

ROBERT HUSTON MILROY

LETTER, 1862

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SC 2470

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert Huston Milroy (1816-1890) was born in Washington County, Indiana, the son of General Samuel and Martha

(Huston) Milroy. His father, a prominent pioneer, was a member of the 1816 state Constitutional Convention. In 1826 the family moved to Carroll County.

In 1840-1844 Robert Milroy attended and then graduated from a military academy in Norwich, Vermont (later Norwich University). He was a captain in the 1st Indiana Infantry during the Mexican War. A member of the state Constitutional Convention in 1850, he was appointed a circuit judge in 1853. He was also a trustee of the Wabash and Erie Canal.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Milroy became colonel of the 9th Indiana Regiment, which served in West Virginia and then Virginia. He was promoted to Brigadier General in September 1861 and to Major General in November 1862, but was "condemned by Gen. Halleck for evacuating Winchester in the face of a greatly superior force, which he warmly resented." Transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, he commanded the 2nd Division of the VIIIth Army Corps.

In 1872 Milroy moved to Washington Territory to become superintendent of Indian affairs. From 1875 to 1885 he was an Indian agent, with headquarters in Olympia. He died in Washington.

Sources: Dunn, *Indiana and Indianans*, II 607-608
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one item, a letter of 1862: 1862 Aug 4 RHM, Independent Brigade Headquarters near Woodville, Va., to Maj. T. A. Meysenberg, Asst. Adj. Gen. Asks that Mr. Slaughter, on whose farm he brigade has camped, be allowed a little forage and subsistence for his own use. LS 1p

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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