CATHERINE KNOX LETTERS, 3 APRIL AND 26 JUNE 1865

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Catherine Armstrong Knox (also listed as Katherine, Catharin, and Cathereen) was born in Ireland in June 1835. In the 1844, she and her family moved to Randolph County, Indiana, where she married James C. Knox in February 1855. She died in 1921.

James C. Knox (1833–1916) was born in North Carolina and came to Randolph County, Indiana, in the 1840s. He and his wife, Catherine Armstrong, were married in Randolph County in February 1855. In January 1865, he joined Company I of the 147th Indiana Infantry with the rank of sergeant and served until July of the same year. Knox's occupation was listed as farmer prior to the war, but afterwards he became a painter.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 12 November 2018.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of two letters written by Catherine Knox in "Spartan Burg," Indiana, to her husband James while he was serving with the 147th Indiana Regiment, 3 April and 25 June 1865. In her letters, she writes of her loneliness, managing farm expenses, and sending him food and money by way of soldiers on furlough. She also writes of a neighbor and some local women to whom he offered money to "marry."

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