

Ransom T. Young letters

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Briggs, Francis
Creator	Johnson family
Creator	Lakin family
Creator	Robinson, James O.
Creator	Young, James M.
Creator	Young, John C.
Creator	Young, Nancy Emma
Creator	Young, Ransom T.
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Biographical Note

Ransom T. Young, born 1843, served throughout the Civil War, first as a private in Company K, 8th Indiana Infantry Regiment and then in Company F of the 11th Indiana Infantry Regiment where he was promoted to corporal. His brothers Clinton and James M. Young enlisted in the Union army as well. The Youngs also had another brother named John C. Young and a sister, Mary (Molly) E. (Young) Jones. Ransom Young married Nancy Emma Hutchinson on January 26, 1864 in Miami County, Indiana.

Following the end of the war, Ransom and Emma Young moved to Farmington, Dakota County, Minnesota, where they lived until they staked a land claim in Hutchinson, Minnesota in 1866. They had several children, including Elma P., Cecil F., Rebecca A., and Glenn.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

National Archives and Records Administration. U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 [database on-line]. Provo, UT: 2000. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. *Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941* [database on-line]. Provo, UT: 2005. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. *1880 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT: 2010. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. *1910 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT: 2006. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

National Park Service. "Young, Ransom T." *Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database*. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm>.

Biographical Note

James E. Briggs was born in March of 1827 in Tennessee. He later moved to Clark County, Indiana where he married Mary A. Johnson (February 1833-March 26, 1915) on February 19, 1852. They had three sons, Charles R., James N. and Thomas Edward Briggs, and lived in Utica, Indiana where Briggs worked as a farm laborer.

James E. Briggs volunteered to fight for the Union during the American Civil War in the 12th Battery, Indiana Light Artillery with family and friends from Utica, before he was sent home for illness or injury.

Mary had two brothers who also enlisted in the Union army--Daniel N. (Company D, 23rd Indiana Regiment) and Willis I. Johnson--as did James E. Briggs' brothers, Henry, who served in the 12th Indiana Battery at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Francis Briggs.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

Ancestry.com. *Indiana, Select Marriages, 1780-1992* [database on-line]. Provo, UT: 2014. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. *1870 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT: 2009. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. *Indiana Deaths, 1882-1920* [database on-line]. Provo, UT: 2004. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

National Park Service. "Briggs, James." *Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database*. Accessed July 7, 2015. <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence from members of the Young family of Indiana, including Ransom T. Young, his wife Emma, and his brothers, James M. and John C. Young, to their sister, Mary E. (Young) Jones between 1864 and 1875. There are also other Civil War letters from Hoosier soldiers and their relatives, including letters sent to James and Mary (Johnson) Briggs of Utica, Indiana from their brothers and friends, as well as two letters from J.W. Lakin to his siblings from 1861 to 1865. There are also three undated letters.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

S163: James Briggs papers

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Briggs family
- Young family

Geographic Name(s)

- Anderson (Ind.)
- Chattanooga (Tenn.)
- Farmington (Minn.)
- Fort McHenry (Baltimore, Md.)
- Nashville (Tenn.)
- Plainfield (Ind.)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Utica (Ind.)
- Vicksburg (Miss.)

Personal Name(s)

- Briggs, James
- Jones, Mary E.
- Rosecrans, William S. (William Starke), 1819-1898
- Smith, Charles Ferguson, 1807-1862
- Wallace, Lew, 1827-1905

Subject(s)

- Chattanooga, Battle of, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1863
- Civil war
- Correspondence
- Indiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
- Soldiers
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Equipment & supplies
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Veterans
- United States. Army of the Cumberland
- United States. Army. Indiana Cavalry Regiment, 2nd (1861-1865)
- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 11th (1861-1865)
- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 23rd (1861-1865)

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 8th (1861-1865)
- United States. Army. Indiana Light Artillery Battery, 12th (1862-1865)
- Zionsville (Ind.)