DAVID S. SCOTT CIVIL WAR LETTERS, 1862–1865

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION : 2 folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1862-1865

PROVENANCE: King V. Hostick, Chicago, Illinois, March 1965

RESTRICTIONS: None

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

A resident of Grant County, Indiana, David S. Scott was mustered into Company H Eighth Indiana Infantry on September 5, 1861. The Eighth fought in a number of battles and skirmishes including the Siege of Vicksburg. He was mustered out a Corporal on September 17, 1865 in Indianapolis.

Source:

Terrell, W.H.H. Report of W.H.H. Terrell Adjutant General,

Indiana vol. IV Indianapolis: W.R. Holloway, 1865.

Material found in the Collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains ten letters (1863-1865) written by Scott to Kate Missimer whom he married in 1864. Written from Louisiana, Texas, and Virginia, Scott's letters discuss the importance of the Siege of Vicksburg, the outlay of the terrain, and various personal matters. Also included is a letter from A.N. Missimer to his sister Kate Missimer Scott dated March 18, 1865. A letter from --- Davidson to his cousin Sarah A. Davis, dated May 3, 1865, describes the surrender of one hundred "Johnies" to Union forces. Another letter, dated February 12, 1862 and written by R.W. Davidson to his sister S.A. Davis, speaks of the backwardness of Kentucky and the health of Davidson's regiment. The relationship between David and Kate Scott and S.A. Davis and the Davidsons is unknown.

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- 2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
- 3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
- 4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 0447).
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