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CURTIS W. HANCOCK LETTER, 12 JUNE 1864

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Curtis W. Hancock (1845–64) was the son of Henry Clay and Sally Samantha Hancock. His father came from Virginia and his mother was from Vermont. They married 12 February 1823 in Moore's Hill, Dearborn County, Indiana. They had ten daughters and their only son Curtis was born 16 February 1845. The family members belonged to the Regular Baptist Church in Washington Township, Ripley County.

Curtis Hancock lived in Moore's Hill until he enlisted as a private in Company K of the 68th Indiana Infantry on 19 August 1862. In September his regiment moved to Munfordville, Kentucky, where the soldiers surrendered to General Bragg. They were paroled and exchanged in December of that year. Hancock received a discharge by civil authority 9 December 1862.

He mustered into Company K of the 9th Indiana Cavalry on 9 January 1864. During his time in the 9th Indiana Cavalry he received an award for distinguished service. The regiment moved to Pulaski, Tennessee, where it engaged in movements against Generals Forrest and Wheeler. In September 1864 Major Eli Lilly led a portion of the regiment in an engagement at Sulphur Branch Trestle, Alabama. Hancock did not survive the battle; he died on 25 September 1864.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one letter from Curtis W. Hancock of the 9th Indiana Cavalry to his older sister Elizabeth. In the 12 June 1864 letter, he describes camp life and his fellow soldiers. He also writes about the movements of John Morgan and the campaigns against Forrest. Hancock also speculates that Grant will take Richmond.

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