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7TH INDIANA INFANTRY REGIMENT RECORDS, 1861–1915

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The 7th Indiana Regiment was reorganized and mustered in at Indianapolis on 13 September 1861, with Ebenezer Dumont as colonel. It saw heavy service, in the Shenandoah Valley and Virginia, participating in Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and the siege of Petersburg. When its enlistment time ran out in 1864, it was consolidated first with the 19th Indiana, then with the 20th.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of two bound volumes.

The first is a register of men mustered into Company E, 7th Indiana Regiment. Many entries simply give the facts: physical description, details of muster. In some cases a full account is given of the man's service. In one entry, that of Jacob Contant, a different story is told: "Motto: 'It is better to be a live coward than a dead hero.'..."

How shall we rank thee on glory's page?
Thou, less than a warrior, and still less than a sage,
All thou hast been, reflects on thee,
Far less, than what thou refused to be."

The second volume contains the medical record, dating 1893-1915, of soldiers from the Lawrenceburgh-Aurora area who applied for disability pensions. The men came from various regiments and allege various ailments. The record sometimes includes marriage information (when a widow is applying), and an occasional affidavit: "I remember this man serving as pilot on the Conestoga, but I never saw him in uniform."

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