

Collection #
SC 1250

THOMAS B. REDDING LETTERS, 1861-1865

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Burton Redding was born in Henry County, Indiana on December 27, 1831. He was the oldest son of Iredell and Anna Redding, early residents of Henry County. Thomas attended local schools as well as the Henry County Seminary. He received his M.A. from Indiana Asbury University in 1854 and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Iowa Wesleyan University afterwards. He began teaching when he was 16 years old. After college he taught in Richmond, Indiana for a year, and also became a reporter for the *Sentinel* of Richmond. He then went to direct New Castle Seminary for one year, and then became the editor for the New Castle *Courier*. While Thomas had been switching between jobs, he had been studying law and had been admitted to the bar. He decided to leave journalism and in 1857 he was chosen for the Prosecuting Attorney on the Republican ticket, although he later backed out. He began practicing law in Chicago in 1858, but returned to New Castle in 1860 to continue his practice extensively. He married Sarah W. Corrington on December 2, 1858 and they had one daughter, Rosa. Thomas died in 1893 in New Castle.

Sources:

History of Henry County, Indiana: Together with the Sketches of its Cities, Villages, and Towns, Educational, Religious, Civil, Military, and Political History, Portraits of Prominent Persons, And Biographies of Representative Citizens. Chicago: Interstate Publishing Company, 1884.

Will Records, 1822-1926, Index to Wills, 1822-1976; Author: Indiana. Court of Common Pleas (Henry County); Probate Place: Henry, Indiana

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This folder contains nine original letters to Thomas B. Redding and others from Henry County, 1861-1865. All are on fancy, patriotic letterheads.

- Laura Ware to teacher, Sue, June 3, 1861
- Jacob Redding at Camp Wayne to brother, Thomas Redding, September 1, 1861
- Jacob Redding in Richmond to brother, Thomas Redding, September 3, 1861
- T.C. Gordon at Camp Grosse to Mr. J.T. Unthank, December 25, 1861
- John W. Ozment in Cadiz, Henry County to Henry Lowrey, March 31, 1862
- M. Macy to cousin, August 24, 1862
- John Holler in Hagerstown to Mr. Redding, January 21, 1863
- George Cox in Rock Porte to friend, Thomas B. Redding, February 6, 1863
- D.E. Day/Cory in Greensboro to "Brother Redding", January 28, 1865

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