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MARK ROBINSON PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM CA. 1860S

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 1 small album

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mark Robinson entered the army as First Lieutenant in the 52nd Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. He was commissioned as Chaplain on 16 February 1863. He mustered out 31 January 1865.

Robinson was from North Vernon in Jennings County, Indiana. The 1860 census lists a 51-year-old English-born Mark Robinson working as a merchant in North Vernon, who may have been the father of the chaplain. He is listed with a 46-year-old English-born wife named Marie, and a nine-year-old boy named Charles W., born in Indiana. The 1870 census shows a 61-year-old Mark working as Town Marshall in North Vernon, and his wife's name is then spelled as "Mariah." Charles, age 18, is listed as a civil engineer, and there is a five-year-old boy named Daniel Robinson living with them. Research yielded no further information about Mark Robinson or his family.

Sources:

Adjutant General's Office. *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana*. Indianapolis: A.H. Connor [etc.] State Printer, 1865-69. Vol. II. Reference Room Collection: [E506.2.I39 T4 1865](#)

National Park Service. "Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System" (<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/index.html>). Accessed 10 November 2005.

U.S. Census, 1860, 1870 (<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>). Accessed 10 November 2005.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one small photograph album that holds twelve cartes-de-visite. The first five pages of the album hold images of President Abraham Lincoln and his cabinet members, and four Union generals from the Civil War. The remainder of the album is filled with photographs of people in civilian attire, including men, women, and

children. The majority of the civilian portraits were taken in Cincinnati, Ohio; one is from New York and one is from Topeka, Kansas. All but two of the civilian portraits have no identification.

The album is covered in dark brown leather that wraps around four sides of the album and has a tab that fits through a flat loop. The cover is imprinted in a gold color with: "MARK ROBINSON / CHAPLAIN 52. REGT. / IND. VOL." The framed window pages have gilt edging. The album measures approximately 4 ¾" x 3 ½" x 1".

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Carte-de-visite of small portrait of President Abraham **Lincoln** surrounded by smaller portraits of his Cabinet: Secretary of State William H. **Seward**, Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. **Chase**, Secretary of War Edwin M. **Stanton**, Postmaster General Montgomery **Blair**, Vice President Hannibal **Hamlin**, Attorney General Edward **Bates**, Secretary of the Navy Gideon **Welles**, Secretary of the Interior Caleb B. **Smith** (ca. 1862-63).

General Ulysses S. **Grant** (1822-1885).

General George H. **Thomas** (1816-1870).

General Ambrose E. **Burnside** (1824-1881).

General Joseph **Hooker** (1814-1879).

Unidentified boy (photo by J.P. Ball's Photographic Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio).

Young dark-haired man in suit. Written on back is: "Frank son of C.W. [Muds? Meeds?] (photo by Downing's Gallery, Topeka, Kansas).

Unidentified older man in suit (photo by Rankin's Cartes De Visite Rooms, Cincinnati).

Unidentified older woman in dark dress and light bonnet (photo by Rankin's Cartes De Visite Rooms, Cincinnati).

Unidentified seated woman in dark dress and coat and fancy hat (photo by Hoag & Quick's Art Palace, Cincinnati).

Unidentified baby in dress with capped sleeves and decorative stitching on the bib and trim of the skirt (photo by Hoag & Quick's Art Palace, Cincinnati).

Seated woman wearing a dark cape over her dress. Written on back: "William [?] / Rebecca **Chambers**" (photo by Thos. Heney, NY).

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4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, P 0472).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.