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GEORGE L. SCOTT
PAPERS, CA. 1861-1874

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: For 33rd Indiana Regiment, see also: F 79, 33rd Indiana Regiment Muster Out Roll; F 88, David A. Fately Diary; SC 1894, John Coburn Papers; SC 2392, John Francis Gilles Civil War Diaries

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998.0068

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George L. Scott (d. 1864) was a resident of Hope, Indiana (Bartholomew Co.). He served as a captain in the 33rd Indiana Regiment, Company I, during the Civil War. At the Battle of Thompson's Station (March 1863), Scott and 400 of his regiment were taken prisoner by Confederate forces. He was sent to Libby Prison (Richmond, VA), but was released about two months later as part of a prisoner exchange. A sharpshooter killed Scott on July 23, 1864, two days after the Battle of Peach Tree Creek, while Scott was on picket.

Scott married Mary R. Huey (fl. 1861-1874), and had two children, Nellie and Willie (d. 1863). According to the pension document in this collection, Mary was later the mother of two other children, George C. and Nannie S. (both born in 1865).

The 33rd Indiana Regiment (1861-1865) was mustered into service at Indianapolis on September 16, 1861, with John Coburn as colonel (See also: SC 1894, John Coburn Papers). The regiment served throughout Kentucky and Tennessee for over two years before being reassigned to the XX Corps under General W.T. Sherman. The 33rd Indiana was almost continuously engaged from the Battle of Resaca in May 1864 to the fall of Atlanta in September of that year. It joined Sherman's "March to the Sea" in November 1864 before continuing through the Carolinas and Virginia to Washington, D.C. The regiment was mustered out in July 1865.

Sources: Material in the collection and collection accession file.

Terrell, W.H.H. *Report of the Adjutant General*.... Vol. 2, p. 329-333.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains correspondence and papers relating to George L. Scott, a captain in the 33rd Indiana Regiment, Company I. The majority of the correspondence (1861-1864) is between Scott and his wife, Mary. His letters comprise an almost complete record of his service during the Civil War. They include interesting accounts of many key engagements, including the Battles of Wildcat, Thompson's Station, Resaca, Cassville, New Hope Church, Golgotha Church, Culp's Farm and Peach Tree Creek. He carefully notes casualties sustained by his company, and discusses tactics and soldier's responses.

Scott also writes of life in camp, a visit by General Ulysses S. Grant, interactions between soldiers and civilians, the murder of a Union captain, a secessionist's funeral, and the fall of Vicksburg, Mississippi. There is also a letter from Libby Prison, describing the regiment's capture at Thompson' Station, and a small series of letters from other officers in the 33rd relating to Scott's death and the unsuccessful efforts to preserve his body in charcoal for shipment home. Mary's letters are as descriptive and heartfelt as her husband's. In them, she details her hardships at home, the death of their son, and her worry for her husband's health.

Also included in the collection are two military commissions for Scott; newspaper clippings; a funeral notice; a military pension document; and four cartes de visite, probably of Scott and his family. Overall, this collection contains an unusually large series of Civil War correspondence with abundant battle and homefront commentary.

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