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**Biographical Note**

Logan R. Moorhead (February 17, 1921-March 16, 2017) was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania. His siblings were Alice Moorhead Forster (1919-1989), David Lintner (Lynn) Moorhead (1922-1999), Charles Augustus Moorhead (1924-1997), and Ronald Campbell Moorhead (1927-1974). Their parents were Charles Augustus Moorhead (1884-1927), and Helen Geary Logan Moorhead (1893-1975) who graduated from Indiana State Normal School in 1916. The Moorhead family lived at 713 School Street in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Logan Moorhead attended the Indiana Training School at Indiana State Normal School (later Indiana State Teachers College) from 1926-1936. He joined the Boy Scouts in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1938. He attended Indiana High School from 1936-1939. After graduating from high school in 1939, Logan Moorhead attended Indiana State Teachers College (later known as Indiana University of Pennsylvania) in 1939-1940, and he majored in Business. In 1940-1942, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways as an inspector and draftsman.

Logan Moorhead enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 25, 1942 at Pittsburgh. On March 8, 1943, he was promoted to corporal and served in the 1649th Engineer Utility Detachment (EUD) as a draftsman. For two years, he trained in Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia before departing for Europe from Boston aboard the USS Mount Vernon on October 7, 1944. He arrived in Liverpool, England on October 15, 1944. On October 17, 1944, he waded ashore at Utah Beach. From October 1944 to September 1945, Moorhead served in the 1649th EUD and helped build three German POW Hospital Camps in France. During the German occupation, he was assigned to the 971st Engineering Maintenance Company. He departed for the United States aboard a victory ship on March 9, 1946. He was discharged at Fort Dix, New Jersey on March 24, 1946.

Logan Moorhead attended Penn State University from 1946-1949, and was a member of Delta Sigma Phi and Tau Beta Pi. In 1949, he graduated with a BS in Industrial Engineering. He married Carol Virginia Chalk on September 9, 1950, and they had four children Christine, Barbara Kay, Scott Logan, and Carol Ann.

Logan Moorhead worked for American Sugar Refining Company in New York City from 1950-1952. In 1954, he started working for Burlington Industries / Lees Carpets. He worked for the company for 31 years in engineering and management at plants in Glasgow, Virginia; Bridgeport, Pennsylvania; and Rabun Gap, Georgia. He was the Plant Industrial Engineer in Glasgow, Virginia. He was the Superintendent of Weaving, and the Rabun Gap Plant Manager. Logan Moorhead retired in 1985.

In 1954-1962 and 1966-1990, Logan Moorhead lived in Lexington, Virginia. An avid historian, he toured many Civil War battlefields and documented his family's history. In 1990, he and his wife permanently moved to Richmond, Virginia.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Logan R. Moorhead Collection includes family history, Civil War material including correspondence, and photographs and publications from the Indiana State Normal School and Indiana State Teachers College. The collection includes 38 original Civil War letters available online with transcriptions, <http://www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=86160>. The following letters were written by brothers Robert Alexander Lowry (Gan/Ganny/R.A.) and William Gustin Lowry (Gus/Gust/W.G.L.) who enlisted in the 62nd Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers. Both were killed during the Civil War. Their mother was Rhoda Stone Lowry (1806-1895). The [Rhoda Stone Lowry Civil War Diary](#) has entries from May 16, 1863 to June 17, 1864.

Robert Alexander Lowry (1838-1862) and William Gustin Lowry (1836-1863) were brothers and the great great uncles of Logan R. Moorhead, the writer. Robert Alexander Lowry and William Gustin Lowry were the brothers of Logan Moorhead's great grandmother, Margaret Judson Lowry Logan. Robert Alexander Lowry, William Gustin Lowry, and Margaret Judson Lowry were the children of Robert and Rhoda Stone Lowry of Freeport, Pennsylvania.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Lowry brothers were living in Curllsville, Pennsylvania in Clarion County, and they enlisted for three year hitches in C Company of the 62nd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers on July 4, 1861. William Gustin Lowry (Gus) was the company's Second Lieutenant, and Robert Alexander Lowry (Gan) was a private. On July 25, 1861 this regiment was mustered into the U.S. Union Army at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and moved immediately to Camp Cameron, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for a few weeks of camp life, and then on to Baltimore, Maryland, and then to Washington, D.C.

In September 1861, the 62nd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers crossed the Potomac River, and was assigned to the Second Brigade of General Porter's Division. Then the Second Brigade moved to Minor's Hill and went into winter quarters in Camp Betty Black. William Gustin Lowry was promoted to First Lieutenant on November 12, 1861. It was here that the younger of the two, Robert Alexander Lowry, a corporal and bugler, accidentally shot and killed himself with his brother's revolver on February 1, 1862, at the age of 23. Robert Alexander Lowry was born on June 30, 1838 according to his mother's diary. The regiment was mainly engaged in drill and training and saw no action before leaving by transport in March 1862 for the Peninsula, where it encamped at Fortress Monroe, near Hampton, Virginia. On April 3, 1862 the 62nd Regiment moved with the army upon Yorktown, where it experienced its first encounter with Confederate troops uniformed in gray. Skirmishing ensued, and the 62nd Regiment marched forward and took its place in line of battle under fire. The enemy was soon obliged to evacuate and the loss to the 62nd Regiment was one killed and three wounded, none in C Company.

From this time on, until the end of the war, C Company 62nd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers served in the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 5th Corps. The regiment was engaged in all the major battles of the Army of the Potomac, including Seven Days, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. William Gustin Lowry was engaged in all his regiment's battles up through Gettysburg where he was killed in action on July 2, 1863 in the woods between the west corner of the Wheatfield (now called the "Loop") and the Rose Farm. He fell, instantly killed, very shortly after his brigade (Sweitzer's 2nd Brigade, Barne's 1st Division, \*Syke's 5th Corps) entered the battle in support of General Sickles's 3rd Corps, which was collapsing under the crushing attack of Confederate Generals Hood and McLaw on the Union army's extreme left flank. He was probably killed by men of Kershaw's Brigade of McLaw's Division. He had been promoted to Major on September 10, 1862, just prior to Antietam, and had married on February 12, 1863. A fine tribute is paid him in the address of Captain W.J. Patterson at the Dedication of the 62nd Regiment Infantry at Gettysburg Monument on September 11, 1889: "In his death the service lost as brave a soldier and as faithful an officer as any that fell that day in defense of this country." He was born January 27, 1836 according to the cemetery marker in Freeport, Pennsylvania.

For a complete account of C Company, 62nd Regiment see U.S. Army, Regimental History, 62nd Pennsylvania Volunteers.

William Gustin Lowry (Gus) was buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery, even though there are two tombstones, one for Robert Alexander Lowry and one for Major William Gustin Lowry in the Freeport, Pennsylvania Cemetery Lot #38, Section B (see July 1989 photo on Page 6). It was determined that Major William Gustin Lowry's stone was only a commemorative marker, which was popular during the war, and it was placed in his memory. He is buried at the Gettysburg National Cemetery in Pennsylvania State Lot (18) Section B Grave No. 26 (see October 1990 photo on Page 6), and there is a bronze 62nd Infantry plaque on the wall at the base of the Pennsylvania Monument bearing his rank and name (see October 1990 photo on Page 6).

Robert Alexander Lowry (Gan) and his mother, Rhoda Stone Lowry, are buried in the Freeport, Pennsylvania cemetery in Armstrong County, Lot #38, Section B, Sites 1 and 2. \*\*Rhoda Stone Lowry died July 19, 1895 at the age of 89 and was interred in this cemetery plot without a tombstone. Cemetery records indicate that Robert Alexander Lowry and his tombstone, and the commemorative marker for Major William Gustin Lowry were probably transferred from the old cemetery at the site of what is now Freeport Junior High School on Fourth Street since the present cemetery was not incorporated until 1864, and both Lowry brothers were killed prior to that year. Just when this plot was purchased by the Lowry family, when Robert Alexander Lowry, and the two stones were transferred to the present cemetery and under which stone Rhoda Stone Lowry is buried couldn't be determined. Although Robert Alexander Lowry's stone states that he is the son of Robert and Rhoda Lowry, no records could be found of the place of burial of Robert Lowry, who died in 1840 in Freeport, Pennsylvania.

\* At Gettysburg the 5th Corps was officered as follows:

5th Corps, Sykes:

1st Division, Barnes. Brigades: 1. Tilton: 18th, 22nd Massachusetts, 1st Michigan, 188th Pennsylvania; 2. Sweitzer: 9th, 32nd Massachusetts, 4th Michigan, 62nd Pennsylvania; 3. Vincent, Rice: 20th Massachusetts, 16th Michigan, 44th New York, and 83rd Pennsylvania.

2nd Division, Ayers. Brigades: 1. Day: 3, 4, 6, 12, 14 US; 2. Burbank: 2, 7, 10, 11, 17 US; 3. Weed, Garrard: 140th, 146th New York, and 91st, 155th Pennsylvania.

3rd Division, Crawford. Brigades: 1. McCandless: 1st, 2nd, 6th, 13rd Pennsylvania Res; 3. Fisher: 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Pennsylvania Res.

Note: The 62nd Regiment lost heavily at Gettysburg in its battle at the Wheatfield during the afternoon of July 2, 1863. Of the 26 officers and 400 enlisted men entering the battle, 4 officers and 24 men were killed, 10 officers and 97 men wounded and 40 men taken prisoners, a loss ratio of 54% of the officers and 40% of the men.

Rhoda Stone Lowry, the mother of these two Union soldiers and their sister, Margaret Judson Lowry Logan "Mag" kept a diary during the Civil War. It tells of her receiving these letters and of her sons' deaths. It also notes that her mother, Margaret Gustin Stone died June 12, 1862 at age 77.

See account and diary in separate binder prepared by Logan R. Moorhead in September 1988.

The [Civil War diary of Rhoda Stone Lowry](#) (1806-1895) and the [Civil War letters](#) from her sons Robert Alexander Lowry (1838-1862) and William Gustin Lowry (1836-1863) were donated to the Special Collections and University Archives at Indiana University of Pennsylvania by Logan R. Moorhead, the great-great-grandson of Rhoda Stone Lowry. The diary includes entries from May 16, 1863, to June 17, 1864, and it was scanned and transcribed by Matthew Hughes in 2006.

- [Introduction](#)
- [Image of the Original Diary](#)
- [Corrected Transcription](#) (with footnotes)
- [Transcription of the original diary](#) (unedited)
- [Further Reading](#)

### **Provenance**

This collection was donated by Logan R. Moorhead (LRM).

### **Content List**

#### **Box 1 Logan R Moorhead Family History**

1. Moorhead Direct Descent Line, 1500s to 2003

2. Brief Biographical Sketch of L. R. Moorhead and siblings (Alice, Lynn, Charles and Ronald)
3. History of Moorhead Family by A. T. Moorhead, 1901
4. LRM Genealogical Research in Franklin County, Pennsylvania
5. LRM Family- Biographical Sketches by LRM from 1990 to present (approx. 20)
6. James R. Logan's, Logan Patton Family History, 1889
7. LRM Family Tree and various burial plots
8. Moorhead Family History Miscellaneous- (Coat of Arms, Bible Records, Obituaries, Articles, etc.)
9. LRM Photo File (Family and Grave Sites and Homes)
10. L.R. Moorhead Family Photos (5 CD)/ Letters (2 Floppy Disks)
11. Diary of Rhoda Stone Lowry (May 5, 1863-June 17, 1864) 5th book and transcription
12. Memorabilia from the Honorable John Denniston Patton, Pennsylvania Representative to the 48<sup>th</sup> U. S. Congress, 1883-1885
  - a. Souvenir [dance card] of the Inaugural Ball, U. S. President Grover Cleveland, March 4, 1885 kept by Alice May Patton Logan, daughter of John Denniston Patton.
  - b. Letter to the Honorable John Denniston Patton from James R. Logan dated September 1, 1885.
  - c. Copy of photograph of John D. Patton.
13. Logan R. Moorhead Contact Information
14. Book: In Memoriam – John W. Geary (December 30, 1819 – February 8, 1873), Governor of Pennsylvania (1867-1873), and research about family relation to Logan R. Moorhead. Union Major General in the Civil War.
15. Daguerreotype Photographs
  - a. 3 Civil War Soldiers including William Gustin Lowry (1836-1863) and Robert Alexander Lowry (1838-1862) of Freeport, Pennsylvania.
  - b. Unknown portraits of man and woman, n.d.
16. Photograph: Indiana Old Boys Basketball team, 1904-1905. Charles Augustus Moorhead on far right.
17. Photograph of Logan R. Moorhead family taken before 1915 (identified).
18. Photographs of Logan R. Moorhead's mother, Helen Geary Logan, from the 1916 Instano yearbook at Indiana State Normal School, and a photograph of her children with their uncle Lynn and stepfather David Lintner Moorhead (circa 1931).
19. Portraits of Rhoda Stone Lowry (1806-1895) and her husband Robert Lowry, and their son Major William Gustin Lowry.
20. Research on Christian and Conrad Lintner, Pennsylvania German Pioneers, 1700s.
21. Ad by Alex Dennison for Lots in New Town of New Alexandria, Westmoreland County, October 29, 1793.

**Box 2 Civil War**

1. Introduction to 38 U.S. Civil War Letters by LRM (August 2, 1861-June 19, 1863)

2. Civil War Information from Civil War Time/ Photos of Gettysburg
3. 38 Civil War Letters
  - a. Index (2 copies)
  - b. Uniformity Guide to 38 original Civil War letters and copies of original letters and transcriptions.
4. The following 38 Civil War letters, which date from August 2, 1861 to June 19, 1863. NOTE: 36 Civil War letters are from William Gustin Lowry (Gus/Gust), August 2, 1861 to June 19, 1863, and 2 Civil War letters are from Robert Alexander Lowry (Gan/Ganny).
5. Two letters are from Robert Alexander Lowry (Gan/Ganny/R.A.) who died on February 1, 1862, and 36 letters are from William Gustin Lowry (Gus/Gust/W.G.L.) who was killed during the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. Letters were written to their mother Rhoda Stone Lowry (1806-1895), sister Margaret Judson Lowry Logan "Mag" and to a friend Ben Huey.
  1. [August 2, 1861: William Gustin Lowry \(Gus\) to his mother Rhoda Stone Lowry from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.](#)
  2. [January 3, 1862: Gus to sister Margaret Judson Lowry \(Mag\) from Camp Betty Black, Minors Hill, Virginia.](#)
  3. [January 10, 1862: Robert Alexander Lowry \(Gan\) to his sister from Minors Hill, Virginia.](#)
  4. [January 20, 1862: Gust to Mag from Camp Betty Black.](#)
  5. [January 26, 1862: Gan to Mag from Camp Betty Black.](#)
  6. [April 3, 1862: Gus to Mag from camp near Fortress Monroe, Virginia.](#)
  7. [April 9, 1862: Gus to mother from camp near Yorktown, Virginia.](#)
  8. [April 12, 1862: Gus to Mag from camp near Yorktown, Virginia.](#)
  9. [April 18, 1862: Gus to mother from Camp Winfield Scott, Virginia.](#)
  10. [April 18, 1862: Gus to sister from Camp Winfield Scott.](#)
  11. [April 25, 1862: Gus to Mag from Camp Winfield Scott.](#)
  12. [May 2, 1862: W.G. Lowry \(Gus\) to Mag from Camp Winfield Scott.](#)
  13. [May 4, 1862: Gus to Mag from Camp Winfield Scott.](#)
  14. [May 7, 1862: Gus to mother from Camp Winfield Scott.](#)
  15. [May 18, 1862: Gus to mother from White House, Virginia.](#)
  16. [May 20, 1862: Gus to Mag from West Point, Virginia.](#)
  17. [May 26, 1862: Gust to sister from camp near Gains' Mills, Virginia.](#)
  18. [May 30, 1862: Gus to mother from Gains' Mills, Virginia.](#)
  19. [June 4, 1862: Gus to Mag from Gains' Mills, Virginia.](#)
  20. [June 18, 1862: Gus to sister from camp near New Bridge, Virginia.](#)
  21. [June 23, 1862: William Gustin Lowry to Ben from camp near New Bridge.](#)
  22. [June 23, 1862: Gus to Mag from camp near New Bridge.](#)
  23. [July 4, 1862: Gus to Mag from camp near Turkey Bend, Virginia.](#)
  24. [July 8, 1862: Gus to mother from camp near Harrison's Bar.](#)
  25. [July 18, 1862: Gus to Mag from Headquarters 2nd Brigade, Morell's Division.](#)
  26. [August 14, 1862: Gus to Mag from Headquarters 2nd Bridge, Morell's Division.](#)

27. [October 10, 1862: Gus to Mag from camp near Sharpsburg, Maryland \(Antietam\)](#)
  28. [October 25, 1862: Gus to Mag from Headquarters 62nd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers camp near Sharpsburg, Maryland.](#)
  29. [November 9, 1862: Gus to mother from camp](#)
  30. [November 30, 1862: Gus to Mag from camp near Fallmouth, Virginia.](#)
  31. [December 16, 1862: Gus to sister from Headquarters 62nd Regiment P.V.](#)
  32. [March 14, 1863: Gus to Mag from Headquarters 62nd Regiment P.V.](#)
  33. [May 7, 1863: Gus to mother from camp near Falmouth, Virginia, and note from mother to Mag.](#)
  34. [May 21, 1863: Gus to Mag from Headquarters 62nd Regiment P.V.](#)
  35. [May 23, 1863: Gus to Mag from Headquarters 62nd Regiment P.V.](#)
  36. [May 25, 1863: Gus to sister from Headquarters 62nd Regiment P.V.](#)
  37. [May 30, 1863: W.G. Lowry to Mag from Headquarters 62nd Regiment P.V.](#)
  38. [June 19, 1863: Gus to Mag \(no address\)](#)
6. CD-Rom of 38 Civil War letters (above)
  7. 62nd Regimental History from the Clarion Historical Society, Gettysburg National Cemetery burials including W.G. Lowry, 1863

### **Box 3 Oversized Materials**

1. Picture of 1936 Indiana Training School (ITS) Graduating Class including Logan Moorhead
2. Maps of Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Indiana County, Juniata County and maps of Blairsville, Freeport, Delmont, Westmoreland County, Brush Valley Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

### **Box 4 Cosmopolitan Club Publications**

1. *Puck*. Jan-June 1887. From the Cosmopolitan Club in Indiana, Pennsylvania.
2. *Judge*. Jan-June 1888. From the Cosmopolitan Club in Indiana, Pennsylvania.
3. 1916 *Instano*, Indiana State Normal School Yearbook.

### **Box 5 Postcard Collection**

1. Aunt Mae or Uncle John Wilson's European Postcard Collection and miscellaneous U.S.A.

### **Box 6 Moorhead Collection**

1. 1828 Book of Psalms: "James Moorhead's Book of David Psalms 1828" photocopy prepared by Logan R. Moorhead on acid-free paper (January 2007)
2. 2018 "Fergus Moohead (1742-1822) Pioneer: Documentary History" by Richard L. Kirkpatrick, September 2018

### **Additional Materials in Miscellaneous Map Drawer**

Oversized Maps of Indiana Borough and Indiana County, Pennsylvania