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**WILLIAM F. WISHARD  
COLLECTION, 1862–1897**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 photograph folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1862–1897

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RELATED HOLDINGS: *Soldiers memorial, Montezuma Guards: Company G, 71st Reg. Indiana Volunteers, E506.5 71st.S65 1862*

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NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William F. Wishard was born in 1838 in Shelby County, Indiana. He enlisted in Company C of the 71<sup>st</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry on 13 July 1862. On 22 February 1863, the unit's designation changed to the 6<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cavalry.

Captured by Confederate forces led by General Kirby Smith, Wishard was eventually paroled on 17 March 1863. He died on 29 June 1872 and was buried in Bono Cemetery in Bono, Indiana.

Wishard had several siblings, including Stewart Wishard (1854–1934). Stewart Wishard married Norma Palmer in 1886 and had two children, Owen and Mary. Owen Wishard died in 1896 at the age of seven.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of photographs relating to William F. Wishard and his family. Folder 1 contains photographs relating to Wishard's service in Company C. of the 71<sup>st</sup> Indiana Volunteer infantry regiment. It includes his parole and pass from a Confederate prison as well as his discharge papers. Folder 2 contains a portrait of William Wishard and baby portraits of Owen Wishard and Mary Wishard. Folder 3 contains a photograph of the poem "Bereaved" written by James Whitcomb Riley for Stewart and Norma Wishard after the death of Owen Wishard.

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William F. Wishard parole and discharge papers,  
1862–1863

Wishard family portraits, ca. 1870–1897

James Whitcomb Riley “Bereaved” poem, 1896

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