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OLIVER CLAY ELDER LETTER, 18 JULY 1863

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Oliver Clay Elder was born around 1843 and lived in Decatur County, Indiana. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company E of the 7th Indiana Regiment and received promotions to the ranks of corporal and sergeant. He was mustered out in September, 1864. In January, 1868, he married Sophronia Cobb and lived into the 1920s.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

While serving with the 7th Indiana Regiment, Clay Elder writes from Waterford, Virginia, to his sister in law, Mary (married to Henry), in Greensburg, Decatur County, 18 July 1863. In the letter he relates the regiment chasing the Confederates into Maryland and Virginia after their retreat after the Battle of Gettysburg and describes the role of the 7th Indiana in the battle. He also complains of the generalship of Hooker and states that he prefers Meade's leadership because he is more cautious. Also included is a transcription along with the original and the envelope.

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