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**CAPTAIN CHARLES W. BROUSE
CIVIL WAR MEMOIRS, 1863-1950S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles W. Brouse (1839-1904) was a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Born in New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana on December 30, 1839, Brouse was the first son of Methodist preacher, John Brouse. He enlisted in 1862. He served in the Civil War as a captain and the commander of Company K, 100th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery at the Battle of Missionary Ridge in Tennessee on November 25, 1863. According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's website, "To encourage his men whom he had ordered to lie down while under severe fire, and who were partially protected by slight earthworks, himself refused to lie down, but walked along the top of the works until he fell severely wounded." The medal was awarded to him on May 16, 1899, 36 years after his brave act. He became a real estate broker and married Margaret Caroline Thorpe (d. 1892). They had four daughters. He died on October 26, 1904 of endocarditis. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

Congressional Medal of Honor Website, <http://www.cmohs.org/recipient-detail/158/brouse-charles-w.php>, Accessed 12/6/2016

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Wikipedia page, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_W._Brouse, Accessed 12/6/2016

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes the written memoirs of Charles W. Brouse about his time serving in the Civil War. A transcription was also provided. There are brief sketches of Brouse's Civil War memories in the form of written originals and 1950's transcripts. These include stories about saving General Sherman from capture, the three drummer boys of the 100th, and foraging for food during an 1863 march with Sherman. Brouse introduces these sketches by writing a letter to his children. There are letters recommending him for the Medal of Honor. His Medal of Honor is also included in this collection. One of Brouse's sisters wrote a twenty one page memoir of the family that includes hearing the news that Brouse had been killed at Mission Ridge although he was wounded and survived. Also included in the collection is a print showing the home of Robert Brouse Thorpe Schmuck, Brouse's grandson.

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