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## **73RD INDIANA REGIMENT MATERIALS, 1862-1934**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

On June 28, 1862, seventeen governors including Indiana Governor Oliver P. Morton (August 4, 1823-November 1, 1877) sent communications to President Lincoln urging him to make the call for more men for the Union military efforts in the Civil War. In response, President Lincoln called into service an addition force of 300,000 volunteers for the Union on July 1, 1862.

Governor Morton issued a call on July 7, 1862 for the recruitment of one regiment from each of Indiana's congressional districts. The 73rd Indiana Infantry Regiment was raised in the 9th district in South Bend, Indiana. A camp site was established in South Bend's fairgrounds and dubbed "Camp Rose". In the span of 3 weeks, 1,010 individuals were recruited from Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Marshall, and Cass counties for an enlistment period of 3 years, or during the course of the war.

The 73rd Regiment was officially mustered in on August 16th, 1862. The regiment was comprised of 10 companies and was lead by Colonel Gilbert Hathaway (born 1813 and died at a battle on May 2, 1863 in Blount's Farm, AL). Four days later on the morning of August 20, 1862 the 73rd started for the front, boarding a train to Lexington, KY. In the course of their duties, the 73rd travelled through and/or fought in several states including Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Ohio, and Indiana. The regiment was officially mustered out on July 1, 1865. The majority of the 73rd Regiment soldiers returned home and was received at the State House in Indianapolis by Governor Morton and General Alvin Hovey (1821-1891). The remaining soldiers were transferred to the 29th Regiment.

On September 8, 1870, a meeting was held with members of the 73rd Regiment in Plymouth, Indiana. During this meeting, the 73rd Indiana Regimental Association was formed-a constitution was adopted, officers were elected, speeches were made. The group failed to hold regular meetings, however and quickly became inactive. Later, at a reunion for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association of Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan, 73rd Regiment members decided to try and re-establish the 73rd Indiana Regimental Association. They met, once again, in Plymouth, Indiana in August of 1886 and created a permanent organization with Major William Kendall (1841-1903) as President and Ezra Barnhill (1841-1913) as Secretary.

Sources:

Indiana Infantry, 73rd Regiment, "History of the Seventy-third Indiana Volunteers in the War of 1861-65". <https://archive.org/details/historyofsevent00indi>

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains materials pertaining to the 73rd Indiana Infantry Regiment. Contents include programs and ribbons from the 73rd Indiana Regimental Association reunions (1886-1924) as well as a number of items relating to the 73rd Regiment/G.A.R. including: 2 ledgers (ca. 1902-1932); 4 notebooks of 73rd Regt. history from Aug. 16, 1862-July 9, 1865; 5 loose-paper histories of the 73rd Regt. and G.A.R. South Bend Post #1 (n.d.); 1 muster-out roll (1862); 1 G.A.R. roll booklet (1919); 1 G.A.R. Gen. Orders No. 2 (1934); 26 letters, postcards (ca. 1917-1924); 1 programs (ca. 1887-1907); 63 notes, receipts, certificates, company lists, reports, forms, clippings, and other misc. papers (ca. 1905-1924).

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