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**ANTHONY THEVENIN
LETTER, 11 SEPTEMBER 1862**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Anthony Thevenin (1839-1865) was born in Paris, France, as Desire Antoine Thevenin. He came to America with his parents around 1850 and settled in Louisville, Kentucky. In August 1862, he enlisted in Cannellton, Indiana, as a member of Company E of the 5th Indiana Cavalry (90th Indiana Regiment) and was later promoted to corporal. In July 1864, Thevenin was taken prisoner along with most of the regiment at Hillsboro, Georgia, and sent to Andersonville Prison in Georgia. He was released on 1 April 1865 but was killed returning home on the *Sultana* when it exploded on 27 April 1865.

John Mavity (1819-1896) was a farmer in Jackson Township, Washington County, Indiana. In November 1846, he married Mary Ann Martin (1821-1908). He also appears to have been a minister and a nurseryman.

Sources:

Information in collection supplied by The Manassas Museum that accompanied the letter.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Thevenin writes to John Mavity in Washington County, Indiana, from Camp Reynolds, shortly after joining the 5th Indiana Cavalry, 11 September 1862. He writes about sending his bounty money home to family, assigning of equipment, drilling, and speculation about where the regiment will be sent.

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