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## DANIEL TYRRELL LETTERS, 1861–1862

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Daniel Tyrrell, the son of Elijah Asahel and Clarissa Meeker Tyrrell, was born on 3 April 1815, the youngest of eight children. Sources indicate he grew up in Trumbull county, Ohio, and left to study medicine in Pennsylvania. Tyrrell would gain three medical degrees in his lifetime.

After his medical education, he returned to Trumbull to practice as well as run a farm. Tyrrell married for the first of three times (being widowed twice) in 1836 to Minerva Alderman. He had four sons by her before her death in 1853. He moved to Claremont, New Hampshire, in 1857, where he met and married Frances Augusta Hunt the same year. Sources indicate he had one daughter by her, about a year after the removal of an ovarian tumor. She died in 1865.

Tyrrell practiced there until moving to La Porte, Indiana, in 1861. Two of his sons enlisted in the Union army, Gilbert Tyrrell in the Indiana 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry, and Sylvanus Tyrrell in the New Hampshire 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Dr. Tyrrell himself joined the Illinois 53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment as a surgeon about 1864 and marched with Sherman across Georgia.

After the war he moved to Kansas, at the urging of his wife who was already taking residence there. In 1867, two years after her death, Tyrrell married Louisa Goodheart. She brought three sons and two daughters from a previous marriage. Daniel Tyrrell apparently continued his practice until his death in 1890.

Sources:

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of six letters written by Daniel Tyrrell in La Porte, Indiana. Five are addressed to a L. J. Brooks in New Hampshire, and one is written to a Mr. and Mrs. Bingham. His letters cover a time span from September 1861 to May 1862.

Tyrrell mentions his wife's improving health, and his approval of the support for the war in La Porte, but deals primarily with financial concerns. Tyrrell instructs Brooks in handling his account and getting renters to pay their dues, and arranges for his son Gilbert to receive some clothes and to ride to La Porte. The January letter indicates he did indeed make it.

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