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MATHIAS C. VAN PELT PAPERS, 1825–1897

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 manuscript boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1825–97; bulk 1850–78
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mathias Van Pelt (d. 1878) was a merchant in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Indiana, 1833–1836, and in Cincinnati, Ohio, 1839–1878. Alfred Buckingham was a surgeon with the 77th Pennsylvania Regiment and in Camps Butler and Douglas, post hospitals in Illinois.

Sources:

A Guide to Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana State Library, p. 186

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the collection consists of Van Pelt's family correspondence from 1850–1878. Included are letters from relatives in St. Paul, Shelby County, and New Albany, Floyd County. There also is correspondence between Van Pelt's daughter, Edna, and her fiancé, Alfred Buckingham, while he was serving as a surgeon with the 77th Pennsylvania Regiment (1862) and at the post hospitals at Camps Butler and Douglas, Illinois (1864–1865). Also included is a small amount of Van Pelt's business correspondence, primarily between the years 1833–1850.

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