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SC 2673

ELIJAH W. ISRAEL CORRESPONDENCE, 1862–1864

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 folder (13 items)
COLLECTION DATES:	August 1862-February 1864
PROVENANCE:	Barbara Verdiani, 90 Crosslands Drive, Kennett Square, PA, 29 January 1999
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: Typed transcripts of letters

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Elijah Witney Israel (1839–1863) was born in Johnson County, Indiana. He later moved to Rensselaer, Jasper County where he farmed for a living. In August 1862, he enlisted in Company "A" of the 87th Indiana Regiment. In June 1863, he was promoted to the rank of first sergeant and was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga on 19 September 1863.

Sources: Information in collection.

Indiana Adjutant Generals Office. *Indiana in the War of the Rebellion: Official Report of W.H.H. Terrell, Adjutant General*, vol. 6, p. 403. E506.4 C5 fiche nos. 121–126.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection comprises 10 letters written by Elijah Witney Israel ("Whit") to his family while he was serving in the 87th Indiana, August 1862–August 1863. The letters were written to his sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Amanda, and his wife, Fran, from camps in Indiana and Tennessee. In his letters Israel discusses his family, his duties with the 87th, and the countryside and people of Tennessee. Other items in the collection include a recommendation from Captain Payne for Israel's promotion to first sergeant (June 1863), a letter of condolence to Mrs. Israel from Captain Burnham on her husband's death (September 1863), and a related statement from Burnham certifying Israel's military service and death (February 1864). Typed transcripts accompany the letters.

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