

**Title:** Mitchell, William S. Papers

**Reference Code:** Mss-1108

**Inclusive Dates:** 1861 – 1863

**Quantity:** 000.3 cu. ft.

**Location:** CV, Sh. 281

**Abstract:** William (“Billy”) Mitchell was born in Cleveland in 1842, the youngest son of John S. and Eliza Mitchell. The family eventually moved to Milwaukee, where Billy found work as a clerk. In 1861, Billy volunteered to serve with the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Regiment during the Civil War. His unit saw action at Perryville, KY and Stone’s River, TN. In 1863, Billy was killed in action during the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia. His family recovered his body from his battlefield grave and had him buried with military honors at Milwaukee’s Forest Home Cemetery.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of Mitchell’s Civil War letters, primarily to his father, John S. Mitchell, and his brother, Thomas L. Mitchell.

**Access and Use:** For public use, see *Transcripts of Original Civil War Letters of Captain William S. Mitchell*, 2 vols. (973.74 M682).

**Language:** English

**Notes:** Items donated by Janet Mitchell, November 1993.