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Reed, Benjamin Franklin
Papers, 1861-63.

A. Correspondence

Letters in Book I:

1. June 5, 1861, from Camp Grant; 2 pp.
15. May 22, 1862, from Cape Girardeau, Mo.; 1 p.
17. June 6, 1862, from Corinth, Miss.; 4 pp.
18. June 25, 1862, from Jacinto, Miss.; 4 pp.

Letters in Book II:

30. [late March, 1863], incomplete; 2 pp.
31. Mar. 8, 1863, from Murfreesboro, Tenn.; 1 p.
34. Apr. 11, 1863, from Murfreesboro, Tenn.; 1 p.
37. June 10, 1863, from Murfreesboro, Tenn.; 1 p.
38. July 11, 1863, from Winchester, Tenn.; 2 pp.
40. July 29, 1863, from Winchester, Tenn.; 4 pp.
41. Aug. 5, 1863, from Winchester, Tenn.; 3 pp.
42. Aug. 20, 1863, from Stevenson, Ala.; 2 pp.
45. Sept. 18, 1863, from Walker County, Ga.; 2 pp.

B. Miscellaneous Materials
1. Photograph of Benjamin F. Reed
2. Envelope with notations, as quoted in collection description on IHLC website
3. Company muster-in roll, 18 muster rolls, muster-out roll, 1861-63 (6 photocopied pages)
4. Officers' casualty sheet, casualty sheet, inventory of Reed's personal effects (3 photocopied pages)
5. Declaration for Widow's Pension, Nov. 7, 1863; Adjutant General's acknowledgment, Dec. 28, 1863 (2 photocopied pages)
6. Biographical sketches (4 photocopied pages)
   a. unattributed; includes inscription on grave marker
   b. excerpt from Bateman and Selby's 1910 Illinois Historical: Douglas County, Biographical, p. 790
   c. excerpt from 1884 County of Douglas, Illinois, Historical and Biographical, p. 104
   d. excerpt from the “Tuscola Review,” January 20, 1938

C. Newspapers

Villa Grove News

1995, June 1, page 8: Vicki Hemrich, "Patriotic Memorials on Display in Douglas County [in GAR Room of the Courthouse]"

1996, Nov. 9.
Page 1: "G.A.R. Room to be Open Saturday."
Page 4: Melinda Meyer, "Civil War Vets: A Link with the Past Brings Understanding for Today." Frank Reed Post #409

1996, Nov. 16, pages 1-2, "Abe Lincoln Attends Dedication Ceremony [of G.A.R. Room]." Reed's descendants, including Melinda Meyer, are pictured in this article.