USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1857-1869; bulk 1864-1865

PROVENANCE: Purchased from John L. Heflin, Jr., 5708 Brentwood Trace, Brentwood, TN 37027, 26 May 1987

RESTRICTIONS: None

REPRODUCTION RIGHTS: Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the Indiana Historical Society

ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 87.0379

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James M. Potts was recruited, 26 March 1864, at Ligonier, Noble County,
Indiana, into Company A, Twenty-first Regiment Infantry (First Regiment Heavy Artillery) and mustered out 13 January 1866. His tour of duty included camps near Baton Rouge and Morganzia Bend, Louisiana and at Devall's Bluff, Arkansas. His wife, Jemima M. Potts, and daughter, Ida, resided at the family home in Wolcottsville (often cited as Wolcotts Mill in the collection), La Grange County, Indiana, during the Civil War. From correspondence in the collection, it would appear that Jemima and James were married prior to July 1859 and that her family name was Stroman.


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of 170 letters, 14 letter fragments and 10 unassociated envelopes, written between 1857 and 1869. The bulk of the correspondence is between James M. Potts and his wife Jemima M. Potts between 1864 and 1865, with a few scattered letters from other family members and friends.

The letters relate James Potts' experiences in the army and his concern for his family. Jemima Potts' letters deal primarily with news about the family, friends, the town, her concerns, and their daughter Ida.

Other correspondents in this collection include Joseph S. Potts, William M. Potts, B.E. Stroman; C.F. and Christiana Stroman, J.M. Stroman, Samuel Stroman, George Swank, and Sarah Wallace.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1: Correspondence
Folder
1: To: James M. Potts, 1858, May-July 1864
2: To: James M. Potts, August-October 1864
3: To: James M. Potts, November-December 1864
4: To: James M. Potts, January-March 1865
5: To: James M. Potts, April-June 1865
6: To: James M. Potts, July-October 1865
7: To: James M. Potts, November-December 1865; January 1866, n.d.
8: To: James M. Potts, Letter Fragments, n.d.; Envelope, 1869
9: To: Jemima M. Potts, 1857; May-December 1864
10: To: Jemima M. Potts, January-August 1865
11: To: Jemima M. Potts, September-December 1865, n.d.
12: To: Jemima M. Potts, Letter fragments, n.d.; Envelopes
14: Stroman Family, 1857-1865

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Potts, James M., fl. 1857-1869

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Potts, James M., fl. 1857-1869
United States. Army. Indiana Heavy Artillery Regiment, 1st (1863-1866)
Soldiers--Indiana--LaGrange County--Family relationships
Women--Religious life--Indiana--LaGrange County
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Indiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Arkansas--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
Wolcottville (Ind.)
LaGrange County (Ind.)

ADDED ENTRIES: Potts, Jemima M., fl. 1857-1869