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**JOHN ELLIOTT
LETTERS, 1863; 1864**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Elliott (1861-1924) was born and lived in Spencer County, Indiana, where he farmed and was never married. In August 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company E of the 25th Indiana Regiment and was discharged in August 1864.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, Accessed 1 May 2018

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In his letter of 12 September 1863, Elliott writes to his mother, Mariah Elliott, in Dale, Indiana, while serving with the 25th Indiana in Memphis, Tennessee. In this letter, he assures her that he would never do anything, such as gambling, to make her ashamed. He also tells of the fatigue and exhaustion he experienced in constructing breastworks at Corinth, Mississippi, of marching from Shiloh to LaGrange to the point that he became ill, and of the subsequent disagreement between a doctor and a captain as to his fitness for duty.

Elliott writes to his sister from Decatur, Alabama, in the letter of 20 June 1864, discussing the war in the east with Grant at Petersburg and his nickname with company being Pointer for his rabbit-hunting prowess. He is also amazed of the ignorance of most Confederates crossing the lines and not knowing what side they are on.

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