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**HIRAM MATTHEW
CIVIL WAR LETTER, 30 MAY 1864**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Hiram Matthew was born on 12 July 1830 to Thomas and Malinda Matthew in Saltillo, Indiana. He married Elmira Collier on 15 April 1855. During the Civil War, he enlisted as a private in Company E of the 67th Indiana Infantry Regiment on 20 August 1862, before transferring to the 24th Indiana Infantry Regiment on 21 December 1864. After the war ended, he lived in Washington County, Indiana, where he worked as a miller. Matthew died on 12 September 1898, and is buried in Saltillo Cemetery.

The Battle of Dallas, Georgia, occurred on 28 May 1864, between Union troops led by General William T. Sherman and Confederate troops led by General Joseph E. Johnston. A series of engagements between the two armies followed until General Sherman abandoned his lines at Dallas on 5 June 1864, in order to outmaneuver General Johnston and resupply his troops at Allatoona Pass, Georgia.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of one letter written by Private Hiram Matthew on 30 May 1864, to his wife Elmira while he was encamped near Dallas, Georgia, with the 67th Indiana Infantry Regiment. His letter concerns the Battle of Dallas and includes descriptions of the fighting, casualties, and the battle's aftermath.

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