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**JAMES A.C. DOBSON FAMILY
COLLECTION, 1864–1923**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 photograph folder 2 pamphlets
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born in Milton, Indiana, James A. C. Dobson (14 June 1833–11 August 1896) served as a private during the Civil War in Company K of the Seventy-Ninth Indiana Infantry Regiment. Dobson was wounded at the Battle of Stones River (31 December 1862–2 January 1863). He worked as a drug dispenser in military hospitals until his discharge from the army in 1864. He later worked as a pharmacist in Thorntown, Brownsburg, Danville, and North Salem, Indiana.

Dobson also was a teacher in Hendricks County, and served Lincoln Township as a trustee from 1869 to 1873 and later as the school superintendent from 1873 to 1883. His obituary states that he was the originator of the "common school graduation" in Indiana. Dobson died at Brownsburg, Indiana after a lengthy illness.

Ann Eliza McQuown Dobson (14 July 1843–14 June 1908) married James A. C. Dobson on 23 October 1857 in Brownsburg, Indiana. The union bore eleven children, including: Willis (1862), Florence (Bolender, d. 1893), Lyle (1864–1904), Schuyler (1871–1952), Clarence [dates unknown], Pearle (Reed, 1874–1910), Jesse (Coates, 1880–1948), Jewel (1884–1940), and Carey (1887–1955). Ann McQuown Dobson was born in Russellville, Putnam County, Indiana. She died at Brownsburg and is buried beside her husband at Greenlawn Cemetery in Brownsburg.

Sources:

Material in the collection.

Terrell, W. H. H. *Report of the Adjutant General, Indiana*. Vol. VI. Indianapolis: W. R. Holloway, State Printer, 1865.

Terrell, W. H. H. *Report of the Adjutant General, Indiana*. Vol. VIII. Indianapolis: W. R. Holloway, State Printer, 1865.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes two cabinet card portraits of James A. C. Dobson and Ann McQuown Dobson. The photographer Holloway (first name unknown) of Brownsburg, Indiana made the portraits, possibly around 1890.

Printed material consists of one pamphlet, one program, and three photocopied clippings. James A. C. Dobson wrote the pamphlet, titled *A Historical Sketch of Company K of the 79th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers*, ca. 1894. The pamphlet includes a regimental history and roster.

The program from the G.A.R. encampment at Muncie, Indiana in May 1923 includes an agenda for the event and lists the local and national officers for the following organizations: Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G.A.R., Sons of Veterans, and Daughters of Veterans.

Clippings copied from the donor's scrapbook consist of James and Ann McQuown Dobson's obituaries, and a letter written on 14 June 1864 by Dobson to a friend John Thos. Burns. It was published in an unidentified but probably local newspaper. In the letter (written from Camp Dennison, Ohio) Dobson expresses hope that Indiana soldiers would be able to return "home" to vote in the 1864 election. He states that "everyone seems full of hope in regard to the two campaigns being now prosecuted by Grant and Sherman. The boys in this camp are all hallooing 'bully for old Abe and Andy and d—n Fremont and Cochrane'. . . ."

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James A. C. Dobson cabinet card portrait
by Holloway, Brownsburg, Ind. ca. 1890

Ann McQuown cabinet card portrait [Mrs. A. C. Dobson]
by Holloway, Brownsburg, Ind., ca. 1890

Letter from Dobson to unidentified newspaper, 1864
[clipping]

Obituary, James A. C. Dobson, 1896[clipping]
Obituary, Ann McQuown, 1908 [clipping]

*Forty-fourth annual encampment Department of Indiana
Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliaries conventions*
(Muncie, Ind., May 15–17, 1923). [Pamphlet]

Dobson, James A.C., *A Historical Sketch of Company K of
the 79th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers* (Plainfield, Ind.,
1894).[pamphlet]

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