

Collection #
SC 1848

**JAMES WASHINGTON CASS
PAPERS, 1860–1881**

[Collection Information](#)

[Historical Sketch](#)

[Scope and Content Note](#)

[Cataloging Information](#)

Processed by
Charles Latham
3 June 1994
Updated 2 December 2004

Manuscript and Visual Collections Department
William Henry Smith Memorial Library
Indiana Historical Society
450 West Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

www.indianahistory.org

COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1860-1881

PROVENANCE: Jack Stiffler, Jr., Kincaid KS, 28 April 1994

RESTRICTIONS: None

COPYRIGHT: Held by donor

ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1994.0679

HISTORICAL SKETCH

James Washington Cass (1839-1865) was born in Brown Township, Hancock County, Indiana, the son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Cass. In 1860 he married Elizabeth Cook, and the couple had two children, Sarah Anne (born 1861) and James Louis (born 1863).

In August 1862 Cass enlisted, from Willow Grove in Hancock County, in the 99th Indiana Infantry Regiment. The regiment served in Tennessee, then at the siege of Vicksburg, and then with Sherman in his advance on Atlanta. In May 1864 it engaged in skirmishes at Resaca and at Dallas. In the latter action on 28 May, Cass was captured. Having been imprisoned for nearly a year at Andersonville, he was on his way home after Appomattox on the packet "Sultana" when it blew up and sank on the Mississippi River on 27 April 1865.

Sources: Materials in collection

W. H. H. Terrell, Report of Adjutant General, Volumes 3, 6

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one folder, contains photocopies of documents describing the military record of James W. Cass. Dated between 1860 (his marriage) and 1881, the documents were using in obtaining pensions for his family.

CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

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 1848).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.