



Capt. Robert Wilson Livingston

26 pages of letters written by Col. Robert Wilson Livingston of the 118<sup>th</sup> NY Volunteer Regiment are. They have been for sale at the auction the following auction site since April 17, 2008.  
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In 1817 **Robert Wilson Livingston** settled in Lewis with his father, **William**, and his mother, **Sarah Tracy Livingston**. He was born in Hebron, NY on April 2, 1810. After attending Middlebury College, he taught in Elizabethtown. Later, he studied law with Judge **Augustus Cincinnatus Hand** and was admitted to the bar in 1837. He founded the "Essex County Times" in 1833 and the "Elizabethtown Post" in 1852. Robert held many other civil posts in the county - postmaster in Elizabethtown, Surrogate of Essex County and County Clerk.

When he was 52 years old, he enlisted in the 118<sup>th</sup> at Plattsburg as a captain in Co. F on August 20, 1862. While fighting at Drury's Bluff and was severely wounded twice. At 3 o'clock in the morning on the morning of May 16, 1862, General Beauregard attacked. The 118<sup>th</sup> fell back fighting, taking shelter where they could. Firing from the advancing Confederates was severe and Captain Livingston was struck in the shoulder and fell. His lieutenant, **William H. Stevenson**, sprang from cover and was killed while trying to get him off the field. Two of the four men who also tried to help were captured because and the other two managed to get him off the field. Captain **John Stone**, a Presbyterian minister was also killed during the same battle. Livingston was made a major by brevet for his gallantry and was in hospital at Fortress Monroe for more than a year as a result of his injuries. He returned to live and work in Elizabethtown and died there in 1886.