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## FRANCIS M. G. MELTON LETTER, 15 JULY 1865

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Private Francis M. G. Melton, a resident of Anderson, Indiana, mustered into Company B of the 130<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry on 29 December 1863. The regiment marched to Tennessee and later to Georgia. They were with General Sherman during his campaign against Atlanta and also saw action at Kennesaw Mountain in 1864. Melton mustered out as a sergeant 2 December 1865. He and his wife had a son named William.

**Sources:**

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of one letter from Private Francis M.G. Melton to his wife dated 15 July 1865. Melton discusses receiving his wife's letters and most of this letter is a response to the ones that she had been writing him. He tells her that he has been wanting fried chicken ever since she wrote him about cooking some for the family. Melton thanks his wife for the love-token of a lock of her hair that she had sent recently, telling her that he showed it to an imprisoned rebel soldier who thought that she must be very beautiful. Melton had previously requested his wife to have her photograph taken but in this letter he asks her to forgo that expense since she may need the money. He also tells her that he cannot spare his three gold pens to replace her silver pen that will not write anymore because he uses his pens for writing her letters and taking down muster rolls. Melton also teases her about calling Colonel Parrish "old" because he and the colonel are nearly the same age. The letter is incomplete and ends with the comment that their children are so pretty because they have beautiful parents.

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