

Collection #
SC 1096

ADOLPHUS ORIGEN MITCHELL COLLECTION, 1862–1917

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript folder, 1 cabinet card, 2 photo albums
COLLECTION DATES:	1862–1917
PROVENANCE:	Mrs. Roger Burch, Carmel, Indiana, August 1978
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1978.0808

NOTES: This was an already extant collection to which more materials have been added.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Adolphus Origen Mitchell was born around 1840 in Indiana. He was a resident of Abington, Wayne County, Indiana, when he enlisted in the Union Army on 20 December 1863 as a Sergeant. He was mustered into Company C of the Indiana 13th Regiment Infantry the same day. He was soon promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on 19 December 1864 and then Captain on 1 May 1865. On 1 June 1865, he transferred from C to K Company. He was mustered out of the military on 5 September 1865 at Goldsboro, North Carolina. After the war, he resided at Mooresville, Morgan County, Indiana with his wife Mollie J. Arnold, whom he married on 26 December 1865.

Sources: Materials in the collection.

American Civil War Research Database. Historical Data Systems. 2005 <<http://www.civilwardata.com>>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Adolphus Origen Mitchell Collection consists of three letters written by Mitchell during the Civil War, a manuscript draft of questions for a bank examiner, a signed 1889 cabinet card of Mitchell, and two photo albums. Two of the letters, written on 18 November 1862 and 7 March 1863, describe to Mitchell's parents and sister his experiences in a military hospital. In the other letter composed on 14 September 1864, Mitchell depicts to his sister Sarah M. Dobbs his current situation of poor rations and danger from snipers during the siege of Petersburg. The cabinet card of Mitchell, a product of the D. Ryder Photographic Art Studio in Richmond, Indiana, has his autograph written at the bottom. The photo albums contain a variety of pictures with mostly family surnames including but not limited to Dobbs, White, Headly, Simpson, Carr, Hill, Daniels, Trueblood, Stoops, Jones, and Butner. One of the albums was the property of Mitchell's wife Mollie and contains a picture of him as a young man under which she refers to him as her "intended husband."

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Visual Collections: Album
Storage, PAA

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
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 1096).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.