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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Brandeis University
<b>Creator:</b>	Lally, Michael
<b>Title:</b>	Michael Lally letters and other material
<b>ID:</b>	11.MWalB02472
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1861-2006
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1861-1865
<b>Date:</b>	Date acquired: 1962-07-05
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.00 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 manuscript box, 1 oversized folder other_unmapped
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.00 Linear Feet
<b>Text [other]:</b>	1 manuscript box, 1 oversized folder
<b>Abstract:</b>	Arranged in six series: 1. Correspondence, 1861-1865; 2. Other Materials, undated; 3. Facsimiles Government Documents, 1861-1885; 4. Photograph, undated; 5. Miscellaneous Secondary Materials, 1982-2006; 6. Certificate, 1861. For more information about each series, please consult the series descriptions in the box and folder listing.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection at Brandeis includes fifty-seven of Lally's letters, the first dated July 16, 1861 (just before the first battle of Bull Run), and the last dated June 6, 1865 (after Lee's surrender). The letters describe particulars of battle as well as more mundane matters, such as the need for postage stamps, handkerchiefs, a flannel shirt, or whiskey. Lally writes often about sending money home and asks for news of the family as well as friends and neighbors; his letters are sprinkled with prayers for his and

his family's safety and words of reassurance. The collection also contains a small amount of other material, including a Boston Almanac from the same period, a prayer belonging to Michael Lally, several photocopies of materials relating to his military service, and secondary materials.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Source of Acquisition

Donated by Mrs. Beatrice Thomson in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rose.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

<http://brandeisspecialcollections.blogspot.com/2008/01/michael-lally-civil-war-letters-1861.html>

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
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- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Participation, Irish
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Participation, Immigrant
- Lally, Michael

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## Other Descriptive Information

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Addenda to this collection may not be listed in the finding aid, but may be available for research use. Please contact us for more information.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Correspondence, 1861-1865

Date: 1861-1865

#### Scope and Contents

Letters from Michael Lally to his wife and children. Items in this series are organized chronologically from 1861 to 1865.

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Title/Description	Instances
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Alexandria, PA, July 26, 1861 <u>Date:</u> July 26, 1861	Folder 1
Camp Union, PA, October 22, 1861 <u>Date:</u> October 22, 1861	Folder 2
Camp Baker, MD, November 14, 1861 <u>Date:</u> November 14, 1861	Folder 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
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Camp Baker, MD, December 2, 1861 <u>Date:</u> December 2, 1861	Folder 4
Camp Baker, MD, January 9, 1862 <u>Date:</u> January 9, 1862	Folder 5
Camp Baker, MD, January 20, 1861 (i.e., 1862) <u>Date:</u> January 20, 1861 (i.e., 1862)	Folder 6
Camp Baker, MD, February 8, 1862 <u>Date:</u> February 8, 1862	Folder 7
Camp Baker, MD, February 13, 1862 <u>Date:</u> February 13, 1862	Folder 8
Camp Baker, MD, February 18, 1862 <u>Date:</u> February 18, 1862	Folder 9
Charles County (Near Budd. Ferry, MD), March 25, 1862 <u>Date:</u> March 25, 1862	Folder 10
Near Yorktown, VA, April 13, 1862 <u>Date:</u> April 13, 1862	Folder 11
Near Yorktown, VA, May 2, 1862 <u>Date:</u> May 2, 1862	Folder 12
Williamsburgh, VA, May 8, 1862 <u>Date:</u> May 8, 1862	Folder 13
Near Richmond, VA, May 21, 1862 <u>Date:</u> May 21, 1862	Folder 14
Fair Oaks Station, VA, June 12, 1862 <u>Date:</u> June 12, 1862	Folder 15
Fair Oaks Station, VA, June [?] 20, 1862	Folder 16

<u>Date:</u> June [?] 20, 1862	
Harrison's Landing, July 11, 1862	Folder 17
<u>Date:</u> July 11, 1862	
Harrison's Landing, August 10, 1862	Folder 18
<u>Date:</u> August 10, 1862	
Fort Loyons[?], VA, September 11, 1862	Folder 19
<u>Date:</u> September 11, 1862	
Arlington Heights, VA, September 16, 1862	Folder 20
<u>Date:</u> September 16, 1862	
Virginia, October 28, 1862	Folder 21
<u>Date:</u> October 28, 1862	
Falmouth, VA, December 3, 1862	Folder 22
<u>Date:</u> December 3, 1862	
Near Falmouth, VA, December 22, 1862	Folder 23
<u>Date:</u> December 22, 1862	
Near Falmouth, VA, January 3, 1863	Folder 24
<u>Date:</u> January 3, 1863	
Virginia, January 16, 1863	Folder 25
<u>Date:</u> January 16, 1863	
Virginia, January 31, 1863	Folder 26
<u>Date:</u> January 31, 1863	
Virginia, February 10, 1863	Folder 27
<u>Date:</u> February 10, 1863	
Virginia, March 2, 1863	Folder 28
<u>Date:</u> March 2, 1863	
Virginia, March 30, 1863	Folder 29
<u>Date:</u> March 30, 1863	
Virginia, April 13, 1863	Folder 30
<u>Date:</u> April 13, 1863	
Virginia, April 21, 1863	Folder 31
<u>Date:</u> April 21, 1863	
Virginia, May 11, 1863	Folder 32
<u>Date:</u> May 11, 1863	
Virginia, May 25, 1863	Folder 33

<u>Date:</u> May 25, 1863	
Near Martinborough, MD, July 15, 1863	Folder 34
<u>Date:</u> July 15, 1863	
Near Rappaneck Station, MD, August 10, 1863	Folder 35
<u>Date:</u> August 10, 1863	
Near Rappaneck Station, MD, September 14, 1864	Folder 36
<u>Date:</u> September 14, 1864	
Near Culpepper, VA, September 20, 1863	Folder 37
<u>Date:</u> September 20, 1863	
Near Culpepper, VA, September 27, 1863	Folder 38
<u>Date:</u> September 27, 1863	
Near Culpepper, VA, October 3, 1863	Folder 39
<u>Date:</u> October 3, 1863	
Near Culpepper, VA, October 5, 1863	Folder 40
<u>Date:</u> October 5, 1863	
Near Beaton Station, VA, November 2, 1863	Folder 41
<u>Date:</u> November 2, 1863	
Near Brandy Station, VA, November 23, 1863	Folder 42
<u>Date:</u> November 23, 1863	
At Brandy Station, VA, December 24, 1863	Folder 43
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Near Brandy Station, VA, January 20, 1864	Folder 44
<u>Date:</u> January 20, 1864	
Near Brandy Station, VA, February 13, 1864	Folder 45
<u>Date:</u> February 13, 1864	
Near Brandy Station, VA, February 23, 1864	Folder 46
<u>Date:</u> February 23, 1864	
Brandy Station, VA, March 28, 1864	Folder 47
<u>Date:</u> March 28, 1864	
Near Petersborough, VA, October 17, 1864	Folder 48
<u>Date:</u> October 17, 1864	
Near Petersborough, VA, October 31, 1864	Folder 49
<u>Date:</u> October 31, 1864	
Near Petersborough, VA, November 1, 1864	Folder 50



Date: November 1, 1864

Near Petersburg, VA, November 29, 1864

Folder 51

Date: November 29, 1864

Near Petersburg, VA, December 4, 1864

Folder 52

Date: December 4, 1864

[unknown location], December 13, 1864

Folder 53

Date: December 13, 1864

[unknown location], December 20, 1864

Folder 54

Date: December 20, 1864

Near Petersburg, VA, January 27, 1865

Folder 55

Date: January 27, 1865

Near Burks Station, VA, April 16, 1865

Folder 56

Date: April 16, 1865

Camp of the 11th Mass Col., June 6, 1865

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Date: June 6, 1865

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## Other Materials, undated

Date: undated

### Scope and Contents

Various materials, including a prayer, a Boston Almanac, and a letter from John Lally.

Title/Description	Instances
Prayer for Protection, undated	Folder 1
<u>Date</u> : undated	
Letter from John Lally, August 1, 1864	Folder 2
<u>Date</u> : August 1, 1864	
The Boston Almanac for 1862, 1862	Folder 3
<u>Date</u> : 1862	

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## Facsimiles of Government Documents, 1861-1885

Date: 1861-1885

**Scope and Contents**

Copies of government documents relating to Michael Lally. This includes his enlistment papers, materials related to his injury, muster roll, documents of being charged with selling "intoxicating liquors," and declaration of recruitment.

Title/Description	Instances
Folder of Facsimile Documents relating to Michael Lally, undated <u>Date:</u> undated	Folder 1

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**Photograph, undated**

Date: undated

**Scope and Contents**

Contains a photocopy of a tintype that displays Michael Lally with his daughters. Original print is in the collection of Joseph McDonough.

Title/Description	Instances
Photocopy of a tintype of Michael Lally with daughters, undated <u>Date:</u> undated	Folder 1

**Scope and Contents**

owned by Joseph McDonough

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**Miscellaneous Secondary Materials, 1962-2006**

Date: 1962-2006

**Scope and Contents**

These materials include a newspaper article on the collection at Brandeis University and an undergraduate student paper.

Title/Description	Instances
"Brandeis Salutes a Fighting Irish Immigrant," Boston Globe, March 11, 1962 <u>Date:</u> March 11, 1962	Folder 1
Paper by Frederick Daley IV, Brandeis Undergraduate, May 3, 2006	Folder 2

Date: May 3, 2006

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## **Certificate, 1861**

Date: 1861

### **Scope and Contents**

Includes one 1861 certificate from Military Division of the Adjutant General's Office, War Records Section, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## **Military Division of the Adjutant General's Office Certificate, Massachusetts, 1861**

Date: 1861

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