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# Keep Up Good Courage

## *A Yankee Family and the Civil War*

*The Correspondence of Cpl. Lewis Q. Smith, of Sandwich, New Hampshire, Fourteenth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers, 1862-1865*

By Alan Fraser Houston, MD

- Primary sources from the 1860s
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Drawn from Corporal Lewis Quimby Smith's 1864 diary, and letters from the Sandwich NH Historical Society, this unique title details both family life in Sandwich, plus the 14th Regiment of NH Volunteers' experiences in Washington, New Orleans, on the Mississippi, in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, and Savannah, GA.

**Rarely do both sides of a correspondence of this era survive the ravages of time and travel.** This is a look at the struggles of the entire family, both on the battlefield and on the farm. Included are the battles of Third Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek in the fall Shenandoah Valley campaign. Dr. Houston's painstaking research is completed with Civil War era images, and letters from other members of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

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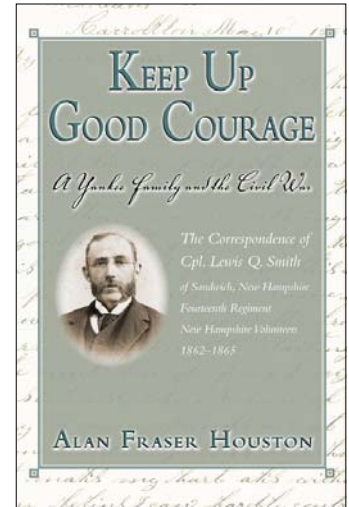
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