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Descriptive Summary

Identifier ICU.SPCL.KITTINGERI

Title Kittinger, Isaac. Collection

Date 1863-1864

Size 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

Repository Special Collections Research Center
University of Chicago Library
1100 East 57th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract Isaac Kittinger (1818-1867) Union Army soldier during the United States Civil War. The collection contains correspondence between Kittinger and members of his family in 1863 and 1864.

Information on Use

Access The collection is open for research.

Citation When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Kittinger, Isaac. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Isaac Kittinger (April 7, 1818 – January 28, 1867) was a Union soldier during the American Civil War. He was born in Earl, Pennsylvania to Abraham Kittinger (1782-1850) and Elizabeth Hunisker (1775-1820). Kittinger had six siblings. It appears that Kittinger father remarried at some point to Barbara Summy, and Isaac gained four more siblings. Kittinger married Priscilla Burnette (April 7, 1823 – 1919) and fathered four children – Franklin, William, Loretta, and Charles. During his time as a Union soldier, Kittinger’s family lived in Murfreesboro, TN. At some point after the war, Kittinger and his family moved to Racine, WI. It was there where Kittinger died on January 28, 1867.

Scope Note

The Issac Kittinger Collection is comprised of seven letters between Kittinger and various members of his family. A November 30, 1863 letter from his wife Priscilla includes Kittinger’s December 4, 1863 reply on the remainder of the page, and an undated letter from Betsey Madison to Isaac Kittinger is followed on the same sheet by a note in which Kittinger forwards
the letter to an unidentified recipient. Particularly notable is long letter that Kittinger wrote to Priscilla over several days (May 11-19) in 1864 recounting his experiences moving with the Union Army through northern Georgia, including the Battle of Rocky Face Ridge. Also included are letters from Kittinger’s sister Elizabeth Lutz and his cousin J.K. Miller. The letters discuss the state of the war and the personal affairs of the correspondents and acquaintances.

The collection was previously part of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection.

**Subject Headings**

- Kittinger, Isaac
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

**INVENTORY**

**Box 1**

**Folder 1**

Correspondence between Issac Kittinger and Priscilla Kittinger, November 30, 1863 and December 4, 1863

**Box 1**

**Folder 2**

Correspondence, 1863-1864
- J.K. Miller to Isaac Kittinger, December 28, 1863
- Letter from Elizabeth Lutz to Isaac Kittinger, April 10, 1864
- Letter from Isaac Kittinger to unknown, includes letter from Betsey Madison to Isaac Kittinger, undated

**Box 2**

Letter from Isaac Kittinger to Priscilla Kittinger, May 11-19, 1864