

## Chittenden Family Papers

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### Biographical Note:

George F. Chittenden was born December 25, 1830 in Switzerland County, Indiana. He was graduated from the University of Louisville in 1855. He married Amanda Branham in 1856 and together they had three children. He married Catherine L. Brown in 1891.

He served as a surgeon for the 16th Regiment Indiana Volunteers during the Civil War and was the examining surgeon for the state Enrollment Bureau. He served as an Anderson City council member, a delegate at the Republican National Convention, and in the Indiana House of Representatives. George F. Chittenden died October 31, 1915.

Amanda Branham Chittenden was born around 1834 in Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana. She died in 1889.

Edgar Chittenden was born in November 1864; he attended DePauw University where he studied medicine. He married Cecil Ross on August 4, 1898 and together they had three children.

#### *Sources:*

Rebecca A. Shepherd ... [et al.], eds. A Biographical directory of the Indiana General Assembly v. 2. Indianapolis : Select Committee on the Centennial History of the Indiana.

Ancestry Library. Indiana State Library. 30 Apr. 2007. <<http://www.ancestrylibrary.com>>

### Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains the correspondence between George F. and Amanda Chittenden during their engagement and during the Civil War. The letters written during the Civil War discuss health conditions, army life, the siege of Vicksburg, life and politics in Indiana, and Confederate prisoners at Camp Morton. Also included are letters to Amanda Chittenden from family members and to George Chittenden regarding Republican politics, his work with the Indiana Hospital for the Insane, and other family

members. You will also find letters from family to Edgar Chittenden while he was studying at DePauw University.

Correspondents include Will Cumback (Oct. 19, 1868, Nov. 10, 1868, Nov. 19, 1868), Walter Q. Gresham (Nov. 16, 1880 and Dec. 10, 1880), Benjamin Harrison (Feb. 2, 1881, Mar. 30, 1881, Dec. 15, 1882, Oct. 4, 1884), and Albert Gallatin Porter (Feb. 22, 1881).

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### **Box and Folder Listing:**

#### Box 1. *Correspondence, 1837-1867*

##### Folder

1. Amanda Chittenden Papers and Correspondence, 1837-1853
2. Amanda Chittenden Correspondence, 1854-1855
3. Amanda Chittenden Correspondence, 1856-1857
4. Amanda Chittenden Correspondence, 1858-1860
5. George Chittenden Correspondence, Jan.-Aug. 1861
6. George Chittenden Correspondence, Sept.-Oct. 1861
7. George Chittenden Correspondence, Nov.-Dec. 1861
8. Correspondence, Jan.-Mar. 1862
9. Correspondence, Apr.- Aug. 1862
10. Correspondence, Sept. 1862-Jan. 1863
11. Correspondence, Feb.-Mar. 1863
12. Correspondence, Apr.- May 1863
13. Correspondence, June-Sept. 1863
14. Correspondence, Oct.- Dec. 1863
15. Correspondence, 1864
16. Correspondence, 1865-1866
17. Account book, 1867

#### Box 2. *Correspondence, 1867-1913 and undated*

##### Folder

1. Correspondence, 1867-1873
  2. Correspondence, 1874-1879
  3. Correspondence, 1880-1881
  4. Correspondence, 1882-Oct. 1883
  5. Correspondence, Nov. 1883-1886
  6. Correspondence, 1887-1913
  7. Correspondence, undated
  8. Correspondence, undated
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## Collection Information:

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