Mapping a Soldier's Journey through the American Civil War

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Abstract

The purpose of this project was to organize a selection of historical documents from the Lincoln Memorial Shrine archives and develop an application that could promote the archives by allowing easy public access to the documents via the Internet. The Lincoln Memorial Shrine provided sixty-one personal letters of a United States soldier during the American Civil War with the wishes that the soldier’s journey could be mapped so that his story could be told in a visual context. In order to begin this project, location and date data were taken from the original letters and organized inside a geodatabase for storage. Historical maps were georeferenced to allow the data to have a visual context, along with supporting layers. Using Esri's Journal Map application template with additions from ArcGIS API for JavaScript, an interactive web application was developed that could allow the public to view the maps and data following the life of the Civil War soldier Logan Crawford and his regiment, the 15th Iowa Infantry.

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