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**FRANCIS M. G. MELTON  
LETTER, 2 SEPTEMBER 1865**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Francis M. G. Melton (November 1835–January 1905) was born in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana, and married Cynthia L. Melton in 1856. In December, 1863, he was mustered in to Company B of the 130<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment as a private. Melton was mustered out in December, 1865, as a sergeant. After the war, Melton and his family moved to Greenfield, Hancock County, Indiana where he worked as a carpenter.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Melton wrote the letter to his wife from Charlotte, North Carolina, while serving in the 130<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment, 2 September 1865. Overall, Melton is in a very bad humor throughout the letter. The main topic is his disappointment that the regiment was not being mustered out as apparently had been promised. Melton lays the blame on General Tom Ruger who he calls a “mean, contemptable [sic], tyrannical son of a sea cock.” He also speaks of finances and the efforts of him and others to erect a monument to the regiment.

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