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**FRANCIS M.G. MELTON  
LETTER, 24 JULY 1865**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Francis M.G. Melton (1835–1905) was born in Rush County, Indiana, but lived most of his life working as a carpenter in Greenfield, Hancock County, Indiana. In 1856, he married Cynthia Jane Compton. In December 1863, he enlisted in Company B of the 130<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment. He was later promoted to sergeant and was mustered out in December 1865.

### Sources:

American Civil War Research Database, accessed 21 July 2018  
Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 21 July 2018

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This letter was written by M. G. Melton to his wife on 24 July 1865 while serving with the 130<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment in Chester, South Carolina. Melton uses Confederate States of America Post Office Department stationery and crosses through the heading. He expresses his dismay that the children are not doing well and states that he is sleeping in a very comfortable room in the county courthouse. He goes on to say that he is doing provost duty and keeping a watchful eye on the former Confederates.

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