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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1935.

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: **BAHB 801**

Mr. F. G. Ruffner,
Court House,
Akron, Ohio.

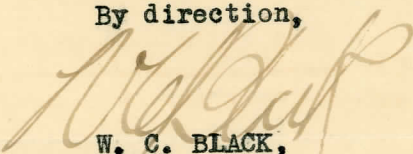
RUFFNER, Jacob M.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of September 23, 1935, requesting information regarding the military record of Lieutenant Jacob M. Ruffner. You are informed that a careful search in the files of the Veterans Administration fails to disclose any record of the receipt of an application for a pension based on the service and death of the man in question.

A roster for the 12th Ohio Volunteer Infantry on file in this office shows that Jacob M. Ruffner served as a First Lieutenant in Company B 17th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and that he was killed at Atlanta, Georgia, August 9, 1864. In order that you may be advised regarding the battles in which he fought, decorations, etc., your letter is being referred to the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

By direction,


W. C. BLACK,
Chief Clerk.

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August 21, 1964

Regional History Collection

Mr. Frederick G. Ruffner
2200 Book Tower
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ruffner:

We have no published description of the Lewis Family Papers other than the one contained in Charles Shetler's Guide to Manuscripts and Archives in the West Virginia Collection (1958) which you have probably seen. I can only offer a more detailed account from our inventory sheets.

There are 4,909 items in the collection. Among these are 1,873 receipts and statements (1869-1926); 898 checks, bank statements, etc. (1877-1923); 767 post cards, business cards, greetings, advertising cards,; 305 legal papers, contracts, deeds, etc. (1825-1923); 259 items of personal correspondence; 235 newspaper clippings (1892-1926) and four scrapbooks (1830-1920); 149 items of business correspondence (1854-1929), and numerous miscellaneous items. There are seven diaries and autograph books. (one apparently of Mrs. E. V. Wilson, for 1867-1870), a journal of H. C. Dickinson (1866-1901), and a ledger of the Nicholas Land Co. (1901-1902).

Genealogical information in the collection includes information on John Lewis (1800-1882) circulated by the John Lewis Memorial Association, Inc. in 1912, and handwritten notes on the Ruffner family as follows:

"Catherine Ann Ruffner was born on the 24th Day of September, 1799."

"Charles Ruffner was born on the 24th Day of February 1801."

"Joel Ruffner was born on the 11th Day of December, 1802."

"Augustus Ruffner was born on the 15th Day of June, 1805."

"James and Andrew L. Ruffner (twins) were born on the 27th Day of December, 1807."

"Elizabeth Ruffner was born on the 5th Day of July, 1810."

"Elizabeth Ruffner, wife of Daniel Ruffner, was born on January 27th, 1769."

Personal correspondence includes letters to and from members of the Lewis, Ruffner, and Wilson families. These include: Elizabeth Wilson to C. A. Ruffner, March 9, 1837; E. Wilson to E. Ruffner, March 11, 1838; Mrs. E. V. Wilson (Tregor Grove) to Catherine Ruffner (sister, Baltimore, Ohio), June 18, 1843; Daniel Ruffner (Ashland) to daughter C, April 15 and July 13, 1848; Daniel Ruffner (Millersport) to daughter E, October 23, 1850; Daniel Ruffner (Millersport) to N. V. Wilson, December 9, 1850, October 5, 1851, January 25, August 24, October 25, 1852; February 4, March 2, March 14, 1853; Daniel Ruffner (Cincinnati) to N. V. Wilson,

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March 10, 1853; E. Ruffner to Betsie (daughter, Mrs. N. V. Wilson), July 23, 1862, July 31, 1865; Jno. Coleman (Waterloo) to Louis Ruffner, April 13, 1866; Nancy W. Ruffner (Columbus, Ohio) to Mrs. Catherine A. Ruffner, no date. The name Ruffner does not appear on our inventory of the correspondence after the above dates.

Legal and estate papers include an 1890 agreement between John D. Lewis and Henry Ruffner selling 500 acres of mountain land to Ruffner, signed by C. C. Lewis, Jr., Trustee J. D. Lewis, Est; an 1875 deed of exchange of lands from John D. Lewis to Lewis Ruffner, et. al., at Campbell Creek Gap, Kanawha County, W. Va., an 1879 deed between John D. Lewis and David L. Ruffner, Trustee, granting approximately 20 tracts of land in Kanawha County in trust for paying taxes, legal services, and debts of Lewis; and a paper of C. C. Lewis, administrator of Joel Ruffner, dec., dated 1883.

The size of our staff does not permit extensive searches of the manuscript collections, but we would be glad to answer questions concerning the nature of the Lewis Family Papers which this hasty survey may have ignored.

Sincerely,



J. W. Hess,
Assistant Curator

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