NATHAN KIMBALL PAPERS, 1862–1885

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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Photos of NK's gun in picture file-- Indiana--Civil War (1968.1107)

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NOTE: Letters of 1862 and 1885 given in memory of D. Laurance Chambers by John J. Weldon and Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson Sinclair

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

<u>Nathan Kimball</u> (1822-1898) was born in Fredericksburg, Washington County, Indiana. He attended Washington County Seminary and Indiana Asbury University. He then studied medicine at the University of Louisville Medical School in 1864.

Kimball moved to Missouri in 1840, but had returned to Indiana by 1847. In 1846-1847 he served with the Second Regiment of Indiana Volunteers during the Mexican War.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Kimball was appointed colonel of the 14th Indiana Volunteer Regiment. Under his command the regiment served in Virginia. During the war Kimball was promoted to brigadier general and then to major general. In June 1863 he reported to Grant at Vicksburg; he afterward served in Arkansas.

Kimball was Indiana state treasurer from 1867 to 1871, and served in the Indiana General Assembly in 1873, from Marion County. In 1874 he moved to Utah, where he was U. S. Surveyor for the Territory (1874-1878) and then postmaster of Ogden (1879-1883). He died in Ogden.

Sources: Biographical Directory of Indiana General Assembly, Vol. I

Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains three letters written by Kimball, dated 1862-1885:

4-20-1862 NK, Shenandoah Valley, to Laz Noble, Adjutant General.

Asks for prompt filling of regimental vacancies with qualified personnel. Makes recommendations for top positions. NK is still in command of Shields's division. ALS 3p

12-9-1869 NK, State Treasurer, Indianapolis, to Colonel [?].

Please make sure that Gen. Rosecrans comes to Indianapolis (from Cincinnati) in daylight hours on the 14th or 15th, so

that we can muster a good reception. ALS 2p

5-12-1885 NK, Ogden, Utah, to O. H. Oldroyd, Springfield, Ill. Describes his service 1863-1865, serving under Grant at Vicksburg, then being sent to Arkansas. ALS 2p

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