

Collection #  
SC 1250

**THOMAS B. REDDING  
LETTERS, 1861-1865; 1892**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Burton Redding was born in Henry County, Indiana on December 27, 1831. He was the oldest son of Iredell and Anna Redding, early residents of Henry County. Thomas attended local schools as well as the Henry County Seminary. He received his M.A. from Indiana Asbury University in 1854 and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Iowa Wesleyan University afterwards. He began teaching when he was 16 years old. After college he taught in Richmond, Indiana for a year, and also became a reporter for the *Sentinel* of Richmond. He then went to direct New Castle Seminary for one year, and then became the editor for the New Castle *Courier*. While Thomas had been switching between jobs, he had been studying law and had been admitted to the bar. He decided to leave journalism and in 1857 he was chosen for the Prosecuting Attorney on the Republican ticket, although he later backed out. He began practicing law in Chicago in 1858, but returned to New Castle in 1860 to continue his practice extensively. He married Sarah W. Corrington on December 2, 1858 and they had one daughter, Rosa. Thomas died in 1893 in New Castle.

### Sources:

*History of Henry County, Indiana: Together with the Sketches of its Cities, Villages, and Towns, Educational, Religious, Civil, Military, and Political History, Portraits of Prominent Persons, And Biographies of Representative Citizens.* Chicago: Interstate Publishing Company, 1884.

*Will Records, 1822-1926, Index to Wills, 1822-1976; Author: Indiana. Court of Common Pleas (Henry County); Probate Place: Henry, Indiana*

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The first folder contains nine original letters to Thomas B. Redding and others from Henry County, 1861-1865. All are on fancy, patriotic letterheads.

- Laura Ware to teacher, Sue, June 3, 1861
- Jacob Redding at Camp Wayne to brother, Thomas Redding, September 1, 1861
- Jacob Redding in Richmond to brother, Thomas Redding, September 3, 1861
- T.C. Gordon at Camp Grosse to Mr. J.T. Unthank, December 25, 1861
- John W. Ozment in Cadiz, Henry County to Henry Lowrey, March 31, 1862
- M. Macy to cousin, August 24, 1862
- John Holler in Hagerstown to Mr. Redding, January 21, 1863
- George Cox in Rock Porte to friend, Thomas B. Redding, February 6, 1863
- D.E. Day/Cory in Greensboro to "Brother Redding", January 28, 1865

The second contains a letter was written by Geo. F. Allen to T.B. Redding discussing photographs of various animals eyes and what type of lenses were used on the camera to take the pictures. March 17, 1892.

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## CALENDAR

1861, June 3                      Ware, Laura to teacher, Sue. Mentions the war, volunteers from Lewisville, a local democrat, Douglas, and daily life.

1861, Sept. 1 [?]              Redding, Jacob at Camp Wayne to brother, Thomas Redding. Mentions being sick, may hire a substitute when regiment is mustered, talks about food. Letter is on Indiana Zouave stationary.

1861, Sept. 3 [?]              Redding, Jacob, Richmond, to brother, Thomas Redding. Talks about officers [those named are of Co. A, 36th Indiana Infantry], camp life. [Jacob Redding apparently did not hire a substitute as his name does appear in the Adjutant General's report. Jacob Redding later served for 3 days in Co. A, 110th Indiana Infantry and 100 days as a sergeant in Co. G, 139th Indiana Infantry.]

1861, Dec. 25                      Gorton, T.C., Co. A, 36th Regiment, Camp Grosse, Newhaven, Nelson Co., Kentucky, to Mr. J.T. Unthank. Mentions the journey of the regiment to Kentucky. Includes a pencil sketch titled "fetching in a rebel scout."

1862, Mar. 31                      Ozment, John W., Cadiz, Henry Co., to Henry Lowrey. Discusses some men of the 36th home on furlough, hard times, asks Lowrey to take care of his gun, heard he "left the furnace." [A Henry Lowery is listed as a wagoner, Co. C. 36th Indiana Infantry; John W. Osment, Co. D of the same regiment.]

1862, Aug. 24                      Macy, M. to cousin. School closed the 8th with dinner. Glad, although enjoys teaching. Hopes to go to Yearly Meeting. Is he going to war? Near two regiments in camp at Wabash.

1863, Jan. 21                      Holler, John, Hagerstown to Mr. Redding. Concerning a law case.

1863, Feb. 6                      Cox, George, Rock Porte [Rockport] to friend, Thomas B. Redding. Cold and snow, quartered in fair grounds about two miles from Rockport on Ohio River, one night the boys went to Rockport and tore up the Democrat and "throd a pipe [type] in the stret." Please see that family received 8 1/3 dollars per month from county as promised. Three months pay due from government. [A George Cox is listed, Co. B, 90th Regiment

(5th Cavalry) enrolled Knightstown, 1862, aged 39, farmer. This company was sent to preserve peace and guard territory along the Ohio River, Rockport.]

1865, Jan. 28                    C. [D.?], E. (might be Day or Cory), Greensboro, to "Brother Redding." Mentions canvassing [Henry] Co. for the County B[ible] S[ociety], officers of branch organized, life membership, Mrs. Rachel Small, Bible meetins in every school district, Fall Creek and other townships next, has a horse.