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THOMAS BUEFORD POE CIVIL WAR LETTERS, 1864

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Bueford Poe was born in Kentucky in April 1839. He moved to Clay Township, Morgan County where he worked as a farm laborer. When he was twenty-three years old Poe mustered in to the army on 11 August 1862 at Mooresville. He enlisted as a private in "E" Company of the Indiana 12th Infantry, which had been reorganized only a few days before he mustered in. Soon after Poe joined the army, his unit marched to Kentucky where most of the men were captured and sent to Libby Prison. They were paroled in November of 1862. Poe mustered out of the army on 21 June 1865.

Thomas and his wife Nancy eventually had six children, five of whom survived childhood including John M., Osker S., and Charles R. Poe held a number of different jobs after the war including a domestic servant and a flagman. The family lived in Morgan County for the greater part of the late-nineteenth century.

Sources:

Material in collection

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of two letters, one from Thomas Bueford Poe to his wife Nancy dated 21 March 1864, and the other an undated letter from Thomas's cousin Lucinda Sisk sent to him. In the letter that Poe wrote to Nancy he addresses her concern that he is trying to get rid of her by sending her to his father's house. Thomas assures her that he is merely trying to keep her safe. In the letter that Lucinda wrote, she tells him to make the other soldiers write her letters so she can practice her correspondence.

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