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JOHN HARDWICK PAPERS, 1861–1902

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Hardwick of Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana enlisted in Company "C" of the 33rd Indiana Regiment in September 1861. He was wounded and captured at the Battle of Thompsons Station (Tennessee) in 1863 and spent several months in Libby Prison, Virginia. Hardwick was promoted to 1st lieutenant in February 1865, and was mustered out in July of the same year. He returned to Martinsville and was the subscription manager for J. McBride's *History of the Thirty-third Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry During the Four Years of the Civil War* (1900).

Sources:

Terrell, William Henry Harrison, *Report of the Adjutant General of the state of Indiana*. Indianapolis : A.H. Connor [etc.] State Printer, 1865-69. E506.2 I39 T4 1865.

Materials in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains letters written by Hardwick to his family in Martinsville, Morgan County, while serving with the 33rd Indiana Regiment, 1861–65. Most of the letters were written to his brother, Alexander, in Brooklyn, Morgan County, and his parents in Centerton, Morgan County. Letters were written while with the 33rd Regiment in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas and describe military operations and battles, camp life, and include comments and questions about people and conditions at home.

Of particular note is his detailed description of the regiment's actions with Sherman's march through Georgia, May–December 1864. Also contained in the papers are Hardwick's handwritten description and a typescript of his capture at the Battle of Thompsons Station and his subsequent imprisonment at Libby Prison, Virginia, March–May 1863. In it he details the horrors of a Confederate hospital at Columbia, Tennessee, and the indignities that existed at Libby Prison.

The remainder of Hardwick's papers deal with his role as subscription manager for John McBride's regimental history of the 33rd, published in 1900. In addition to a signed copy of the history, there are letters from the surviving veterans, order forms, and subscription records, 1896–1902.

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