Lakin family correspondence
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Summary Information

Repository         Rare Books and Manuscripts

Creator           Lakin family

Title             Lakin family correspondence

Date              1861-1863

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Biographical Note

William H. (1814-1901) and Lucinda (1816-1898) Lakin were the parents of ten children: John Wesley (1835-1912), Leonard S. (1837-1930), Joseph W. (1839-1877), Mary (1842-1912), William N. (1845-1934), Sarah (1847-1897), Francis "Frank" (1850-1904), Elmina "Allie" (1852 - ?), Clara (1854-?), and Etna (1858-1940). William H. was a blacksmith by trade and moved the family to Boone County, Indiana in 1846. In 1859 the family moved to Plainfield in Hendricks County. Their son, Joseph, served as a private in Company A, 11th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and the 2nd Indiana battery, Indiana light artillery during the Civil War.

Sources:


Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence between members of the Lakin family of Plainfield, Indiana ranging from 1861 to 1863. The collection includes a letter written by M. Calvert (Mary Lakin Calvert) from Plainfield to "Dear Brother" with L.S. Lakin written at the bottom (January 1, 1861); a letter written on the back of Mary's letter from J.W. Lakin (Joseph W.) to "Dear Father" and sent from Camp McCauley, Paducah, Kentucky (January 12, 1862); a letter from Plainfield from J. W. (John Wesley) to "Dear Brother" (April 11, 1862); a letter from Plainfield from W.H. Lakin and Lucinda Lakin to L.S. Lakin (June 2, 1862); and a letter sent from Camp, Varners Battalion, Algiers, LA. to "Dear Brother & Sister" from J.W. (Joseph W.) Lakin (March 8, 1863). Several items of note are the mention of an E.B. Hamlett being "berried in the honers of ware" after being killed in the Winchester fight in John Wesley's letter; Joseph's account of military movements and Bowling Green in his letter from Paducah; and Joseph's discussion of the organization of men from the 11th, 24th, 34th, 46th, 47th Indiana and the
56th Ohio regiments under Lieutenant Colonel Varner and being assigned to the defense of New Orleans under the command of Gen. Renalds (Reynolds?) while with Varner's Battalion.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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Publication Information

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Family Name(s)

• Lakin family

Genre(s)

• Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

• Indiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
• Plainfield (Ind.)
• United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
• United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life

Subject(s)

• Family life
• Military life
• Soldiers