



Adkinson Family Correspondence, 1863-1877

SC 61

Overview

Creator:	Adkinson Family
Title:	Adkinson Family Correspondence
Collection Number:	SC 61
Collection Dates	1863-1877
Size:	3 Folders
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Collection Information:

Scope and Content Note

The Adkinson Family Correspondence features letters dated 1863-1877 from four of the Adkinson brothers. The letters primarily relate to the service of Samuel, Oliver and Joseph with the United States Army during the Civil War such as camp conditions, troop movements, concern for home, and the death of Abraham Lincoln. Many of the letters discuss the death of Joseph Adkinson in 1864 including his injury, medical treatment, leg amputation, hospital conditions, doctors, nurses and notes from Irwin Adkinson after visiting Hammond General Hospital in Point Lookout, MD where Joseph died.

Historical Information

Samuel Adkinson (1834-1894), Joseph M. Adkinson (1841-1864), Oliver C. Adkinson (1843-1873) and Irwin D. Adkinson (1837-1875) were born in Switzerland County, Indiana to Francis and Eliza Adkinson. Joseph and Samuel served in Company A of the 3rd Regiment Indiana Calvary for the Union during the Civil War. Joseph died 7 June 1864 at Point Lookout, MD as a result of gunshot wounds in battle. After the war, Samuel worked as a farmer. He died 29 August 1894 in Carrollton, KY. Irwin did not serve in the military during the war. He later worked as college professor. He died 25 February 1875 in West Concord, NH. Oliver C. Adkinson served in Company B, 140th Regiment of the Indiana Infantry. He worked as a farmer in both Kansas and Indiana. He died 12 December 1873 in Switzerland County, IN.

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

-MSS 47, Dr. Emma Hill Papers: Genealogy materials related to the Adkinson family.

Related materials may be found by searching the [Hanover College online catalog](#).

Acquisition:

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Dates	Notes
1	1	Correspondence	Feb. 10, 1863- June 15, 1864	Camp conditions, raids, concerns about what is happening at home, food, health, end of the war, politics, battles, horses, troop movements, casualties, hospitals, sickness, taking photographs, Joseph's gunshot wound and medical care, leg amputation, correspondence to and from D.D. McKee (Joseph's chaplain) about Joseph's wounds and death, Irwin's trip to the hospital and description of staff and nurses and Joseph's burial, Hammond General Hospital in Point Lookout, MD
1	2	Correspondence	June 20, 1864- 1877	Correspondence from D.D. McKee (Joseph's chaplain) about Joseph's wounds and death, destruction of railroad tracks, fall of Richmond, VA, abandoning wounded soldiers, troop movements, waiting for battle, deaths of friends, lack of rations, concerns about what is happening at home, report by telegraph of Lee's surrender, celebrating the end of the war, reaction to Lincoln's assassination, religious uncertainty, letter fragments, essay "Horrors of War" by Jane Adkinson
1	3	Military records		Photocopies of the military records for Joseph Adkinson