OLIVER C. HASKELL
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NOTES:
Oliver C. Haskell, son of Rev. Jerry and Sabrina Temple Haskell, was born on March 26, 1836 in Vermont. When Oliver was three-years-old his family moved to Vermillion County, Indiana. Oliver became a licensed preacher in 1860. He then enlisted in the Civil War on August 16, 1862 as a Private for Company A, Indiana 71st Infantry Regiment. He was promoted to full 1st sergeant then transferred to Company A, Indiana 6th Calvary on February 23, 1863. Haskell survived the war and mustered out on June 17, 1865 in Pulaski, TN. After the war in August 1865, Oliver married Clarinda Jenks, and they had four children together.

The family lived in various places in Indiana for Oliver's religious appointments including Annapolis, Sanford, Zionsville, Summit Grove, Michigantown, Monticello, Crown Point, Goodland and Remington, Bainbridge, Terre Haute, Plainfield, and Bellmore.

In August 1893, Oliver suffered what is described as being stricken with paralysis (most likely a stroke) while preaching, and on September 2, 1893, he died. The funeral service was held in College Avenue Church in Greencastle, and he was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Oliver's wife Clarinda first filed for a pension on September 23, 1891 citing that Oliver was an invalid. She once again petitioned for a pension on October 1, 1894 as a widow.

Sources:
Materials from collection.
North-West Indiana Conference. "Oliver C. Haskell." Methodist Episcopal Church. Forty-Third Session. La Fayette, IN (Sept 1894).

This collection contains a typed transcript of Oliver C. Haskell's Civil War diary as well as the original three volumes of the diaries. Volume one covers August 17, 1862-October 9, 1863. Volume two covers October 22, 1863-June 22, 1864. Volume three covers June 23-September 27, 1864. The military related papers, folder 4, contain a brief summary of each diary's contents. Also included are photographs of Oliver Haskell and his son John Haskell. There is one of Oliver in his military uniform and one of him with his family. There is one of John around college age as well as one of him as an adult. Also there are military papers, certificates, and a 35-page family genealogy. There is also one photographic postcard of a white home with a man sitting on the front porch.
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