

Henry F. Garver

## Garver Collection Letters

Guide to the Assistant Surgeon Henry Fisher Garver Collection. A graduate of Ohio Medical College, Dr. Garver was a very successful physician for a number of years. On January 14, 1863, he offered his services to his country and was commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the 19<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment. The 19<sup>th</sup> Indiana, along with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin, and the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Regiments respectively collectively served in the famous "Iron Brigade". This brigade fought in the eastern theatre at the Battles of Gainesville, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and the 3 days Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863.

### DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

#### Repository

Civil War Museum Resource Center Kenosha, Wisconsin

Language of Material

Material in English

#### Abstract

This collection consists of 2 documents, a picture of Dr. Garver taken in his surgeon's uniform, a notice of his obituary from College Corner, Ohio, dated Tuesday, September 30, 1902.

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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#### Provenance

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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. Henry F. Garver was born on May 12, 1824 at Hamilton in Butler County, Ohio. During his military service, Assistant Surgeon Garver was in charge of a field hospital while the Battle of Gettysburg was being fought. On October 11, 1847 he was married to

Miss Hester A, Richey, who bore him three children. Dr. Garver survived all but one son, who resides in Wellington, Kansas. During the war sickness finally compelled him to resign his service. He was a member of the G.A.R. Post of Winchester. He passed away on September 12, 1902 in Winchester, Indiana, at the age of 78 years. Short services for Dr. Garver were performed by Reverend O. I. Truby of the Presbyterian church in College Corner. Six of his comrades with whom he served as pall bearers and laid him to rest in the soldiers plot at Fountain Park Cemetery in College Corner, Ohio.

The following poem was read at his gravesite

Step softly, step gently,  
Beside the mossy bed;  
Bring laurels, bring roses,  
And crown the soldier's head.

Sleep sweetly, sleep silently,  
Ye hero true and brave.  
While the stars and strips float  
proudly  
Each year above the patriot's grave.

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