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**MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE**

**Cain, John L., Civil War Letters**  
**Collection Number: 695 THL MMF**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 1987. Updated by Doug Gleason, November 11, 2023.

**ACCESSION NUMBER(S):** 1987.001 WFCHS

**EXTENT:** 1 folder

**CREATOR:** Cain, John L. (1831-1864)

**DATE:** 1862-1864

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS:** Unknown.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This folder contains letters written by John L. Cain to his mother largely concerning personal details of Cain's family relationships and descriptions of his present situation with the army. They were written from Annapolis, MD; Baton Rouge, LA; Brashear City, LA and Washington D.C. In addition, the folder contains Cain's personal military records including muster rolls, a casualty report for wounds received at the Third Battle of Winchester on September 19, 1864 and a record of his entitlement to discharge due to his death, and a record of his internment at National Cemetery in Winchester. All materials are photocopies.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** John L. Cain enlisted in Company G of the 131<sup>st</sup> New York Infantry in September 1862. Cain died on September 27, 1864, of wounds received at the Third Battle of Winchester on September 19, 1864.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of Charles E. Hutson.

## **CONTAINER LIST:**

### **Folder 1**

Photograph of John L. Cain in uniform.

10 letters written by Cain to his mother between November 1862 and August 1864

Handwritten notes referencing Cain's death following the Battle of Winchester as well as the dates of his marriage and of his wife's birth

Muster rolls for John L. Cain

Casualty Sheet documenting Cain's wounds received at Third Battle of Winchester

Entitlement of discharge from the army

Inventory of effects

Military record referencing card numbers

Handwritten genealogical notes

Record of Interments in the National Cemetery at Winchester