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**ALEXANDER HAMILTON ANDERSON
PAPERS, 1793 - 1965**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alexander Hamilton Anderson was born on March 14, 1842 in Augusta County, Virginia. He was born to William Wallace Anderson and Jennetta Murry. Alexander died on January 10, 1907 in Delaware Township, Delaware County, Indiana. He was buried in the Union Church Cemetery at DeSoto, Indiana.

Alexander served as a Union soldier in the Civil War. He was in Company G of the 13th Indiana Infantry Regiment. His rank was Private. He enlisted November 30th, 1864, and mustered out September 5, 1865.

Alexander married Rhoda Catherine Hatfield (1847-1922) on March 10, 1866 in Delaware County, Indiana. They had nine children:

- Charles S. Anderson, Born July 7, 1867 in Delaware County, Indiana.
- John Grant Anderson, Born August 3, 1868 in Delaware County, Indiana
- Ana May Anderson, Born April 2, 1870 in Delaware County, Indiana
- Mary Jannetta Anderson, Born March 7, 1872 in Delaware County, Indiana
- Frank Walter Anderson, Born May 2, 1874 in Delaware County, Indiana
- Nora Myrtle Anderson, Born October 12, 1876 in Delaware County, Indiana
- Flora Alice Anderson, Born May 23, 1881 in Delaware County, Indiana
- Chester Ray Anderson, Born December 22, 1886 in Delaware County, Indiana
- Infant Boy Anderson, Born January 26, 1891 in Delaware County, Indiana

Sources:

Materials in the collection

<https://ancestrylibrary.com>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of letters written by and to Alexander Hamilton Anderson. The file also contains information regarding his genealogy, including a 1965 letter about this topic. Finally, there is lyrics to a song called “The Glorious Banner”.

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CALENDAR

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Letter to Rhoda Hatfield; Garrison duty in Raleigh, N.C. Anderson was quartered in a house requisitioned for soldiers. His duty was to stand guard over the house possessions. He had an easy duty and plenty to eat, what he called Featherbed Soldiering. He further described the family with whom he was quartered and stated that at one time they had 17 slaves. He also describes Southern graveyards and mausoleums in some detail. In April, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House thus bringing the war to a close. Later that year, General Wm. Sherman refuses to accept 90 new recruits. He stated there was no need for them since the war was over.	1865, April
Anderson writes to Rhoda Hatfield inquiring about her health and the outbreak of sickness which was happening back home. He also says there is a rumor that colored troops would be relieving his unit. He later talks about how his unit is on partial rations. This is due to the fact that Quartermasters and officers are stealing supplies and selling them off, a practice which will not last much longer due to the war's end. He describes a Lutheran Church meeting and its preacher, saying the meeting was a queer performance.	13 August 1865
Anderson bemoans the fact that they have not been mustered out yet. He explains that since there is	n.d.

nothing of importance happening that it's a waste of government money to keep them on duty. In a later letter also undated, he says there is an order to discharge all wounded men in hospital.	
Song called The Glorious Banner.	n.d.
Letter from Ralph A. Medill which includes a brief background of Alexander Anderson's family. His father William was a slave holder in the Shenandoah Valley. His family was eventually forced to flee their home due to his anti-slavery views.	20 January 1965
Genealogy document tracing Anderson ancestry back to 1793.	n.d.