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McGriff - Mount Family Papers, 1864-1939

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Size of Collection: .33 cubic feet

Locator Number: Mss./A/M146

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Biographical Note

Alpheus G. McGriff (1843-1909), a native of Germantown, OH, enlisted as a private in the 79th Ohio Infantry regiment (1862-1865) and participated in Sherman's Atlanta campaign. In September, 1864, he was afflicted with a disease (chronic diarrhea?) and spent the next 2 months in various military hospitals in Tennessee and Indiana. After the war, he resided in Springboro, OH where he married Mary Kelsy in 1867. They had only one child (Grace) who survived to adulthood. Grace married Gaylord Clyde Mount in 1898 and they had 3 children, none of whom had any descendents.

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Scope and Content Note

Collection includes letters written by Pvt. Alpheus McGriff while serving in the 79th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, miscellaneous Civil War military documents and correspondence, genealogical documents of the Alpheus McGriff and John Mount families and printed genealogical materials of the McGriff-Mount families. A small group of photographs of the McGriff-Mount families was transferred to the Photographic Collection.

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Folder List

Folder 1: Correspondance, 1864

Folder 2: Military documents, 1864-c.1865

Folder 3: Genealogical documents, 1872-1911

Folder 4: Miscellaneous, 1891-1939