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**JOHNSON BURRIS
CIVIL WAR LETTER, 1863**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Johnson Burris (November 22, 1840-April 23, 1863) was born to James Burris (1799-1848) and Ann Beachman Burris (1794-1878), in Hancock County, Indiana. He had three siblings, Henry (1842-1863), Thomas (1831-1900), and Lucinda (Scotton) (1835-1905). In the 1860 census, he is listed as a part of the Car family in Mt. Comfort, Indiana, working as a farm laborer. Henry, his brother, was in Company G of the 8th Indiana Regiment and died from disease at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana, on April 3, 1863. Johnson enlisted in the Union Army in 1863 and passed only twenty days after his brother at the same location, presumably from disease as well. The brothers are both buried at Scotten Cemetery, Hancock County, Indiana.

Sources:

1860 United States Federal Census

Ancestrylibrary.com

Civil War Database

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Johnson Burris writes to his love, Rettie Snider, about the beginning of his journey to volunteer in the Union Army on March 15, 1863.

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