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**Sheffer Family
Papers, 1836-1993**

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Correspondence

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Letters about personal and family matters

1851-1853

1865

1870-1878

1884 and 1911

Letters about looking for carpentry work, 1887-1889

Funeral notices and wedding announcement, 1898-1908

Greeting cards, 1944, 1993, and undated

Military service materials

Discharge papers for George K. Sheffer, private in company K, 33rd regiment of the Indiana Infantry, 1864 and 1865

Pension records for George K. Shefer [sic], 1879 and 1881

Typescript copy of affidavit made by George K. Sheffer with regard to William H. Coffman's military service, 1899

Portions of a poster listing privates (including George and William Sheffer) in company K of the 33rd regiment of Indiana Infantry, undated (poor condition)

Financial materials

Indenture between Aaron Stephenson, sheriff of Warren County and State of Indiana and Nicholas Shafer, December 25, 1838

Mixed financial records and receipts

1836-1863 (includes a receipt for payment for the *Western Christian Advocate*, 1837)

1881-1907

Family records

Marriage license and certificate for George K. Sheffer and Martha E. Walker, April 15 and 17, 1864 (the reverse side of the marriage certificate includes a list of family members as well as places of birth and dates of birth, marriage, and death)

Birth certificate for Mary Ruth Walker, 1948
 Cemetery papers for George K. and George H. Sheffer, as well as
 an obituary for Harry G. Eastman, 1900-1905 and undated

Mixed materials

Women's Relief Corps and Grand Army of the Republic (1 folder)
 W. R. C. resolution ribbon mourning Martha Sheffer, 1904
 W. R. C. resolution ribbon mourning George B. Sheffer, 1908
 G. A. R. leaflet nominating W. H. Coffman for Department
 Commander, undated

Club membership materials (1 folder)
 Dappy Club of Champaign membership certificate for J. R.
 Sheffer, 1896
 Company M, 4th Illinois Infantry and 130th Infantry
 Veterans Association membership letter for Harry Eastman,
 1934
 B. P. O. Elks membership card for George H. Sheffer, 1974

Photographs, 1955-1956 and undated (includes a group picture of
 the Champaign High School class of 1906 at their 50th class
 reunion)

Clippings of obituaries and articles on class reunions, 1904-1957
 Miscellaneous notes and other materials, 1908 and undated
 (includes vaccination certificates from Dr. Franklin Rudy)
 Envelopes (empty), 1905 and undated

Detailed list of correspondence

Letters on personal and family matters

Nicholas and Matilda Sheffer (Canesville or Councilbluffs,
 Mills County, Iowa) to his father, N. Sheffer
 (Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana), June 14, 1851

Mary C. Wylie (New Lancaster, Warren County, Illinois) to
 her niece [Matilda Hopkins?], May 25, 1852

N. V. Sheffer (San Jose Mission, California) to his sister,
 Conthia [Cynthia?] Sheffer, March 27, 1853

James and Elizabeth Gilbert (Cooper County, Missouri) to
 their nephew, William Hopkins (Williamsport, Warren
 County, Indiana), July 17, 1853

Loif [?] Gibbs (Farmer, Ohio) to her sister, February 26,
 1865

E. B. Cook (Coldwater) to George, August 18, 1865

Uncle Ira (Danville, Illinois) to Ina, March 1, 1870

F. L. Sheffer (Decatur, Wise County, Texas) to his brother,
 George, February 20, 1872

Jas. A. Davis (Fillmore, Minnesota) to his cousin, Mr.
 William Sheffer, August 16, 1874

F. L. Sheffer (Hanford, [California]) to his brother
 George, and family, October 27, 1878

Mary Sheffer to her sister[-in-law?], Martha (the fourth
 panel of the October 27, 1878 letter above)

Catie Sheffer (Colorado Springs) to her Uncle George, April
 20, 1884

Martha Eastman (Champaign, Illinois) to her aunt, Jennie,
January 10, 1911

Letters about looking for carpentry work

William J. Calhoun (Danville, Illinois) to G. K. Sheffer
(Champaign, Illinois), January 18, 1887 (job
recommendation)

W. J. Calhoun (Danville, Illinois) to Geo. K. Sheffer
(Champaign, Illinois), October 18, 1889 (response to
request for work)

G. K. Sheffer to Mr. [illegible], undated (request for
work)

Funeral notices and wedding announcement

Wedding announcement of Michael Buchanan Fitzpatrick and
Jennie Ceilla Sheffer, Champaign, Illinois, May 15, 1901

Funeral notice for Mary Conklin (1829-1908), Williamsport,
Indiana, September 2, 1908

Funeral notice for Oakley Conklin (1825-1898),
Williamsport, Indiana, July 11, 1898

Greeting cards

Christmas bookmark [?], circa 1888

Birthday postcard, Clara Eastman, undated

Christmas letter/menu, U.S. Navy Receiving Station,
Shoemaker, California, 1944

Birthday card, from Sue to Chris, 1993

Invitation to the Todd & Mary Walker Reunion, August 8,
1993