

JOHN F. GILLES

DIARIES, 1861-1865

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 small volumes

COLLECTION DATES: 1861-1865

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: Check card catalog for numerous entries for 33rd Regiment

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

A note in the front of one of these diaries apparently indicates that John Francis Gilles was born in Antwerp, Belgium. He served in the 33rd Indiana Volunteer Regiment during its entire service from 16 September 1861 till 21 July 1865. He was listed as a private in Terrell's record, but was mustered out as a first sergeant. Gilles enlisted from Knox County, Indiana, and his company was commanded by officers from Freelandville and Edwardsport in that county.

The 33rd regiment served in Kentucky and then in Tennessee under Rosecrans. During the Atlanta campaign, it saw constant action on the left wing of Sherman's army, losing three hundred men. Later it served in Savannah, and in the closing months of the war it worked its way up through the Carolinas, fighting at Averysboro and Bentonville before finally reaching Richmond.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of two small diaries, entitled "Travels of the 33rd regiment of Indiana volunteers, by Mr. John F. Gilles of Company B." Entries are in pencil and pen, both badly faded and very small. There are daily entries for the entire four years service of the regiment.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Gilles, John Francis

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Gilles, John Francis--Diaries

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