

Collection #
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CHARLES L. FOX FAMILY PAPERS, 1847–1892

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles L. Fox (ca.1840-?) was born in Massachusetts but had moved to Vigo County, Indiana by 1860. In April, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company D of the 11th Indiana. In December of the same year he re-enlisted as a corporal in the Indiana 8th Light Artillery and served with that regiment until he was mustered out in January, 1865. After the war Fox migrated to Saint Louis, Missouri, where he worked as a clerk for the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railway Company. He was married to Mollie J. Smith (b. ca. 1844) of Marshall, Illinois, in January, 1865.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 12 May 2017

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection primarily contains letters written by Charles L. Fox to his sister, Villa Brown in Massachusetts 1863–1883. Fox writes while serving with 8th Indiana Light Artillery, 1863–1865, and while working for the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railway Company, 1867–1883.

Among the letters written during the Civil War were several from Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, and Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, February, 1863–September, 1864. Among the topics covered are neglect of wounded on the battlefield, competency of generals, and a first-hand description of the battle of Chattanooga.

Post Civil War letters are mostly written from Saint Louis, Missouri. In his letter of January, 1866, from Terre Haute, he writes of his marriage, and in his letter of December, 1867, he tells of the death of their new born child. Fox writes his letter of December, 1882, from Orlando, Florida, where he was recovering from a bronchial infection. The remaining letters were written from his in-laws home in Marshall, Illinois, where he was recovering although the tone of these letters are not optimistic for the long run.

Other items in the collection include a receipt from 1849, a poem written by Charles Fox for his sister, an account book presumably belonging to John Landes of Norristown, Pennsylvania, 1847–1860s, and four unidentified tintypes of a woman and a child, possibly from Charles Fox.

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Tintypes