JOHN W. STRONG FAMILY PAPERS, 1853, 1860–1864

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NOTES:

John W. Strong (d. 5 August 1863) was from Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, and served in Company "F" of the 82nd Indiana Regiment during the Civil War. He was mustered in on 30 August 1862 and died from disease on 5 August 1863 at Winchester, Tennessee.

Jane (Jennie) Strong was living in Bloomington in the 1860s and was the sister of John Strong.

William Wilson also served in Company "F" of the 82^{nd} Indiana. Wilson was a sergeant in the regiment and served from 30 August 1862 until 9 June 1865.

Robert W. Weir from Monroe County served in Company "K" of the 133rd Indiana Regiment from 15 May 1864 until the regiment was mustered out.

Leroy S. Mayfield of Bloomington served in Company "I" of the 22nd Indiana Regiment from 15 August 1861 until 26 April 1865, rising from private to the rank of captain.

Sources:

Terrell, W. H. H. Report of the Adjutant General's Office. Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana. [Vol. 2, p. 217; Vol. 4, p. 514; Vol. 6, p.330–331; Vol. 7, p. 351] Indianapolis: A. H. Connor [etc.] State Printer, 1865–69. General and Reference Collection, E506.2.I39 T4 1865
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains letters written to or by members of the Strong family of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana during the Civil War.

The largest number of letters in the collection are from John W. Strong with the 82nd Indiana Regiment to his sister Jennie (Jane Strong) in Bloomington, September 1862–August 1863. Letters were written from Louisville and Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Murfreesboro, Gallatin, Nashville, and Winchester, Tennessee. The letters generally deal with the regiment's location and activities and inquiries and comments about people and events back home. Three letters in this group (28 July, 2 and 4 August 1863) were written to Jennie Strong by Vince Farmington and William Wilson on behalf of her brother who was too ill to write. In the letter of 4 August, William Wilson relays that John Strong died at 8 o'clock that morning.

Other letters in the collection include several between John Strong and his brother James in Bloomington about everyday life at home and conditions in the army, August 1862–July 1863; letters from Union soldiers William Wilson (82nd Indiana), L. (Leroy) S. Mayfield (22nd Indiana), and Robert W. Weir (133rd Indiana) to Jennie Strong discussing their involvements in the war and comments on local events in and around Bloomington, 1862–64; and letters between members of the Strong family on personal topics before and during the Civil War, 1853, 1860–64. Also included are several handwritten poems and stories, mostly by Jane Strong around 1860 and promissory notes and receipts for John Strong and other family members, 1862–63 and n.d.

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