

Title:	Martin Van Buren Lewis correspondence, 1857-1863		
Creator:			
Dates of Material:	1857-1863	Record Group Number:	RG 767
Summary of Contents:	<p>Consists of correspondence between Martin Van Buren Lewis and his wife Mary. There is also some correspondence from Mary to her mother and some letters from Martin's friends.</p> <p>1.1 Letters from Martin to Mary, 1857-1862. There are 15 letters. Some of the letters were written while Martin was at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. and others from Warren, Ohio. He writes about a training accident for which he was hospitalized, the rules he must follow, and his studies.</p> <p>1.2 Letters from Mary to her mother Nancy Green, 1859-1863. There are 12 letters. The letters are written from the Lake Erie Seminary in Painesville, Ohio and addressed to her mother in North Bloomfield, Ohio. She asks for food to be sent and more letters too. She also comments on the numerous rules students are expected to follow.</p> <p>1.3 Letters to Martin from friends, 1860-1861. Three letters to Lieut. M.V.B. Lewis in Ohio. One of the letters is from a friend who recently visited Niagara Falls and describes his trip. He notes that "<i>I went to Niagara Falls to visit a female cousin there. I saw Blondin go over the Falls on his rope and it was the most daring feat that I ever witnessed</i>".</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	30 letters		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch:	<p>Martin Van Buren Lewis (1835-1862) was born in Bloomfield Township, Ohio. He attended the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York and graduated in 1860. He then joined the US 8th infantry as 2nd Lieut. On September 29, 1860 he married Mary Frances Green. Two years later he died of disease in Winchester, Virginia.</p>		

Location:	Brock University Archives		
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