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McNitt Family.
Papers, 1839-1898, 1910s, 1933-1938.

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Correspondence, 1860-1895, 1910, and undated

Soldiers
  John H. Berry, 1862-1863
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, September 2, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, September 20, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, September 27, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, September 27, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, October 5, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, October 12, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, November 2, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, November 11, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, December 14, 1862
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, January 25, 1863
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, February 3, 1863
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, February 15, 1863
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, March 1, 1863
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, April 20, 1863
    John H. Berry to Sophronia McNitt, July 12, 1863
  John M. Brown, 1862-1864
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, May 3, 1862
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, November 9, 1862
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, November 22, 1862
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, December 11, 1862
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, December 21, 1862
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, January 18, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, March 8, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, March 26, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, April 19, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, June 20, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, July 5, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, August 9, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, September 20, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, November 22, 1863
    John M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, February 4, 1864
William M. Brown, 1864-1865
William M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, September 17, 1864
William M. Brown to Sophronia McNitt, February 17, 1865

W. A. Cottingham, 1861-1862 and undated
W. A. Cottingham to Sophronia McNitt, August 8, 1861
W. A. Cottingham to Sophronia McNitt, September 21, [1861?]
W. A. Cottingham to Sophronia McNitt, October 25, 1861
W. A. Cottingham to Sophronia McNitt, December 4, 1861
W. A. Cottingham to Sophronia McNitt, December 23, 1861
W. A. Cottingham to Sophronia McNitt, January 31, 1862
W. A. Cottingham to Sophronia McNitt, undated

Eli Cress, 1862-1869, 1884, 1910, and undated
Eli Cress to Frank McNitt, November 21, 1862
Eli Cress to Sophronia McNitt, June 28, 1863
Eli Cress to Sophronia McNitt, December 22, 1863
Eli Cress to Sophronia McNitt, September 21, 1864
Eli Cress to Sophronia McNitt, November 26, 1864
Eli Cress to Sophronia McNitt, December 3, 1864
Eli Cress to Sophronia McNitt, December 6, 1864
Eli Cress to Sophronia McNitt, January 15, 1865
Sophronia McNitt to Eli Cress, January 19, 1865
Sophronia McNitt to Eli Cress, February 19, 1865
Eli Cress to Sophronia McNitt, April 1, 1865
Sophronia McNitt to Eli Cress, April 24, 1865
Sophronia McNitt to Eli Cress, September 20, 1865
Bradley, Olden & Scholes, Attorneys at Law to Eli Cress, July 30, 1866
B. S. Hood to Eli Cress, June 18, 1869
H. H. Keithley to Sophronia McNitt, March 18, 1884 (includes receipt)
Department of the Interior to Sophronia McNitt, Cress, March 18, 1884 (includes receipt)
Department of the Interior to Sophronia McNitt, Cress, October 12, 1910 (includes travel records of Company B of the 117th Illinois Infantry and Eli Cress's discharge paperwork)
Sophronia McNitt to Eli Cress, "Christmas Night," undated
Eli Cress to unknown, undated

George M. Harkey, 1863-1865 and undated
George M. Harkey to Sophronia McNitt, May 5, 1863
George M. Harkey to Sophronia McNitt, May 15, 1864
George M. Harkey to Sophronia McNitt, July 3, 1864
George M. Harkey to Sophronia McNitt, August 1, unknown year [possibly 1864]
George M. Harkey to Sophronia McNitt, September 18, 1864
George M. Harkey to Sophronia McNitt, January 20, 1865
George M. Harkey to Sophronia McNitt, March 31, 1865
George M. Harkey to Sophronia McNitt, April 21, 1865
Robert A. Williamson to Henry M. Ludewick, May 13, 1862
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, June 14, 1862
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, August 20, 1862
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, April 4, 1863
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, April 18, 1863
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, April 26, 1863
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, May 28, 1863
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, June 21, 1863
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, July 5, 1863
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, August 1, 1863
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, June 5, 1864
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, June 14, 1864 (includes "The Love of God to Sinners" pamphlet)
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, June 24, 1864
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, July 13, 1864
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, July 19, 1864
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, August 7, 1864
Robert A. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, September 11, 1864

Williamson, 1862-1863
Brick Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, January 3, 1862
J. [James] F. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, November 21, 1862
J. F. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, December 29, 1862
J. F. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, January 15, 1863
J. F. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, March 15, 1863
J. F. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, April 18, 1863
John Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, July 20, 1863

Other Soldiers, 1861-1865 and undated
G. R. C. Beammon to Sophronia McNitt, January 18, 1861
K. G. C. to Sophronia McNitt, March 14, 1862
W. L. Gregory to Sophronia McNitt, August 3, 1862
Edward F. Knight to Sophronia McNitt, January 1, 1863
Robert McWilliams to Provost Martial, March 2, 1863
Edward F. Knight to Sophronia McNitt, March 17, 1863
"Bachelor" to Sophronia McNitt, March 28, 1863
Unknown to Sophronia McNitt, April 1, 1863
"Frank" (J. Frank Williamson?) to Sophronia McNitt, May 3, 1863
Unknown to Sophronia McNitt, June 11, 1863
"The Left Hand" to Sophronia McNitt, January 7, 1864
"The Left Hand" to Sophronia McNitt, January 15, 1864
Benjamin Halford to Sophronia McNitt, February 23, 1864
H. F. Potter to Sophronia McNitt, August 8, 1864
Albert R. Lee to Sophronia McNitt, February 27, 1865
A. W. Davis to Sophronia McNitt, April 21, 1865
Thomas B. Reames to Sophronia McNitt, April 24, 1865
Thomas B. Reames to Sophronia McNitt, May 15, 1865
Unknown, sketch, "Do you remember the times past and gone?", 1865
Unknown to Sophronia McNitt, postmarked March 30, year unknown
Unknown to Sophronia McNitt, undated
William Williams to Sophronia McNitt, undated

Other Correspondents

Anna M. Collins, 1863-1875
Sophronia McNitt to Anna M. Collins, January 10, 1863
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, January 16, 1863
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, October 24, 1863
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, November 15, 1863
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, December 13, 1863
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, January 29, 1864
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, February 1, 1864
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, March 4, 1864
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, March 28, 1864
Anna M. Collins to Hellen and Jennie McNitt, April 27, 1864
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, May 4, 1864
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, October 16, 1864
(includes "a model love letter")
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia McNitt, February 18 and March 27, 1866
Anna M. Collins to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, June 6, 1867 (includes scraps of cloth)
Anna M. Collins to Hellen and Jennie McNitt, June 6, 1867
Anna M. Collins to Hellen McNitt, February 13, 1870
Anna M. Collins to "My Dear Girls," July 27, 1875

J. C. Jackson, 1874 and 1880-1881
John C. Jackson to "Dear Girl" [Jennie McNitt?], July 31, 1874
F. A. Jackson to John C. Jackson, June 21, 1880
Rube Alderson to John C. Jackson, September 1, 1880
Dolton Brothers to John C. Jackson, September 8, 1880
F. A. Jackson to John C. Jackson, April 18, 1881
Unknown to John C. Jackson, August 23, 1881
Two envelopes without corresponding letters, April 12, 1881 and undated
William F. Sanders, 1862-1863 and undated
William F. Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, December 14, 1862
William F. Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, January 2, 1863
William F. Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, January 7, 1863
William F. Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, January 20, 1863
William F. Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, February 9, 1863
William F. Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, April 13, 1863
William F. Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, April 30, year unknown
William F. Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, undated

Box 2

Jennie McNitt, 1872-1875, 1885, and undated
E. H. Harter to Jennie McNitt, September 8, 1872
Anonymous poem to Jennie McNitt, December 26, 1872
Anonymous poem to Jennie McNitt, December 26, 1872
G. W. Lewy to Jennie McNitt, January 7, 1873
Unknown to Jennie McNitt, February 21, 1873
J B. Rhinehart to Jennie McNitt, March 12, 1873
Unknown to Jennie McNitt, April 5, 1873
John Moynihan to Jennie McNitt, August 24, 1873
Unknown to Jennie McNitt, October 3, 1873
Milliken's compliments to Jennie McNitt, December 19, 1873
Anonymous to Jennie McNitt, January 6, 1874
A. L. L. Whitten to Jennie McNitt, September 26, 1874
G. W. Lewy to Jennie McNitt, September 28, 1874
"Milt" to Jennie McNitt, December 18, 1874
John Moynihan to Jennie McNitt, December 28, 1874
A. L. Benefiel to Jennie McNitt, January 20, 1875
John Moynihan to Jennie McNitt, January 26, 1875
A. L. Benefiel to Jennie McNitt, January 31, 1875
J. D. McCormick to Jennie McNitt, February 7, 1875
A. L. Benefiel to Jennie McNitt, February 14, 1875
"Self Bake" to Jennie McNitt, March 15, 1875
J. D. McCormick to Jennie McNitt, April 18, 1875
A. L. Benefiel to Jennie McNitt, May 1, 1875
Jennie [McNitt] Jackson to "Mother and Sister", June 8, 1885
Mary A. Cottingham to Jennie McNitt, August 11, year unknown
Anonymous poem to Jennie McNitt, undated
A. D. Hiller to Jennie McNitt, undated

Hellen McNitt, 1868-1870 and undated
E. S. Castle to Hellen McNitt, October 18, 1868
John S. Barringer to Hellen McNitt, November 19, 1868
Sarah A. Harmon to Hellen McNitt, January 5, 1869
"Annty" to Hellen McNitt, February 2, 1869
Sarah A. Harmon to Hellen McNitt, February 15, 1869
Sarah A. [Harmon] Castle to Hellen McNitt, June 13, 1869
Mattie Wilson to Hellen McNitt, September 8, 1869
Charles A. Ragland to Hellen McNitt, September 29, 1869
M. E. Hyames and C. W. Castle to Hellen McNitt, November 26, 1869
William Milligan to Hellen McNitt, December 1, 1869
Sarah L. Morain to Hellen McNitt, March 20, 1870
John McBain to Hellen McNitt, March 29, 1870
Kurg C. to Hellen McNitt, May 11, 1870
C. W. Castle to Hellen McNitt, May 29, 1870
John S. Barringer to Hellen McNitt, May 21, 1870
Kurg to Hellen McNitt, June 24, 1870
Frank McNitt to Hellen McNitt, July 12, 1870
Charles A. Ragland to Hellen McNitt, November 20, 1870
John S. Barringer to Hellen McNitt, undated

Lycurgus Cowdrey, 1862 and 1869-1870
Lycurgus Cowdrey to Hellen McNitt, December 9, 1862
Lycurgus Cowdrey to Hellen McNitt, October 19, 1869
Lycurgus Cowdrey to Hellen McNitt, January 15, 1870
Lycurgus Cowdrey to Hellen McNitt, March 11, 1870
Lycurgus Cowdrey to Hellen McNitt, April 22, 1870

Aaron Lyrley, 1868-1869
Aaron Lyrley to Hellen McNitt, December 12, 1868
Aaron Lyrley to unknown, February 21, 1869
Aaron Lyrley to Hellen McNitt, November 8, 1869

McNitt Family Correspondence (folder 1 of 3), 1857-1897 and undated

Sunday School award from W. A. Newcomb to Sophronia McNitt, 1857
Priscilla Means to Sophronia McNitt, May 26, 1858
Helena N. Gregory to Sophronia McNitt, September 3, 1858
Priscilla Means to Sophronia McNitt, April 6, 1859
Sallie to Sophronia McNitt, April 6, 1859
Harry E. McKinny to Sophronia McNitt, September 10, 1860
Anonymous love letter to "Most Reverend Sir," February 24, 1861
Al Means to Sophronia McNitt, September 22, 1861
Al Means to Sophronia McNitt, June 7, 1862
O. M. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, March 16, 1863
John W. Brisbins to Sophronia McNitt, December 4, 1863
W. F. Hicks to Rose Vernash, August 6, 1864
R. Thompson to Sophronia McNitt, January 9, 1866
J. M. Crow to Eli Cress, January 24, 1866
Timothy Robertson to Sophronia McNitt, April 29, 1866
Timothy Robertson to Sophronia McNitt, May 8, 1866
"The Cabin Boy" poem, March 2, 1869
Nancy A. Craig to "Darling Little Aunt", January 20, 1870
Mary Means to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, March 20, 1871
Timothy Robertson to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, September 18, 1872
Mrs. J. R. Lamkin to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, September 12, 1880
Invitation to wedding of Carrie Musselman and C. H. Bailey, addressed to Howard Cress, 1895
Invitation to Centralia High School graduation, 1897
Party invitation from Mrs. B. Leon to Sophronia McNitt, undated
Reward of merit from teacher, Edmund Miller to Sophronia McNitt, undated
Recipe for home cold remedy, undated
"Balance all" sketch, undated
Poetry fragments, undated
Printed poem with illustration, undated
J. C. Rumple to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, August 23, year unknown
J. C. Rumple to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, undated
McNitt Family Correspondence (folder 2 of 3), 1846-1865
William Creath to Thomas McNitt, April 21, 1846
J. & J. Milliken and J. McMorrow to Thomas McNitt, September 30, 1846
Priscilla Means to Sophronia McNitt, April 20, 1857
Francis A. Means to Thomas McNitt, March 5, 1858
Hiram L. Gregory to Sophronia McNitt, April 10, 1858
Cousin [Sill?] to Sophronia McNitt, August 16, 1858
Henry E. McKinney to Thomas McNitt, February 7, 1860
Priscilla Means to Sophronia McNitt, April 23, 1860
P. C. Wood to Sophronia McNitt, December 10, 1860
Al Means to Sophronia McNitt, March 19, 1861
"Kattie" to Sophronia McNitt, October 31, 1862
Compliments to Frank and Sophronia McNitt, December 22, 1862
Mollie McNitt to Sophronia McNitt, January 24, 1863
Mary File to Sophronia McNitt, February 6, 1863
Finley Sanders to Sophronia McNitt, March 2, 1863
Social ball invitation, April 21, 1863
B. W. W. to Sophronia McNitt, April 21, 1863
O. M. William to Sophronia McNitt, April 21, 1863
Sarah J. H. to Sophronia McNitt, May 21, 1863
Frank McNitt to Sophronia McNitt, May 27, 1863
[Sack?] H to Sophronia McNitt, August 30, 1863
O. M. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, February 4, 1864
Morry Stone to Sophronia McNitt and Lusinda Morain, March 30, 1864
"April Fool", April 1864
J. A. Bone to Sophronia McNitt, April 28, 1864
William H. Wilson to Sophronia McNitt, October 9, 1864
William H. Wilson to Sophronia McNitt, January 25, 1865
Frank McNitt to Sophronia McNitt, July 9, 1865
Nancy M. Marks to Sophronia McNitt, September 9, 1865
Mollie McNitt to Sophronia McNitt, September 13, 1865
Martha to Sophronia McNitt, December 26, 1865

McNitt Family Correspondence (folder 3 of 3), 1866-1894 and undated

Sallie Means to Sophronia McNitt, January 9, 1866
William Kitch to Sophronia McNitt, January 23, 1866
Samuel Whitten to Sophronia McNitt, April 1, 1866
Sarah [McNitt] Salyer to her children, April 16, 1866
Marnie Means to Sophronia McNitt, May 2, 1866
Hellen McNitt to Sarah [McNitt] Salyer, May 24, 1866
Sarah A. Harmon to unknown, October 18, 1868
Mollie McNitt to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, October 30, 1871
Morgan Callahan to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, January 20, 1873
Tillie B. to Sarah [McNitt] Chambers, August 10, 1880
F. B. Haller to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, February 10, 1882
F. B. Haller to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, February 24, 1882
Nathan Morain to Sarah [McNitt] Chambers, July 26, 1885
Sillie Means to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, August 5, 1887
List of children to Jacob Cress, addressed to Sarah [McNitt] Chambers, April 8, 1888
Sallie Means to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, July 5, 1889
Invitation to graduation at Grace Seminary, Centralia, Washington, addressed to Sophronia [McNitt] Cress, 1894
Mary J. Stone to Sophronia McNitt, January 13, year unknown
O. M. Williamson to Sophronia McNitt, February 23, year unknown
Douglass to Sophronia McNitt, April 1, year unknown
Unknown to Sophronia McNitt, undated
List of money owed to an unknown writer, undated
Unknown to unknown, undated
"Homeward Bound" poem by Sophronia McNitt, undated
Financial Materials, 1839-1890 and undated

This series contains financial records of Thomas McNitt and Sarah McNitt Chambers from 1839 to 1890, including tax receipts, shipping receipts, lists of purchases, and other records. There is also a folder containing Civil War era currency, including a one dollar bill and a three cent bill.

- Mixed financial records
  - 1839-1855
  - 1856-1872
  - 1873-1890
  - Undated
- Civil War era currency

Newspapers, 1876-1898, 1933-1938

- The Montgomery News, August 18, 1876
- The Hillsboro Journal, April 1, 1881
- The Irving Times, February 11, 1898
- The Montgomery News, February 27, 1933
- The Hillsboro Journal, February 27, 1933
- The Hillsboro Journal, March 7, 1938

Photographs, circa 1860s and 1910s

- Cress farm, circa 1860s, print and negative
- Eli Cress, circa 1860s, print and negative