

Collection #
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**ROBERT E. STEPHENS MATERIALS
CA. 1863–1957**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert Elder Stephens was born February 21, 1842 in Fairfield, Ohio and served as a member of Company K, 71st Indiana Volunteers (later Sixth Indiana Cavalry) during the American Civil War. He enlisted on July 24, 1862 and was medically discharged on May 25, 1865 for injuries obtained during the line of duty. The surgeon's certificate listed a fractured right radius and ulna, as well as amputated right index finger. Stephens married Mary Ellen Sexton (1846–1929) on October 1, 1866 in Vermillion County, Indiana. They had four children: Robert Emmett (1869–1871), Mabel Lawhon (1876–1963), Edgar Roy (1867–?), and Elbert Sexton (1873–?). Stephens was integral in establishing the Vermillion Lodge no. 594 of Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1882 and served as Vice-Grand. He died in 1916 and is buried in the Newport Cemetery in Newport, Indiana.

Sources:

Reports of Committees of the House of Representatives for the first session of the forty-ninth congress, 1885–1886, report no. 1016, 1886.

Biographical and Historical Record of Vermillion County Indiana. Lewis Publishing Company, 1888: 434.

U.S. Find a Grave Index, 1600s–current.

Tenth Census of U.S., 1880. Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to Robert Elder Stephens in regards to his service in the U.S. army. It includes four U.S. 10 cent fractional currency bills (ca. 1860s–70s), a Grand Army badge envelope and badges (n.d.), a leave of absence certificate from 71st Indiana Volunteers Infantry (April 10, 1863), patrol pass from the U.S.A General Hospital in Evansville, Indiana (April 26, 1865), one color bearer tag for Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument dedication (May 15, 1902), a roster of Company K., 6th Calvary Volunteers (circa 1880s), and various newspaper clippings regarding Civil War events (circa 1897–1957). Also included are two letters, one from John Collett dated June 7, 1888 and the other from Paul M. Rhoads dated December 1, 1896. Both letters are to Stephens.

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