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Scope and Content Note

Collection consists primarily of official military records and correspondence of the 49th Indiana Volunteer Infantry regiment (1862-1865) as well as a few pre- and post-Civil War personal letters and correspondence pertaining to Col. James Leeper, Clark Co., Indiana.

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Biographical Note

James Leeper was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana in 1830. By 1850 he had moved to Charlestown, Indiana, working as a blacksmith and later as a city watchman. He married Mary Jane Phillips and together they had 6 children. He enlisted in the 49th Indiana Regiment in October 1861, and was commissioned a captain in Company B. In November 1861, he was promoted to major, and subsequently to lieutenant colonel in December 1864. When the regiment reenlisted in Texas in 1864, Leeper remained with the veterans as colonel. Following the war, he returned to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and served as a river pilot and a state prison guard. On May 26, 1872, he died after a prolonged illness, presumably suffering from gastroenteritis.

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Folder List

- Folder 1: Personal, nonmilitary correspondence, 1857-1869 [10 items]
- Folder 2: Personal military correspondence, documents pertaining to ordnance stores, military transportation and courts martial, 1862-1864 [20 items]
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- Folder 4: Military Documents: Descriptive, muster rolls; equipment and clothing, 1862-1864 [26 items]
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Subject Headings

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Courts-martial and courts of inquiry – United States
Freemasons (Clark Lodge No. 40, Jeffersonville, Ind.)
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Military Pensions, United States
Presidents – United States – Election – 1864
Transylvania University
Travel costs (Louisville-Cincinnati)
United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865
United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Desertions
United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Destruction and pillage
United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865- Equipment and supplies
United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 - Hospitals
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United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Registers
United States – History – Civil War – Veterans
United States – History – Civil War – Veterans – Pensions
United States – History –1865-1898
United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)
United States. Army – Ordnance and ordnance stores
United States. Army – Pay, Allowances, etc.
United States. Pension Bureau
United States. Post Office Department