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**UYLSES S. GRANT
RE-ELECTION DOCUMENT, 1872**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Isaac Mendenhall was a Corporal in the 5th Indiana Light Artillery during the Civil War. He was 23 years old at the time of his enlistment in 1861. The presidential election of 1872 saw Ulysses S. Grant up for re-election against Horace Greeley, who had been nominated after a split in the Republican Party. The Democratic Party decided not to nominate a candidate of their own and instead supported Greeley. Grant won the popular vote and electoral vote by a landslide, though Greeley died before the electoral vote could be counted. Eden H. Fisher, who signed the letter, was a Captain in Company A of the 21st Indiana Volunteers in the Civil War and was President of the Soldiers of Noble County group. Born in 1840, Fisher passed in 1892.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains one letter from a meeting of soldiers in Noble County, Indiana written on September 14, 1872. This letter certifies that they have chosen Isaac Mendenhall to be their delegate at the Soldiers and Sailors Convention in Pittsburgh, PA on September 17, 1872. He will represent their endorsement of General Grant and Henry Wilson as candidates for president and vice president of the United States. Eden Fisher goes on to state their opposition to Horace Greeley's sentiment "That he hoped the day would come that the Soldiers who fought under Lee and Johnson would be as much respected as the soldiers who fought under Grant and Sherman."

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