JAMES F. BALLARD
PAPERS, 1841-1916

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES: The James F. Ballard papers can be found in full within the microfilm collection while only a portion of the collection can be found under this collection number.
**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

James F. Ballard was born on December 16, 1829, and married Mahulda Danely, born October 30, 1832, on September 23, 1849. Ballard was a farmer and was appointed Assessor of Smith Township, Greene County, Indiana, in 1854 and 1856. They had five children: Benjamin, Christopher, William, Ella, and Thomas.

James F. Ballard was the second oldest of seven siblings, having three full siblings and three half-siblings across his father’s two marriages. His brother, Thomas, died in New Orleans on August 7, 1862, from wounds received during the battle at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mahulda’s sister, Sarah, married William F. Moore on November 27, 1856. William F. Moore was a teacher who later died in battle at Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia, on June 27, 1864. Mahulda’s brother, Benjamin, was commissioned on September 1, 1864, as 1st Lieutenant of Company A in the 59th Indiana Volunteers Regiment.

Sources:

Materials in the Collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes photocopies of a variety of items found in the James F. Ballard microfilm collection, but not the entire collection. An inventory for the entire collection can, however, be found in this folder. The inventory marks which items have physical copies using an asterisk and each of those items can be found in this folder. An item forgotten during the copying process has a transcript located in the folder in its stead.

Most of the items in this folder are articles of agreement for William F. Moore to teach school and other related documentation. Other documents include James F. Ballard’s purchase of forty acres of land and a certificate of exemption from the Civil War draft due to disability. There is also a four-page letter written on September 14, 1864, from Benjamin F. Danely to James F. Ballard, Mahulda Danely Ballard, and Sarah Danley Moore from the Camp of Detachment 59th Indiana Volunteers infantry where he discusses regiment news and politics. All items are placed in chronological order.

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