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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) 1836-1863, 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 (on 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