

# **The George Montfort Gilchrist Family**

## **A Register of Its Papers in the Library of Congress**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** George Montfort Gilchrist family papers

**Span Dates:** 1854-1921

**ID No.:** MSS86583

**Creator:** Gilchrist, George Montfort

**Extent:** 260 items; 2 containers; 0.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** Correspondence, school records, literary and commencement programs, poetry, and Gilpin family genealogical material. Much of the correspondence is between Gilchrist, who served with the 3rd Indiana Cavalry in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia during the Civil War, and his wife, Mollie Gilpin Gilchrist; other letters are between Mollie and her brothers, Samuel J. V. B. Gilpin, of the 1st Indiana Cavalry, and E. N. Gilpin, of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry. Includes material relating to Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Names:

Gilchrist, George Montfort

Gilchrist, Mollie Gilpin

Gilpin, E. N. (Ebenezer N.)

Gilpin, Samuel J. V. B.

Gilchrist family

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United States. Army. Indiana Cavalry Regiment, 1st (1861-1864)

United States. Army. Indiana Cavalry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1865)

United States. Army. Iowa Cavalry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1865)

Hanover College

### Subjects:

Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Pennsylvania--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

### Occupations:

Army officers

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

Papers of the George Montfort Gilchrist family were given to the Library of Congress by Robert G. Luckey in 1986.

### Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the George Montfort Gilchrist family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Preferred Citation:**

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**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of the George Montfort Gilchrist family span the years 1854-1921 and consist of correspondence, school records, literary and commencement programs, poetry, and genealogical records. Much of the correspondence is between Gilchrist, a captain in the Third Indiana Cavalry, and his wife, Mollie Gilpin Gilchrist. Gilchrist's wartime letters describe routine camp life, troop movements, and skirmishes with Confederate forces in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Other Civil War letters are between Mollie and Samuel J. V. B. Gilpin of the First Indiana Cavalry and Ebenezer N. Gilpin of the Third Iowa Cavalry. In addition, there is considerable correspondence with other members of the Gilchrist and Gilpin families. The school records, literary programs, and commencement programs pertain to Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana. The genealogical records are of the Gilpin family of Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana.

**Related Materials**

Additional material on the Gilpin family can be found in the E. N. Gilpin Papers in the Manuscript Division.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
<b>BOX 1</b>	Correspondence
<b>BOX 1</b>	1854, 1860-1864 (12 folders)
<b>BOX 2</b>	1865-1888, 1899, 1920-1921, n.d. (5 folders)
<b>BOX 2</b>	Miscellany, 1854-1866, n.d.