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**WILLIAM S. AND ELIZABETH WALDORFF BROWN
CIVIL WAR CORRESPONDENCE, 1861-1889**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William S. Brown was born in Jennings County in 1831, the third of seven children of John M. and Jane (McGill) Brown. In 1856, he married Elizabeth Waldorff, the fourth of nine children of William and Amy (Welliner) Waldorff. The two settled in the small community of Scipio. On 30 August 1862, William mustered into the 82nd Indiana Infantry. The 82nd saw action at Perryville, Stones River, and Chickamauga before participating in General W. T. Sherman's Atlanta Campaign, the March to the Sea, and Carolinas Campaign. Brown was promoted to 1st Sergeant and again to 1st Lieutenant during his service. He was discharged for disability on 9 April 1865.

Sources:

Indiana, U.S. Marriage Index, 1800-1941, ancestry.com

"William S. Brown," civilwardata.com

"William S. Brown," findagrave.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists primarily of 73 letters written between husband and wife William S. and Elizabeth Brown during William's service in the Civil War. Most are letters from William to Elizabeth. Also included are 22 other letters from the same time period, most of which were written to Elizabeth Brown by other individuals. William's discharge certificate is also present. Finally, four G.A.R. receipts and one Quartermaster's report from Post No. 479 dated 1888-1889.

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