

CW/VFM-47: *Michael Jacobs*

Note: Originals of O.O. Howard letters in Bowdoin College archives. Oliver Otis Howard Papers, George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives, Bowdoin College Library.

Michael Jacobs was a professor of mathematics and natural sciences at Pennsylvania College during the Battle of Gettysburg. He later went on to publish works titled, “Notes on the Battle of Gettysburg” and “Notes on the Rebel Invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania and the Battle of Gettysburg.”

- General O. O. Howard—Three letters
 - Undated, unaddressed. Indicates that George M. Adams of Company A of the 5th Georgia infantry is missing. Signed O.O. Howard
 - Addressed from Headquarters of the 11th Corps, Lookout Valley, 2 March 1864. Addressed to “Hn. E.M., Sec’y of War (Honorable Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War). Recommends that Col. A Bushleeck (Perhaps Col. Adolphus Bushbeck) of the 27th Pennsylvania for promotion to Brigadier General to date from the battle of “Wanhatchie” (Wauhatchie) or Lookout Valley on 29 October 1863.
 - Addressed from Headquarters of the 11th Corps in Lookout Valley dated 2 March 1864. Addressed to “Prof.” Presumably this letter is to Prof. Michael Jacobs and is referring to his work “Notes on the Battle of Gettysburg”.
- Michael Jacobs—Letter to O.O. Howard thanking him for corrections he made on Jacobs’ most recent publication, “Notes on the Battle of Gettysburg.” 10 March 1864.
- Michael Jacobs—a letter to Prof. H. Coppée (perhaps Professor Henry Coppée, then of the University of Pennsylvania) dated 15 March 1864 about his recent publication (presumably his “Notes on the Battle of Gettysburg”) in the January edition of Coppée’s magazine, the United States Service Magazine. Apologizes for errors that O.O. Howard pointed out. Indicates that the errors will be corrected in his more recent “Notes on the Rebel Invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania and the Battle of Gettysburg.”
- O.O. Howard—writing in response to articles on the Battle of Gettysburg that appeared in the “Evening Bulletin” and the “Army and Navy Journal”. Letter dated 23 March 1864 and addressed to “Prof. M” from the 11th Corps headquarters in Lookout Valley. Letter gives Howard’s account of his acquaintance with General Reynolds of the I Corps and also an account of the General’s death at Gettysburg.

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Location: Civil War Vertical File Manuscripts, Special Collections & College Archives,
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