IS15</i>	Letter ISL15	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	1[?] May 1863
	<i>IS16</i>	Letter ISL16	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	8 July 1863
	<i>IS17</i>	Letter ISL17	Ingraham P. Smith	Mary E. Smith	7 August 1863
	<i>IS18</i>	Letter ISL18	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	14 August 1863
	<i>IS19</i>	Letter ISL19	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	22 August 1863
	<i>IS20</i>	Letter ISL20	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	4 September 1863
	<i>IS21</i>	Letter ISL21	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	20 September 1863
	<i>IS22</i>	Letter ISL22	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	[No Date 1863]
	<i>IS23</i>	Letter ISL23	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	4 October 1863
	<i>IS24</i>	Letter ISL24	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	[No Date 1863]
	<i>IS25</i>	Letter ISL25	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	19 November 1863
	<i>IS26</i>	Letter ISL26	Ingraham P. Smith	Mary E. Smith	13 December [1863]
	<i>IS27</i>	Letter ISL27	Ingraham P. Smith	Mary Ann Watson	10 January 1864
	<i>IS28</i>	Letter ISL28	Ingraham P. Smith	"Sister" Smith	22 January 1864
	<i>IS29</i>	Medical Document ISH01	J M Biss	Paymaster	13 February 1864
	<i>IS30</i>	Letter ISL29	Ingraham P. Smith	"Sister" Smith	6 March 1864
	<i>IS31</i>	Letter ISL30	Ingraham P. Smith	Mary E. Smith	9 March 1864

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IS01					
	<i>IS32</i>	Letter ISL31	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	18 April 1864
	<i>IS33</i>	Letter ISL32	Ingraham P. Smith	"Sister" Smith	24 April 1864
	<i>IS34</i>	Letter ISL33	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	1 May 1864
	<i>IS35</i>	Medical Document ISH02	Army Hospital	Army Hospital	20 May 1864
	<i>IS36</i>	Letter ISL34	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	23 May 1864
	<i>IS37</i>	Letter ISL35	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	26 July 1864
	<i>IS38</i>	Letter ISL36	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	19 October 1864
	<i>IS39</i>	Letter ISL37	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	31 October 1864
	<i>IS40</i>	Letter ISL38	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	9 December 1864
	<i>IS41</i>	Letter ISL39	[Ingraham P. Smith]	Mother	17 December 1864
	<i>IS42</i>	Letter ISL40	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	22 January 1865
	<i>IS43</i>	Letter ISL41	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	15 March 1865
	<i>IS44</i>	Letter ISL42	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	22 March 1865
	<i>IS45</i>	Letter ISL43	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	27 March 1865
	<i>IS46</i>	Letter ISL44	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	6 May 1865
	<i>IS47</i>	Letter ISL45	Ingraham P. Smith	Mother	6 August 1865