

JOHN BYRD ROGERS PAPERS } 1855-1864

Son of Wm. B. and Nancy E. Rogers. b. 1/2/1835 - fate unknown. Missing at Kenesaw Mt., Georgia, June 20, 1864, while serving as major in 4th Ky. Regiment, C.S.A.

- ✓ 12/23/1855 Letter from John Byrd Rogers, St. Joseph, Mo., to his mother, Nancy E. Rogers, Barren County, Ky. Remarks on how much more severe the winter is in Missouri from Barren County, Ky. Mentions an uncle's purchase of a farm for \$1700. Another uncel's farm is worth \$28(?) or \$30 per acre. Mentions that a drayman gets \$2.00 per day. On last page of letter Ed Bagby, a first cousin of John B. Rogers, pens a note to John Byrd's mother.

- ✓ 1/8/1857(?) Letter from John Byrd Rogers, North Point, Mo., to his father [Wm. B. Rogers, Blue Spring, Barren County, Ky.]. John states that he has been teaching school since arriving in Missouri, but is planning on forming a partnership in the [dry] goods business. He specifies the terms of the partnership and asks his father for a loan of \$500. Indicates that interest on loans is 10%.

- ✓ 5/25/1860 Letter to J[ohn] B. Rogers from J. N. Smith, Blue Spring Grove, Barren County, Ky. Writer indicates that in a recent Barren County election the proposed railroad tax was defeated by a 500 majority. Those who favored the tax, apparently merchants and businessmen, have threatened not to purchase any produce from the countryside in retaliation for the farmers' negative vote. Writer indicates that efforts were being made in the Blue Spring area, Barren County, to muster soldiers [re the secession crisis?]. Speaks of local young man traveling extensively in Miami, Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois. Local crop and weather conditions.

- 7/18/1860(?) Letter from John B. Rogers, Rich Grove, to "John," advising him about practicing his pistol shooting.

- 7/23/1861 Letter to J. B. Rogers from J. P. Nuckols, Glasgow, Ky. Nuckols informs J. B. Rogers that General Bickley wants Nuckols to raise a company of soldiers [for C.S.A.]. Nuckols invited J. B. Rogers to accept rank of second Lieutenant and mobilize some men, hopefully 20 or 30. [Nuckols later became a colonel in the 1st Ky. Brigade.]

- ✓ 8/26/1861 Letter from J[ohn] B. Rogers, Camp Burnett, [Haydenville, Ky.?], to his sister Annie B., Blue Spring, Barren County, Ky. Indicates that in his confederate unit the officers have been "elected" to their command. He has been elected first lieutenant. Remainder of letter is personal.

- ✓ 3/9/1863 Letter from John B. Rogers, Manchester, Tenn., to his sister Mollie, Barren County, Ky. Rogers expresses thankfulness that his family in Barren County has not suffered any depredations from southern or northern armed forces. He believes that the troops on either side are equally bad re depredations. Rogers indicates that winter rains have made roads in his area so impassable that it would be hard for northern military units to attack the mountainous terrain where Rogers is encamped. Rogers only