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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Dick, Thomas William (1839-1924)** **MC 2001.10**

Material: Papers (1861-1864)

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 Document Box)

Donation: John S. Bowman, 1976

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Thomas William Dick was the second child of James and Mary Stewart Dick. He was born October 7, 1839 on the family farm near Centerville, Indiana County, Pa. His early education was at the Elders Ridge Academy, at Elders Ridge, Pa. On July 24, 1861, Thomas W. Dick enlisted in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Reserve Corps/Forty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company H. He was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness, but later returned to active duty with his company. Along with his regiment, he was mustered out of the service as a sergeant on June 11, 1864.

After he returned home from the war, Thomas Dick entered the law offices of William Banks in Indiana, Pa., to read law. He was admitted to the Cambria County Bar Association in 1867. In that same year, he married Lucinda Elizabeth Kern and in 1869 moved to Ebensburg, Pa., where he opened a law office. There he remained almost until his death on April 16, 1924 at the home of his daughter, Margaret Dick Bowman, in Cresson, Pa.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Thomas William Dick Collection is housed in one document box and includes only one series, Correspondence. The collection consists entirely of letters written during Dick's service, 1861 to 1864. This collection was donated by John S. Bowman, a grandson, in 1976.

The Correspondence series contains letters from 1861 to 1864 written by Thomas W. Dick to his father, James, his mother, Mary Stewart, and sisters and brothers in Armagh, Pennsylvania. The letters are listed in chronological order with undated items listed first. Thomas William Dick participated in several notable Civil War battles, and his letters discuss life in a military camp, make reference to the famous Bucktail Regiment of Pennsylvania, and mention shaking hands with President Lincoln after he had delivered the Gettysburg Address.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2001.10

CORRESPONDENCE

Dick, Thomas William

- Folder 01) To Lizzie Dick – May 31, no year
To Mary Dick – Sep. 20, no year
- Folder 02) To Mary Stewart (Mother) – Aug. 29, 1861
To James Dick – Sep. 15, 1861
To Lizzie Dick – Sep. 24, 1861
To “Sister” – Dec. 22, 1861
To “My Dear Old Friend” – Dec. 24, 1861
- Folder 03) To “Brother” – Jan. 4, 1862
To “Brother” – Feb. 14, 1862
To Mary Dick – Feb. 25, 1862
To James Dick – Mar. 17, 1862
To Mary Stewart – Mar. 30, 1862
- Folder 04) To “Brother Wallace” – May 4, 1862
To “Brother” – May 29, 1862
To “Brother” – July 6, 1862
To “Brother” – Aug. 1, 1862
To Mary Stewart – Aug. 2, 1862
- Folder 05) To “Brother” – Sep. 21, 1862
To Mary Stewart – Oct. 19, 1862
- Folder 06) To James Dick and Mary Stewart – Jan. 8, 1863
To “Sister” – Jan. 15, 1863
To “Sister” – Jan. 20, 1863
To “Brother” – Feb. 2, 1863
To “Brother” – Feb. 2, 1863
- Folder 07) To “Brother” – Feb. 22, 1863
To Lucie Dick – Mar. 4, 1863
To “Brother” – Mar. 6, 1863
To “Sister” – Mar. 25, 1863
- Folder 08) To Mary Stewart – July 29, 1863
To “Brother” – Aug. 15, 1863
To “Brother” – Dec. 3, 1863
To “Sister” – Dec. 7, 1863
- Folder 09) To “Sister” – May 4, 1864