

FINDING AID to the

ADKINSON FAMILY
CIVIL WAR LETTERS, 1861-1994
[bulk 1861-1868]

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SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT

The Adkinson Family Civil War Letters Collection has letters from three brothers, Samuel, Irvin, and Joseph Adkinson to their family as they served in the Civil War. Joseph Adkinson was wounded and sent several letters from Hammond Hospital at Point Lookout Maryland. Joseph's chaplain D.D. McKee wrote the family about Joseph's condition and about the young man's death from his wounds.

Other Civil War letters include the correspondence of Julia Eddy from Thomas Copeland and also post-Civil War letters from two of Miss Eddy's suitors, Will Hester and Sam Orner. Two other soldiers, Cyril Tyler and Alfred G. Runner, have their letters in the collection. Tyler's letters are written on patriotic stationery with quotes regarding the Union's cause. Though all of these materials are part of the same collection, it isn't clear how these other individuals are related to or how they became associated with the Adkinson family.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Folder 1 in the collection gives a short history of the Adkinson family and contains a family group sheet. However, there is no biographical data on individuals in the second half of the collection, who are not Adkinsons.

PROVENANCE

The collection was donated by Emma M. Hill, professor of Spanish, at Hanover College. The materials originally came from Mary Adkinson, youngest daughter of Francis and Eliza Adkinson.

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Repetitious Blank Spaces in Correspondence

In lists of correspondence in the finding aid, blank spaces for date, author, or writer's location indicate a continuation of the date, author, or writer's location listed above.

Example:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	1864	Jul. 6	Adkinson, Francis	Lighthouse Landing, Washington, D.C.
2		Jun. 20	Father & Mother	
3		Jul. 20	Adkinson, Francis	
4	1865	Mar. 26		Pleasant Valley, MD
5		Apr. 16	Father & Mother	

The location of Lighthouse Landing in Washington, D.C. applies to all subsequent items until another location is specified. This principle also applies to the dates in items 2, 3, 5 and the author in item four.

SERIES 1 CIVIL WAR AND POST-CIVIL WAR LETTERS, 1861-1994

Box 1 Letters, 1861-1994

Fd. 1 Adkinson Family History Sketch and Family Group Sheets, [n.d.]-
1994 Jan. 20
2 items

Item

- 1 "The Adkinson Family," [n.d.]
4 p.
- 2 Francis and Eliza Adkinson family group sheet, 1994 Jan. 20
5 p.

Fd. 2-4 Samuel Adkinson Letters, 1864 Jul. 6-1865 Apr. 16
15 Items

- Fd. 2 Originals
- Fd. 3 Photocopies
- Fd. 4 Typescripts

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	1864 Jul. 6	Adkinson, Francis	Lighthouse Landing, Washington, D.C.
2	Jun. 20	Father & Mother	
3	Jul. 20	Adkinson, Francis	
4	1865 Mar. 26		Pleasant Valley, MD
5	Apr. 16	Father & Mother	

Fd. 5-7 Irvin D. Adkinson Letters, 1864 Jun. 9-1874 Dec. 15
38 items

- Fd. 5 Originals
- Fd. 6 Photocopies
- Fd. 7 Typescripts

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	1864 Jun. 9	Father	Rochester, NY
2	Jun. 15	Father & Family	Fairport, NY
3	Dec. 4	Home	Parkersburg, VA
4	1865 Apr. 8	Father & Mother	Cheshire, OH
5	1867 May 12	Nan	Bangor, ME
6	Jun. 20	May	
7	Aug. 23		
	There is no typescript for this letter.		
8	1868 Mar. 28	Sister Jane & All	Ridgeville, IN

Fd. 5-7 Cont.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
9	1868 Oct. 8	Jane	Bangor, ME
10	1870 Jan. 30	Home	Ridgeville, IN
11	1872 Jun. 27	Home	
	There is no typescript for this letter. of the letter.		
12	1874 Apr. 27	Home	West Concord, NH
13	Sep. 14	Home	
	This is a poor photocopy, and there is not a typescript of the letter.		
14	Dec. 15	Home	
	There is no typescript for this letter.		

Fd. 8-10 Oliver C. Adkinson Letters, 1864 Nov. 30-1873 Apr. 22
42 items

Fd. 8 Originals
Fd. 9 Photocopies
Fd. 10 Typescripts

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	1864 Nov. 30	Father	Murfreesboro, TN
2	Dec. 22	All at home	Greensboro, NC
3	Dec. 29	Mother	Murfreesboro, TN
4	1865 Mar. 4	Father	Columbia, TN
5	Mar. 5	Father	Wilmington, NC
6	Mar. 25	Jane	Greensboro, NC
7	Apr. 6	All at home	
8	Apr. 19	Father	Raleigh, NC
9	May 2	Sister Mary	
10	May 18	All at home	Greensboro, NC
11	Jun. 7	Sister (Mary)	
12	1867 Oct. 13	Sister (Effie)	Kennekuk, KS
13	1873 Apr. 22	Home	Normanville, KS

Fd. 11-12 Joseph McHenry Adkinson Letters, 1863 Feb. 10-1864 Jun. 22
52 items

* An asterisk means there is a photocopy but not an original.

Fd. 11 Originals
Fd. 12 Photocopies

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	1863 Feb. 10	Irvin	Culpepper Co., VA
2	Mar. 5	All at home	Yorktown, VA
3	Mar. 16	Irvin	Culpepper Co., VA
4	Apr. 3	All at home	Camp near Brooks Station
5	Apr. 11		Soldiers Rest, Washington
6	Apr. 25	Brother	Potomac Creek Bridge, Washington
7	[1863] Apr. 25	Sister	
8	Apr. 27	Father	
9	Jul. 12	Brother	Old Battlefield of Antatom
10	Jul. 18	Sister	Camp near Burlin
11	Jul. 24	All at home	Back in Virginia once more
12	Aug. 18	Brother Irvin	3 rd Indiana Camp, VA
13	Oct. 15	Sister Effie	Douglas Hospital, Washington
14	Oct. 22	Sister Mary	
15	Oct. 28	Brother Irvin	
16	Nov. 6	Sister	
17	Nov. 13	Sister	
18	Nov. 17	All at home	
19	Nov. 24	Sister Molly	
20	Nov. 27	Brother Irvin	
21	Dec. 30		
22	1864 Jan. 22		Culpepper Co., VA
23	Apr. 22	All at home	Stevensburg, VA
24	May 27	Father	Point Lookout, MD
25	May 31	Father	
26	[n.y.] Jan	Sister	[no location]

Fd. 13-15 D.D. McKee Letters regarding Joseph Adkinson's Hospitalization and Death, 1864 Jun. 3-Jul. 14
27 items

Fd. 13 Originals
Fd. 14 Photocopies
Fd. 15 Typescripts

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	1864 Jun. 3	Adkinson, Francis	Point Lookout, MD
2	Jun. 5		
3	Jun. 6	Adkinson, Irvin	
4	Jun. 7	Adkinson, Francis	
5	Jun. 14	Adkinson, Irvin	
6	Jun. 24	Adkinson, Francis	
7	Jul. 11		Hammond Gen. Hosp., MD This letter is from George Mc C. Miller.
8	Jul. 14	Adkinson, Francis	Point Lookout, MD
9			Draft of death notice signed by D.D. McKee, ca. 1864 Jun. 7

Fd. 16-18 Misc. Letters, 1863 Aug. 24-1877 Mar. 15
19 items

Fd. 16 Originals
Fd. 17 Photocopies
Fd. 18 Typescripts

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	[n.d.]	Brother	Fogelman Shadday	no location
2	1864 Aug. 24	Mary, et al.	[?]	Blackberry, IL
3	1864 Jan. 28	Adkinson, F.	S. & E. Furnish	Henry, IL
4	1875 Mar. 2	Home	Mary	West Concord, NH
5	1877 Mar. 15	Adkinson, F.	O.P. Adkinson	Wakefield, [IN]
6				"The Horrors of War" essay by Jane Adkinson, [n.d.]
7				Illustration of Hammond General Hospital at Point Lookout, MD This illustration is only found in Fd. 17.

Fd. 19 Letters to Julia Eddy, 1864-Jan. 12-1869 Aug. 30
53 items

Items 1-12: James T. Copeland letters to Julia Eddy

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	1864 Jan. 12	Camp Carrington, Indianapolis, IN
2	Jan. 19	

Fd. 19 Cont.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
3	1864 Apr. 29	Camp Shanks, Indianapolis, IN
4	Jul. 5	Pulaski
5	1865 Mar. 8	Franklin House
6	Mar. 9	
7	Jun. 9	Nashville, TN
8	Jun. 13	
	The letter is signed "your real admirer and affectionate lover."	
9	Jul. 10	Indianapolis, IN
	Copeland came home to visit his father who is suffering from an illness.	
10	Jul. 16	Runyon House, Franklin, IN
	Invitation to accompany Miss Eddy to church.	
11	Sep. 6	Jefferson Hospital, Jeffersonville, IN
12	[n.y.] Sep. 30	

Items 13-33: Will Hester letters to Julia Eddy

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
13	1868 Apr. 12	Indianapolis, IN
14	1868 Apr. 22	
15	May 5	Indiana Hospital for the Insane, Indianapolis, IN
16	May 12	Indianapolis, IN
17	May 29	
18	Jun. 11	
19	Jun. 13	
20	Jul. 16	
21	Jul. 23	
22	Aug. 12	
23	Aug. 22	
24	Aug. 24	
25	Aug. 30	
26	Nov. 1	
27	1869 Mar. 14	
28	Mar. 25	
29	Aug. 30	
30	[n.d.]	
31	[n.d.]	
32	[n.d.]	
33	[n.d.]	

Fd. 19 Cont.

Items 34-44: Sam Orner letters to Julia Eddy

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
34	1868 Aug. 23	Indianapolis, IN
35	Aug. 28	
36	Sep. 7	
37	Oct. 4	
38	Oct. 11	
39	Oct. 18	
40	Oct. 25	
41	Nov. 23	
42	Dec. 6	
43	1869 May 16	
44	[n.d.]	

Items 45-53: Misc. letters to Julia Eddy

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
45	1869 Jul. 6	Susan Eddy & Cousin Minnie Callis	Sligo, KY
46	[n.d.]	Eddy, Susan	[no location]
		The letter tells Julia to get come immediately because Mrs, Mcracking[?] is dying.	
47	Jul. 25	Elijah	[no location]
48	1866 Sep. 12	Thompson, A.C.	Mulberry, IN
49	1867 Apr. 12	McGuffin, Rina	Saint Rose Academy, Vincennes, IN
50	[n.d.]	Lida	Louisville, KY
51	[n.d.]	Mrs. Pennk	[no location]
52	[n.d.]	T. C.	
53	Page 4 and 5 of a letter, [n.d.]		

Fd. 20 Misc. Letters, 1861 Sep. 11-1907 Dec. 20
41 items

Items 1-8: Cyril H. Tyler letters

The Tyler letters have colorful patriotic letterhead from the Civil War period.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
1	1861 Sep. 11	Father & Mother	Washington, D.C.
2	Nov. 20		Camp Benton, Maryland
3	Dec. 7	Mother	
4	[n.y. Dec. 12	Sister	

Fd. 20 Cont.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
4	1862 Jul. 20	Sister Jane	Harrison's Mills, VA
5	Jul. 29	Brother	
6	[n.y.] Mar. 29	Sister	Talmouth, VA
7	War enlistment certificate for State of Michigan, 1861 Aug. 31		
8	Letter scrap on the back of an illustration of a military lineup by company, [n.d.]		

Items 9-14: Alfred G. Runner correspondence

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
9	1864 Jan. 18	Mother	Runner, A.G.	Columbus, OH
10	1864 Mar. 13	Aunt	Runner, Elizabeth	[no location]
11	1864 Jul. 19	Brother	Runner, A.G.	Lauden, TN
12	1865 Jun. 28	Mother	Runner, A.G.	Greenville, TN
13	1866 Mar. 3	Mother		Lead Vale, TN
14	1863 May 25	A.G. Runner	Palmer, VanBuren	Brooks Station, VA

Items 15-24: Miscellaneous letters

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Writer's Location</u>
15	1867 Sep. 29	Mrs. Houston	Houston, L.R.	Indianapolis, IN
16	1868 Oct. 5	Belle	Houston, P.R.	Green Castle
17	1899 Feb. 9	Old Gene	[none]	[Martinsville, IN?]
18	1899 Feb. 26	Son	Mother	Martinsville, IN
19	1899 Mar. 12			
20	1899 Mar. 16	Brother	Mary	
21	1899 Jul. 14	Gene	Forgey, Charles	New York, NY
22	1907 Dec. 20	Collins, E.O	National Jewelry Co.	Buffalo, NY
23	[n.y.] Nov. 17	Son	Mother	Indianapolis, IN
24	[n.d.]	Dunlaps	Sheppards	[no location]

Items 25-41: Ephemera

The items include visiting cards, invitations, social cards, and a check.