# JACKSON DAVIS FAMILY
# LETTERS, 1862–1884

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Jackson Davis (1829–1870) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later moved Salem, Jackson County, Indiana, where he farmed.  He was married to Elizabeth Gaffey (b. 1829 in Ireland), and they had five children.  In August 1862, Jackson Davis enlisted in Company B of the 66th Indiana Regiment and was mustered out in June 1865.


Sources:

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of thirteen letters, eight of which were written by Jackson Davis with the 66th Indiana Regiment to his wife, Elizabeth G. Davis, December 1862– September 1864. Davis writes from Camp Sullivan, Indianapolis; Columbus, Kentucky; Corinth, Mississippi; Pulaski, Tennessee; and Rome, Georgia. Subjects include finances, description of the areas he marched through, and general army life.

Other letters come from James Brooks, a resident from Salem, who was serving in the 5th Indiana Calvary in Pulaski, Tennessee, at the time he wrote the letter to Lizzey Davis; a letter to Alex Hinkle from the Indiana Secretary of State regarding payment for military service, 6 January 1865; and three letters addressed to other individuals written after the war, 1870–1884.

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