

**JAMES M. POTTS COLLECTION  
1857-1869**

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**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

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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.

Sources: Material in collection

Report of W.H.H. Terrell, Adjutant General, Indiana,

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### 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: Jamima M. Potts, September-December 1865, n.d.
- 12: To: Jemima M. Potts, Letter fragments, n.d.; Envelopes
- 13: Friends and Family, 1864-1865, n.d.
- 14: Stroman Family, 1857-1865

### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Potts, James M., fl. 1857-1869

1st (1863-1866) United States. Army. Indiana Heavy Artillery Regiment,  
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