DANIEL M. OLIVER LETTERS, 1863-1864

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Daniel M. Oliver (1844-1930) was born in Putnam County, Indiana, where he was a farmer. In July, 1862, he enlisted in Company C of the 6th Indiana Cavalry (71st Regiment) rising to the rank of corporal in 1864. Oliver was discharged in May, 1865, and married Martha Osler later that year. The Olivers moved west after the war living in Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 23 January 2018.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

There are four letters in this collection written by Daniel M. Oliver while serving with the 6th Indiana Cavalry to family living in Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana. In the letter of 10 June 1863 he tells of Confederate soldiers arriving wishing to take the oath of allegiance. The letter dated 24 April 1864 was written to his father in Fillmore, Putnam County, Indiana, from Nicholasville, Kentucky. Among the subjects he writes about is that his health is good, everyday life in the regiment, and area farming. The other two letters dated 7 and 8 July 1864 report on skirmishing with the enemy outside of Atlanta and the eminent fall of the city.

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