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CARRIE WARD CAMPBELL LETTERS, 1864–1866

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Caroline “Carrie” Ward Campbell was the daughter of William S. Ward, born in the late 1700s in New York. As an adult he became a very popular shoemaker and subscribed to Whig politics. Her mother was Sarah Doyle, who was born circa 1796 in New Jersey. The date of their marriage is unknown, but William, Sarah, and their three oldest children relocated to the Cincinnati, Ohio, area in autumn 1822.

Carrie was the sixth of eleven children born to William and Sarah Ward. Carrie was probably born in the late 1820s or early 1830s.

Caroline Ward married Josiah Campbell, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on 16 July 1848. Josiah moved with his family to Guilford, Indiana, in 1832. He was a farmer, but he also supported his family by carpentry and building. Josiah and Carrie Campbell had four children. The oldest was Isaac Newton Campbell. He died of flux three months before his second birthday. The next child and only one who lived to adulthood was Eugene, who was born on 2 September 1854. On that same day in September 1854, their daughter, Emma Jane Campbell, one year and nine months of age, died of flux. Three days later, their son, Charles Henry Campbell, age two years and ten months, died from scarlet fever. All three children are buried in the graveyard at the Methodist Episcopal Church on Yorkridge.

Josiah and Carrie Campbell raised their first log cabin home on 6 February 1849. They set up housekeeping on 9 April 1849. Evidence indicates they never moved from their property one-half mile north of Guilford, Dearborn County, Indiana, but did acquire more land adjacent to or very near the original property purchased by Josiah Campbell.

Carrie’s older brother, Isaac B. Ward, owned a section of land adjacent to hers and Josiah’s property, where he was a well-known nurseryman. He grew many types of fruits, berries, and vegetables, as well as trees and other flowering plants.

In 1857, Carrie’s father died, but in 1885, Carrie’s mother (who by then had forty-nine grandchildren and thirty-nine great-grandchildren) was living with Carrie’s youngest sister, Rhoda A. (Ward) Larimer in Dearborn County, Indiana.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains three letters written to Caroline Ward Campbell, 1864–66.

The earliest letter, dated 4 September 1864, by E. Lathrop, Maysville, Kentucky, mentions that the Methodist Church South will convene there next Wednesday without a bishop. Lathrop further states that 5 September 1865 would be “draft day” and was likely to cause much excitement amongst the “Rebs.” Lathrop is unmistakably pro-Union.

The second letter dated 1 April 1865, also from Maysville, Kentucky, was from Lou A. Lathrop. It is unclear whether “Lou” is short for Louis or Louisa; therefore, the author’s gender is not identified. This letter contains information about the author’s poor health which apparently stemmed from not being out in the fresh air of the countryside. Lathrop mentions the conscription of his/her father into the Civil War.

The third letter was written 12 June 1866, from Augusta, Kentucky. It is addressed “Dear Aunt Carrie,” but appears to also have been written by Lou A. Lathrop. It repeatedly expresses the intense longing to see Carrie again and have time to talk with her. Another major and continuous theme in this letter is the request for prayers that would assist in living on earth in such a way as to live the after-life in the “upper and better world.” There is also mention of moving back near Carrie, with nothing certain said.

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