

WILLIAM A. VAN BUSKIRK PAPERS, 1846-1958

Collection #
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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 folders

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive, 1846-1902, bulk, 1861-1863

PROVENANCE: Helen I. Slavens, Madison, WI, 22 October 1996

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RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

William A. Van Buskirk (d. 1862) was a resident of Wabash County, Indiana. He was mustered into Company F of the 8th Indiana Regiment on 5 September 1861, attained the rank of sergeant, was detached to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division

Engineers, Army of the Southwest, and died in a St. Louis Missouri, hospital on 8 December 1862.

Source: Terrell, W. H. H., *Report of the Adjutant General, Indiana*, vol. 4, p. 119.
Information in Collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection, comprising three folders, contains the correspondence and records of William A. Van Buskirk and the widow's pension records for Emily Van Buskirk Reik, 1846-1902. Items include letters to William Van Buskirk from his uncle, J. C. Van Buskirk in New York, 1857, from his father, Lucius Van Buskirk in Kirstin, N. C., 1860, and letters from William to his wife, Emily ("Emma"), while with the Union Army at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, and from Virginia and Missouri, 1861-1862. The collection also contains sales of "pot ashes" (potash) on T. Schmeck's account, 1846, Van Buskirk's discharge paper, 25 November 1861, and the notification of his death and place of internment, December, 1862. Also contained in the collection are thirteen government agency documents regarding Emily Van Buskirk's widow's pension, 1863-1902, including letters, forms, and certificates. There is also one folder of photocopies of William Van Buskirk's military records obtained from the National Archives in 1958.

FOLDER LISTING

FOLDER CONTENTS

- 1 Correspondence & Documents, 1846-1862 (also OM)
 - 2 Widow's Pension Documents & Correspondence, 1863-1902
 - 3 Photocopies of Military Record from National Archives, 1958
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CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Van Buskirk, William A., d. 1862

Reik, Emily Van Buskirk

United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 8th (1861-1865)

United States. Army of the Southwest

Soldiers--Indiana--Wabash County

Military pensions--Indiana--Wabash County

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