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**JARVIS P. CALVERT COLLECTION  
CA. 1870S**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jarvis P. Calvert, a Civil War veteran, was a photographer in Mooresville, Morgan County, Indiana. He was born 17 June 1842 in New York City to John T. and Sarah Reese Calvert. The family soon moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Sarah died in 1844 and John in 1845. Jarvis then lived in Louisville, Kentucky, and in Columbus, Ohio.

Jarvis arrived in Plainfield, Indiana, during the Civil War in the spring of 1863. He enlisted in Company A of the 103rd Regiment Minute Men on 10 July 1863 in response to a call for defense against Morgan's Raid; his company mustered out in Indianapolis seven days later. On 26 October 1863 he joined Company I of the 63rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was transferred to Company H of the 128th Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the spring of 1865 and mustered out of service on 10 April 1866 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Jarvis then returned to Plainfield and studied photography. He opened a gallery in Mooresville in February 1867, first on Harrison Street and later on Main Street.

Jarvis married Delia Perce (1850–1925) on 19 May 1868. Delia was born in Michigan, the daughter of Prosper and Mary O. Robinson Perce. Jarvis and Delia had five children: Archie B. (1869–1957), Lennetta May (January 1872–October 1872), Gertrude (died in infancy, August 1874), Percy H. (1875–1947), and Bertha Emma (1882–1910).

Jarvis was a steward and chorister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Honor. He was a Republican and an advocate of prohibition. He died 15 September 1917 and was buried in Mooresville Cemetery, where his three daughters, who all preceded him in death, were also buried. Delia died in 1925 at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Lafayette, Indiana, and was also buried in Mooresville Cemetery. Later the two sons were also buried there.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of five photographs by J. P. Calvert of Mooresville, Indiana. Two are portraits of himself (Jarvis P. Calvert) that include advertising for his photography studio. One is a portrait of his wife, Delia Perce Calvert. The other two are portraits of unidentified young children, possibly his own.

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### CONTAINER

Portrait of Jarvis P. Calvert, mounted on carte-de-visite size card with Christmas 1878 / New Year 1879 greeting on front. On back is a message to his photography studio customers with mention of products he offers [1878].

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Carte-de-visite portrait of "Mrs. J. P. Calvert" [Delia Perce Calvert], [ca. 1870s].

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Rhomboid-shaped card with gold edges advertising "J. P. Calvert, Photographic Artist, Mooresville, Indiana. Quick Sitting, Natural Posing, Fine Retouching, Artistic Finish. We Keep up With the Times. Give us a call." Includes a small portrait of Jarvis P. Calvert [ca. 1870s].

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Mounted small portrait of a young child with ribbons in her hair [possibly one of Calvert's children], [ca. 1870s].

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Cabinet card portrait of unidentified infant [possibly one of Calvert's children], [ca. 1870s].

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