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**GEORGE D. FREEMAN & GILBERT M. BROOKE
CORRESPONDENCE, 1863-1864**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Gilbert M. Brooke (1834-1913) was born in Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, but moved to Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, in the 1850s where he operated a dry goods business. He married Catherine Todd Smith in 1858. In the 1870s, the Brookes moved to Indianapolis, and by the 1900 the census Gilbert Brooke was listed as a widower living in Knoxville, Tennessee.

George D. Freeman (1842-1913) was a retail dry goods merchant in Columbus, Ohio. In 1865 he married Julia A. Diemer (1845-1931).

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition. Accessed 8 May 2018

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of ten letters between November of 1863 and April of 1864, nine of which were written by Gilbert M. Brooke in Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, to George D. Freeman in Columbus, Ohio. The letters are a combination of personal and business topics. Brooke makes offers to Freeman to leave his job in Columbus as a salesman to come work for him. Freeman turns down the offer, but Brooke then asks that he assist him in finding a salesman who is qualified. Brooke eventually secures the services of a young man from Springfield, Ohio. The other letter is from Henry Darst, a friend of Brooke's to Freeman encouraging him to accept the job offer, 2 October 1863.

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