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SC2967

**ROBERT M. MORRIS  
CIVIL WAR PAPERS, 1865-1918**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Robert M. Morris (February 2, 1843-October 22, 1918) was born to Jacob Morris and Elizabeth Cory in the state of Delaware. He was one of eight children. The family appears to have moved to Indiana at some point in time because Morris mustered into the 84<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry Regiment, Company C at Milford, Indiana on August 9, 1862, along with his brother, Noah. Morris was injured twice in the war, a broken collar bone and a wound to the knee. However, he continued to serve in the Veteran Reserve Corps and was mustered out of the Army on June 14, 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee. After the war, Morris returned to Indiana and settled in the town of Eaton. There, he met Laura A. Teal, and they were married in 1872. The couple had 9 children, 8 of whom survived childhood. Morris owned his own blacksmith shop. He died at the age of 75.

Sources:

Material in the collection.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Robert M. Morris papers include one letter from Noah Morris, who is serving in the 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment Indiana Infantry in Knoxville, Tennessee. Noah writes to his brother asking for money to buy postage because he has many letters he needs to send. He also reports that a few friends are “well and hearty”, and asks Robert pass the message along to one friend’s wife. Also contained in this collection are Robert M. Morris’ discharge papers from the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Veteran Reserve Corps, Company N. Morris had originally mustered in with the 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment, but sustained a few injuries that resulted in his transfer to the Veteran Reserve Corps. Finally, a partially filled out, undated disability claim for Robert M. Morris is contained in the folder. Morris claims to have been suffering chronic pain from a broken collarbone (falling tree limb in 1863) and a wound in his right knee (from an enemy missile in 1863), in addition to chronic diarrhea.

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