WILLIAM C. FRIEND
LETTERS, 1864

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William C. Friend (1834–1923) was born in Missouri but later moved to Clark County, Indiana, where he became a carpenter/builder. In February 1856, he married Mary A. Mix (1835–1905), and together they had five children.

In November 1861, Friend enlisted in Company D of the 49th Indiana Regiment and served until March 1864, when he was mustered out. He then enlisted in Company E of the 1st Engineer Regiment of the Regular Army and was promoted to sergeant.

Around 1890, Friend and his family moved to West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County. After the death of Mary, William married Lillian K. Friend (1863–1939) and moved to Redlands, San Bernardino County, California.

Sources:

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of seven letters written by William Friend to his wife, Mary, while serving in Company E. of the 1st Engineer Regiment of the Union Army, May–September 1864. Letters were written from Georgia and Tennessee and tell of the troop movements, problems getting his belongings moved to his new regiment, and building fortifications. He also writes about the fall of Atlanta and wishing he was still with his old regiment to take part in the action.

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