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BIOGRAPHY

Chillon Conway Carter was born on 4 February 1830, the son of Chillon Carter and Charity Louisiana (Murphy) of Monroe County, Kentucky. He married Lucinda E. Murphy and had two daughters, Nancy G. (b. 1856) and Louisa A. (1859-1924). Louisa is referred to as Deller in Carter’s Civil War correspondence. Carter served as a private in Company K, 9th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. This regiment was involved in the Battles of Shiloh, Stone’s River, and Chickamauga. Carter suffered a leg injury at Chickamauga and did not participate in the regiment’s later campaigns. His injury resulted in his leg being amputated above the knee. Carter served as tax commissioner for Monroe County during the 1870s and was ordained as a Church of Christ minister in 1876. His daughter, Louisa, married Frank Grimes of Warren County and moved to the Oakland community. Her parents later joined the Grimes there. Carter died on 5 August 1891 and was buried in the Smiths Grove Cemetery.

COLLECTION

This collection consists chiefly of letters written by Chillon Conway Carter to his wife Lucinda and two daughters who lived in Monroe County, Kentucky. The letters contain little information about the 9th Kentucky’s movements or the war in general. They do contain data about Carter’s motivations for enlisting and consistently ask for prayer and divine guidance in his daily activities. Carter also expresses his affection for his wife and two daughters in his letters. Several letters written to Carter by his brother, John B. Carter, who was living in White County, Illinois, provide some provocative comments about prejudice against those servicemen of lower socio-economic status during the Civil War and about his negative reaction to “integration” in the North.
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