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Collection Summary

Title: George Montfort Gilchrist family papers
Span Dates: 1854-1921
ID No.: MSS86583
Creator: Gilchrist, George Montfort
Extent: 260 items; 2 containers; 0.6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Correspondence, school records, literary and commencement programs, poetry, and Gilpin family genealogical material. Much of the correspondence is between Gilchrist, who served with the 3rd Indiana Cavalry in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia during the Civil War, and his wife, Mollie Gilpin Gilchrist; other letters are between Mollie and her brothers, Samuel J. V. B. Gilpin, of the 1st Indiana Cavalry, and E. N. Gilpin, of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry. Includes material relating to Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Gilchrist family.
Gilchrist, George Montfort.
Gilchrist, Mollie Gilpin.
Gilpin family.
Gilpin, E. N. (Ebenezer N.)
Gilpin, Samuel J. V. B.

Organizations
Hanover College.
United States. Army. Indiana Cavalry Regiment, 1st (1861-1864)
United States. Army. Indiana Cavalry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1865)
United States. Army. Iowa Cavalry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1865)

Places
Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Pennsylvania--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations
Army officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance
Papers of the George Montfort Gilchrist family were given to the Library of Congress by Robert G. Luckey in 1986.

Related Material
Additional material on the Gilpin family can be found in the E. N. Gilpin Papers in the Manuscript Division.
Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the George Montfort Gilchrist family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of George Montfort Gilchrist family are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, George Montfort Gilchrist Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the George Montfort Gilchrist family span the years 1854-1921 and consist of correspondence, school records, literary and commencement programs, poetry, and genealogical records. Much of the correspondence is between Gilchrist, a captain in the Third Indiana Cavalry, and his wife, Mollie Gilpin Gilchrist. Gilchrist's wartime letters describe routine camp life, troop movements, and skirmishes with Confederate forces in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Other Civil War letters are between Mollie and Samuel J. V. B. Gilpin of the First Indiana Cavalry and Ebenezer N. Gilpin of the Third Iowa Cavalry. In addition, there is considerable correspondence with other members of the Gilchrist and Gilpin families. The school records, literary programs, and commencement programs pertain to Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana. The genealogical records are of the Gilpin family of Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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