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**JAMES C. ALDEN
LETTER, 27 NOVEMBER 1862**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James C. Alden (1823-1884) resided in Milan, Ripley County, Indiana when he was mustered in as a sergeant in Company B, 52 Indiana Infantry in February, 1862. He was promoted to 1st lieutenant in September, 1862, and transferred to quartermaster as part of the regiment's field and staff in April, 1865. He mustered out in September, 1865, in Montgomery, Alabama. Alden was twice married. He married Jemima Alden (b. 1822) in the early 1840s. She apparently died in the 1870s. In May 1878, he married Sarah A. Porter (b. 1827).

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains a letter written by James C. Alden serving with Company B of the 52nd Indiana Regiment at “camp in the hollow” Fort Pillow, Tennessee to his wife, Mrs. Jemima C. Alden in Milan, Ripley County. Most of the letter's information deals with sending money and goods to his wife who is apparently experiencing financial difficulty. He also talks of trading apparel such as boots with other soldiers.

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