

**Collection #
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**HENRY SHOULDISE
LETTERS, 1862–1865**

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

Henry Shouldise from Jeffersonville in Clark County, Indiana, was mustered into the 81st Indiana Infantry on 29 August 1862. He died on 1 August 1864 at Nashville, Tennessee.

The 81st Indiana Infantry was mustered in on 20 August 1862. It saw a great deal of fighting in the Tennessee and Georgia campaigns from 1863 to 1864. The regiment was mustered out on 13 June 1865. The original strength of the 81st was 939. It gained 43 by recruits to bring the total number to 982. Two hundred thirty-six of the regiment died, while thirty-three deserted, and eight were unaccounted for.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Ancestry Plus (<http://www.ancestry.com/main.aspx>) accessed 19 June 2003

American Civil War Research Database (<http://www.civilwardata.com>), accessed 19 June 2003

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of twenty letters. Fifteen of these are written by Henry Shouldise, while the remaining five are from his family. Henry's letters are written to either his mother, his brother William, or his sister Rebecca. Most concern his state of health and when he might be discharged. He often sent money with these letters and advised his family on what they might send him.

The five from his family deal mostly with financial and legal concerns, apparently dealing with the pension due the Shouldises from Henry's service.

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