

Collection #
SC 2777

29TH INDIANA REGIMENT REUNION ASSOCIATION RECORDS, 1900–1922

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	4 manuscript folders, 1 visual folder
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The 29th Indiana Infantry regiment was organized at LaPorte, Indiana and was mustered in on 27 August 1861. It left the state in October to join General L.H. Rousseau's command at Camp Nevin, Kentucky. In February 1862 it took part in an advance upon Bowling Green, and moved with General McCook's division to Tennessee, participating in the second day's battle of Shiloh, where it was under fire for five hours and lost heavily.

It played an active role in the siege of Corinth and then moved with General Buell's army through northern Alabama and Tennessee, following General Bragg through Kentucky. It accompanied General Rosecrans' army in the movement towards Murfreesboro and at the end of December 1862 participated in the battle of Stones River with severe losses.

It remained at Murfreesboro until May 1863, then moved to Tullahoma and afterwards to Chattanooga, being engaged at Triune and Liberty Gap in June. It was in the battle of Chickamauga, where it sustained losses of 170—half the number engaged.

It was then stationed at Bridgeport, Alabama, where it reenlisted as a veteran organization on 1 January 1864, and visited home on furlough. On its return it was stationed at Chattanooga until December and was then moved to Decatur, Alabama, being engaged in a skirmish 27 December. At the start of 1865 it returned to Chattanooga and remained there until May, when it moved to Dalton, Georgia and was in a skirmish with the enemy there. The regiment was mustered out 2 December 1865.

The purpose of a reunion association is to promote reunions, renew old friendships, and to perpetuate the memory and history of United States military units. The 29th Indiana would get together once a year during the years following the Civil War at different locations around Indiana to give the veterans a chance to reminisce about their time in the army and their lives since. The programs at the reunions would usually consist of regimental business and short talks by comrades.

Sources:

American Civil War Research Database. Duxbury, MA: Historical Data Systems, Inc., 2005 [cited 21 October 2005]. Available from World Wide Web: (<http://civilwardata.com/>)

Materials in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of five folders, four manuscript and one visual. Included in the folders are: rosters of surviving members of the 29th Indiana Infantry regiment, minutes of reunions of the regiment, and General Order pamphlets which served as programs for the reunions. There is a folder of letters to Charles E. Sabin, who as Secretary sent out the reunion invitations to members of the regiment, which includes letters of regret about not being able to make it to the reunions. The visual item is an unlabeled photograph of men standing in front of a steam engine locomotive.

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