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**ABEL STREIGHT  
DOCUMENT, CA. 1860S**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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**RELATED HOLDINGS:** Lovina Streight Research Collection (M 1099)

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**NOTES:**

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Brigadier General Abel Streight was born June 17, 1828 or 1829 in Steuben County, New York. He worked in a variety of trades, including carpentry and lumber milling. In 1849 he married Lovina McCarthy. Streight set up a successful publishing business in Indianapolis in 1859. In 1861 he joined the Union Army with the rank of colonel and served as commanding officer of the 51<sup>st</sup> Indiana Volunteer Regiment. Col. Streight and the regiment were captured by General Nathan Bedford Forrest's forces in 1863 during an attempt to destroy Confederate railroad lines. Sent to Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia, Streight and more than 100 other prisoners escaped in February of 1864 via an underground tunnel they had dug. He retired from the army with the rank of brigadier general in 1865. In Indianapolis, the Streights gained further social prominence and frequently hosted large parties. Gen. Streight was politically active as well, unsuccessfully running for governor in 1880. He died from complications of Bright's Disease in 1892 and was buried in his front yard. Due to city laws, Lovina Streight had her husband's grave moved to Crown Hill Cemetery in 1902. Incorporating a bronze bust of the general, it is one of the cemetery's more elaborate monuments, and is situated across from Gov. Morton's grave.

Source:

Collection Guide M 1099-- Lovina Streight Research File

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The item is a signed document by Streight in New York City in response to a request for his autograph, ca. 1860s. Attached is a small photograph of himself.

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Autographed Document, ca. 1860s

### CONTAINER

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