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GEORGE H. CHAPMAN LETTERS, 1878

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Henry Chapman was born 22 November 1832, in Holland, Massachusetts. When he was six, his family moved to Indiana where his father and uncle published newspapers in Indianapolis and Terre Haute. While attending the Marion County Seminary, he was appointed a Navy midshipman. Chapman resigned from the military after three years of service, which included Mexican War duty, and started publishing his own newspaper, the *Indiana Republican*.

When the Civil War broke out he was serving as the assistant clerk to the United States House of Representatives. In November 1861, he was appointed major of the 3rd Indiana Volunteer Cavalry and served in the battles of Second Bull Run and Antietam, before being promoted to lieutenant colonel in October 1862. In March 1863, he was promoted to the rank of colonel.

Chapman moved up to brigade command in September 1863. He participated in the Overland Campaign and the early stages of the Petersburg, Virginia, siege. He was promoted to brigadier general in July 1864 and transferred to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to serve under Philip Sheridan. Wounded at the battle of Third Winchester (Virginia), he returned to action with command of two cavalry divisions for a time, early in 1865. As the War reached its conclusion Chapman served on court-martial boards and did not resign until January 1866.

He was a Marion County, Indiana, Criminal Court judge for five years, served as receiver for two financially challenged railroads, and was elected to the Indiana Senate in 1880. Chapman died near Indianapolis on 16 June 1882, and was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Sources: Buford's Boys, 2005 [cited 3 January 2006]. Available from World Wide Web: (<http://www.bufordsboys.com/Chapman'sBiography.htm>)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains two letters written and signed by Chapman to M.E. Ingalls in Cincinnati, Ohio. The first letter is three pages and was written on 14 August 1878 about a shipment of grain that is in Lafayette and whether it is going to stay there. The second letter is four pages and was written on 1 December 1878 and has Chapman mending fences about a poor contract between them.

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