

Title: Jacobs, William H. Papers

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Abstract: William H. Jacobs was born in Germany in 1831. He came to Milwaukee in 1850, where he acquired a position with Marshall & Ilsley Bank. In 1855, he founded the Second Ward Savings Bank. During the Civil War, he served as a Colonel with the 26th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, and after the battle at Gettysburg, he resigned his commission and returned to civilian life. In addition to his banking activities, he was involved in the lumber business in northern Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Central Railroad. In 1875, he was elected to the Wisconsin state senate. He passed away in September 1882.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of four letters. The earliest deal with his military career and the last, a letter from Congressman Halbert E. Paine, recommends Jacobs for a consulship at any German state.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English