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JAMES FINLEY ELLIOTT CIVIL WAR DIARIES, 1861-1863

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 2 Folders

COLLECTION
DATES: Diaries 1861-1863 and Receipts 1865-1867

PROVENANCE: James F. Elliott, Vista, CA, 21 May 2005

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005.0228

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Finley Elliott was born in Preble, Ohio in May 1840. His father moved the family to Grant County, Indiana shortly after his mother's death around 1847. Elliott took to schooling and learned as much as he could in the three months he received each year. After his father's death, James began to gain more education and even taught at a country school in the winters. He joined Company I of the 8th Indiana Volunteers shortly after the start of the Civil War. He was engaged in many battles and lost an arm during the Vicksburg campaign. After his service in the war, he continued to gain more education and became a lawyer. In 1870, he married Sarah Conarroe of Butler County, Ohio. The two had four children, Earl C., Mary D. (wife of Fred Trees), Donald, and Paul. James Elliot became a judge in Grant County and continued to serve in that capacity until his death in May of 1909, just three days shy of his 69th birthday.

Sources:

Information about James Finley Elliott and family was obtained from the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The first folder in the collection contains two Civil War diaries. The first diary starts in the middle of the book in August 1861. It is completed up through August 1862, using the same book but changing the date to 1862 at the top corner of most pages at the beginning of the diary. The second diary starts in August of 1862 and is completed through May 1863 much in the same way the first was completed. The second diary also includes financial records, or receipts, at the end for the years 1865 through 1867.

The second folder contains the transcriptions of the diaries. It also holds four sheets of biographical information about James Finley Elliott and family. Two of the pages are from the published work: *Indianapolis Bench and Bar* from 1895 by Charles W. Taylor. The other two pages are typewritten on the stationery of the DADS' Association of DePauw, a notation lists this as "From a Book of Indiana."

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