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SC 2705

**NATHAN HIATT
LETTER, 22 AUGUST 1863**

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

Nathan Hiatt was the son Eli and Mary Hiatt, born on 18 September 1843. He resided in Farmland in Randolph County. Nathan's father was strongly against slavery, working in anti-slavery societies and taking in fugitive slaves on one occasion. The second-youngest of eight children, Nathan joined the Indiana 84th Infantry on 2 August 1862. On 20 September 1863, about one month after the letter in the collection was written, he was killed at Chickamauga, Georgia.

The 84th Indiana Infantry was mustered in on 3 September 1862. It saw action in several places, including Chickamauga, where its division held the extreme left flank, holding the line against several Confederate attacks. The regiment counted 127 killed, wounded, or missing in two days at Chickamauga. The Indiana 84th was mustered out on 14 June 1865.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Ancestry Plus (<http://www.ancestry.com/main.aspx>) accessed 10 June 2003

American Civil War Research Database (<http://www.civilwardata.com>), accessed 8 June 2003

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a six-page letter by Nathan Hiatt to his father Eli on 22 August 1863. The opened envelope is also included. He wrote the letter from a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Nathan voices his homesickness and desire to see his father and the farm again, and notes that writing is better than nothing and hopes to hear from him soon. He also apparently has just improved his health over the past few days, after previously writing that he was ill. The letter has several patriotic thoughts in it; he indicates that the Confederate army controls eastern Tennessee, and hopes to help change that soon.

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