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**RINGO AND ROBERTSON FAMILY
COLLECTION, 1861–1931**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half size manuscript box, 1 folder photographs, 1 oversize manuscript folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1861–1931

PROVENANCE: Donated by Rhonda Angrick

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: John Thomas Smith, *A History of the Thirty-first regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the War of the Rebellion*, E506.5 31st. S55 1900; Coal Mines and Mining- Indiana, Clipping File

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL/ HISTORICAL SKETCH

Daniel S. Ringo was born in 1821 in Vigo County, Indiana. He married Eve Pickett on 12 March 1852; they had one child, Elias Alonso Ringo. Eve died on 29 July 1853, and Ringo married Catherine Bledsoe on 9 October 1853. Together they had three children: Daniel B., Martha (Mary) Jane, and Hannah.

Ringo worked as a farmer in Wright, Greene County, Indiana, until he enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. He enlisted as a private in Company F of the 31st Indiana Infantry Regiment on 10 September 1861 before transferring to Company E of the 12th Regiment of the Veteran Reserve Corps. He was discharged from service on 26 September 1864 and returned to Greene County to continue working as a farmer. He died on 13 July 1883 and is buried in Lebanon Cemetery in Midland, Indiana.

Cornelius Robertson married Martha Jane Ringo, the daughter of Daniel S. Ringo. Robertson was born ca. 1850 in Wright, Indiana. He was elected as a Justice of the Peace for Wright on 14 May 1887 and was then appointed as a notary public on 3 March 1898 for Greene County, Indiana.

Charles N. Robertson is the grandson of Cornelius Robertson and great-grandson of Daniel S. Ringo. He was born on 20 June 1911 in Greene County, Indiana. He worked in construction for the coal industry and married Lillian Cunningham Robertson in 1931. He died on 9 October 1991 and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Linton, Indiana.

The Little Betty Mine explosion took place on 28 January 1931 at the Little Betty Coal Mine five miles southwest of Linton, Indiana. The explosion occurred when a spark ignited gas inside the mine and killed twenty-eight men while leaving eight men injured and in need of rescue.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of materials relating to the family of Daniel S. Ringo. Folder 1 contains ten letters written between Daniel and his friends and family members, the majority of which written during his military service. The letters are dated from 14 September 1861 until 14 May 1872. Folder 2 contains Daniel's discharge papers from the army as well as a pension record dated 1869. Folder 3 contains a ledger of Daniel's financial information dated from 5 July 1872 until 14 November 1882. Folder 4 contains materials relating to Cornelius N. Robertson including his election ticket for Justice of the Peace from the spring of 1886 and a notebook containing financial information and state cases dated from 1895 until 1900. Folder 5 contains materials relating to Charles N. Robertson including a memorial service pamphlet for those killed or injured in the Little Betty Mine explosion of 1931.

There is one photograph in the collection, a portrait of Daniel and his wife Catherine taken while he was in service. The oversized manuscripts consist of documents regarding Cornelius's appointment to office as Justice of the Peace and as a public notary.

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Portrait, Daniel and Catherine Ringo, ca. 1861

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