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SC 2716

**JOHN M. BUCKLEY  
LETTER, 25 FEBRUARY 1865**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John M. Buckley of Carroll County, Indiana, was the second-oldest of Isaac and Eliza Buckley's six children. He enlisted in Company A of the Indiana 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry on 18 September 1861. Buckley was promoted from private to full corporal before he was mustered out on 4 October 1864. He went on to attend Purdy's Actual Business College and later directed schools in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Rockford, Illinois.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Cavalry was organized in September 1861, the first complete cavalry regiment raised in Indiana. It saw fighting in Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama. The regiment was mustered out on 22 July 1865. The original strength of the regiment was 1,039. It gained 301 by recruits, and 5 by reenlistment, for a total of 1,345. It lost 131 by death, 47 deserted, and 273 were unaccounted for.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Ancestry Plus (<http://www.ancestry.com/main.aspx>) accessed 30 July 2003

American Civil War Research Database (<http://www.civilwardata.com>), accessed 30 July 2003

Collection guide for Buckley Family Letters (M 0769)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains one letter to "Cousin Ann" by John Buckley. Buckley wrote the letter from Indianapolis after he had been mustered out of the army.

He indicates that he is doing reasonably well at school, considering his long absence. He also mentions the draft, stating some "prominent businessmen" of Indianapolis were among those drafted. One man had offered Buckley a house and lot worth \$3,000 in return for his substituting his service. Buckley turned the offer down. He wraps up the letter with some personal matters and asks that Ann visit soon.

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