

WILBUR F. HITT LETTERS, 1863

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Wilbur F. Hitt lived in Brookville, Indiana. In the Franklin County sources available, his name appears only in connection with his military service.

The 83rd Indiana Regiment was organized at Lawrenceburgh in August 1862, with Hitt as its sergeant-major. The regiment served through mid-1863 in the siege of Vicksburg. At the time when these two letters were written, the 83rd was en route from Vicksburg to Chattanooga by way of Memphis.

In December 1863 Hitt was discharged from the 83rd to receive a commission as first lieutenant, adjutant, and quartermaster-general of the newly formed 123rd Regiment, organized at Greensburg. The 123rd moved around a good deal, serving first around Atlanta, then in Tennessee, and finally in North Carolina. It was mustered out in

August 1865.

Sources: *Adjutant General's Report*, Vols. II and VI
History of Franklin County, 1915
Atlas of Franklin County, 1882

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of two letters written by Wilbur F. Hitt, 83rd Indiana Volunteers, to his family in October 1863:

10-5-1863. WFH, camp near Memphis, to Father [John W. Hitt, Brookville]. Here in a pleasant camp on way from Vicksburg to Chattanooga to serve on Rosecrans's right flank. Mountain fighting will be different from swamp fighting. I deserve promotion and will have it yet. ALS 4p

10-24-1863. WFH, near Cherokee Station, Alabama, to sister Laura, [Brookville]. We are on the way to Tuscumbia, fighting as we go. I had a spell in hospital with chills and fever. We have no tents--live in "dog-houses" and eat hard tack and roasted bacon. Maybe I will get a furlough. ALS 2p

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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