

Accession 2006-12

Photograph labeled "Col. Dickson"

Photographer=Rasmussen of Rock Island

Photograph purchased by Archivist Amy Groskopf, October 2005 at Antique Fair in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Using City Directories, Rock Island County History, census records, and Mohlenbruck's *Death Index: Locator* the following appears true:

- "Col. Dickson" is likely Col. John Dickson, born 6Feb1813 in Erie County, PA
- Marriage1 Elizabeth Alexander of Canonsburg, PA 25Oct1836 in PA
- 4 children: Mary E., George M., Annie E., Susan D.
- Served under General Winfield Scott during Mexican War (1846-1848), attaining rank of colonel
- Moved to Milan (formerly Camden Mills) Illinois in about 1850 (after census-find in Washington Co., PA with wife and four children ages 4-11 in June 1850)
- Wife died 17Feb1871
- Marriage2 - Eliza Fay in Fulton, IL
- Long time Justice of the Peace in Milan
- Died 14Jan1888 in Milan, Rock Island Co., IL
- Buried Chippianock Cemetery, Rock Island Co., IL

J. C. Rasmussen, Photographer

Rock Island City Directories indicate the following:

1876	no Rasmussen listed under surname or "Photographer" business section
1878-81	J.C. Rasmussen, artist; bds Rock Island House Not listed under "photographer" section
1880	not listed in Business Directory
1882-85	J. Charles Rasmussen, photographer with A. B. Gayford; Gayford is listed under "photographer" section at 1720 and 1722 2 nd Avenue in Rock Island, but not Rasmussen
1885	Rasmussen Photography listed in "Photographer" section at 1801 2 nd Avenue in Rock Island
1888-91	J.C. Rasmussen listed under surname as photographer, business at 1801 2 nd Ave. and listed under "Photographer" section as in business at separate address from Gayford.

Bearing this information in mind it seems likely this photograph was taken between 1885-1888