

**JAMES M. GOODRICH
PAPERS, 1853–1882 (BULK 1862–1867)**

**Collection #:
SC 0937
OM 0283**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 folders, 1 oversized folder, 1 artifact

COLLECTION DATES: 1853-1867, 1882

PROVENANCE: Mrs. Lotte Gaines, Cincinnati, OH, August 1965

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS:

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

James Monroe Goodrich was born in Shelby County, Indiana, circa 1844. On December 2, 1861, he was mustered into Company A Sixteenth Indiana regiment, serving five months. Goodrich later was mustered into Company E One Hundred Thirty Second Indiana regiment on May 18, 1864. The One Hundred Thirty Second, a hundred day regiment, was stationed along the lines of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad and Alabama and Memphis and Charleston Railroad in order to guard communication lines used by Sherman for the transport of supplies to his army. After his commission expired, Goodrich was mustered into Company D One Hundred Forty Eighth Indiana regiment on February 20, 1865. He was mustered out on September 5, 1865.

Sources:

Shelby County in the Civil War. Shelbyville: Shelby County Civil War Centennial Committee, n.d.

Terrell, W.H.H. *Report of W.H.H. Terrell, Adjutant General, Indiana* vol. III Indianapolis: Samuel M. Douglass, 1866.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection, arranged chronologically, consists of the Civil War papers of James M. Goodrich. The first folder contains a letter, dated June 2, 1853, from Jethro and Susanna Swain to Sylvanus Leonard announcing the death of their father. The relationship between the Swains/Leonards and Goodrich is unknown. Goodrich's discharge papers (1862-1865), commission papers (1864), and a copy of a letter written by Abraham Lincoln to a war mother are also included. A certificate of "thanks and of honorable service" (1864), a muster in roll (1865), and commission papers (1865) are found in OM 0283.

Items in the second folder include quartermaster records (1865), and circulars and general orders (1865). A letter, written in 1865 and addressed to Goodrich, regards a stolen pocketbook. Another letter, written by an official in the Freedman's Bureau in 1865, is a reply to Goodrich's assertion that local Blacks are too idle. A final folder contains quartermaster records (1865-1867), discharge papers (1865), and a claim regarding Goodrich's train accident in 1882. Folding fork and spoon reported by donor to be from a Civil War Mess Kit is stored with Artifacts as number R 0469.

FOLDER AND CONTENT LISTING

FOLDER CONTENTS

- 1 Discharge, commission, and other papers, 1853-1865
- 2 Quartermaster records, muster in roll, circulars and general orders, and letters, 1865-1867
- 3 Quartermaster records, discharge papers, accident claim, 1865-1882
- 4 (OM 0283) Certificates, 1864-1865

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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 0937).
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