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Abstract

This letter from Captain Isaiah A. Welch to Captain Crispin Dickenson details Welch's desire to get back in touch with Dickenson, following their American Civil War service together. A shopping list of Captain Crispin Dickenson's is also included.

Creator

Welch, Isaiah A., 1829 (1823?)-1902

Creator

Dickenson, Crispin, b.1832

Extent

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Biographical Note

While Captain Isaiah A. Welch's tombstone in Bramwell, West Virginia, marks his birth as March 3, 1823, it is more probably that he was born in 1829. Welch was born in Doddridge County, Virginia—now part of West Virginia. He worked as a civil engineer before and after the American Civil War. During the war, he served on the field staff as Assistant Quartermaster for the 13th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery. Welch's most enduring legacy, however, may be his work in the West Virginia coal fields. He died in 1902. The town of Welch, West Virginia, is named after him.

Captain Cripsin Dickenson (Dickerson) was born on December 6, 1832 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Dickenson, a physician, and his wife, Mary C. (Catherine), had three sons: Charles T. (b. abt. 1856), Daniel C. (b. abt. 1857), and John C. (b. abt. 1859). Dickenson enlisted with the Confederate Army in Company B ("Ringgold" Battery), 13th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery. A 1st Lieutenant at the time of his enlistment in 1862, he was promoted to Captain only a year later. On April 9, 1865, Dickenson surrendered his regiment at Appomattox Court House. From 1885 to 1887, he served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

Richard T. "Dick" Miller (b. 1842) served in the 18th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, before being transferred to the 13th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery, where he became Quartermaster Sergeant in the "Ringgold" Battery. After his capture at Petersburg, Miller was a prisoner at Point Lookout from April 4–June 16, 1865. Following the war, he worked as a laborer.

Men of West Virginia

Cavanaugh, Michael A The Otey, Ringgold, and Davidson Virginia Artillery

Scope and Content

The collection contains a letter from Captain Isaiah A. Welch to his former fellow American Civil War officer, Crispin Dickenson. Welch's intention was to "renew the friendly relations which our contact and association during two or three years of hardships and common suffering begot..." The letter also depicts some of the post-war difficulties of Confederate soldiers, particularly in Welch's portrayal of Richard Miller's circumstances. The collection also contains a handwritten shopping list.

Keywords

Civil War

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter

Unit Date 1866

folder 1

Shopping list

Unit Date 1867

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