# STEPHEN KEYES FLETCHER MATERIALS, 1882; 1897

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### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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DATES:

PROVENANCE: John L. Fletcher, Riverwoods, IL; October 2000

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED Calvin Fletcher Papers M 0108; Calvin Fletcher Family

HOLDINGS: Materials SC 2976

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Stephen Keyes Fletcher was born on 30 May 1840 to Calvin Fletcher, an Indianapolis lawyer and banker, and Sarah Hill in Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended Indianapolis public schools until leaving to become a clerk at the Dorsey & Jones hardware store in Greencastle, Indiana. In September 1861, Fletcher enlisted in the 33rd Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Company E. He was commissioned as First Lieutenant and adjutant for the 115th Regiment Indiana Volunteers in 1863. Fletcher was mustered out in February 1864 and returned to Indianapolis. When he returned, he opened a tile and brick manufacturing business with a Mr. Thomas. Fletcher took full control of the company following Thomas' death. He sold the business in 1896 and became a distribution agent for a company which manufactured brick-making machinery. Fletcher also participated in charity work and helped to establish the Indianapolis Flower Mission.

Fletcher married Mary Malott in 1866. They had three children, Malott, Leo, and Mary. His wife died in 1879, and Fletcher remarried to Laura Maxwell that same year. They had one child, Maxwell. Fletcher died in his Capitol Avenue home on 6 July 1897.

#### Sources:

"Death of S. K. Fletcher." *Indianapolis Sun*, July 7, 1897.

Gurevitz, Maire. Collection guide. SC 2976 Calvin Fletcher Family Materials, ca. 1852–1970s. Indiana Historical Society. (Guide completed May 2013).

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to Stephen Keyes Fletcher, including a certificate appointing Fletcher as Quartermaster of the 1st Regiment Indiana Light Artillery on 23 December 1882 by Indiana Governor Albert G. Porter and a memorial written by George H. Thomas Post after Fletcher's death in 1897.

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