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ALBERT S. UNDERWOOD PAPERS
1864–1996

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 items

COLLECTION DATES: 1864 (transcripts ca 1980, 1996)

PROVENANCE: Richard T. Johnson and Juliana Robison, Oxford, IN, 11 September 1980; Richard T. Johnson, Oxford, IN, 27 February 1996

RESTRICTIONS: None

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Albert S. Underwood (1839-1865) was the son of James and Sallie (Newlin) Underwood. On 25 February he was mustered into the 9th Battery Indiana Light Artillery, organized at Indianapolis and commanded by Captain Noah Thompson of Crawfordsville. The battery moved about a good deal. It saw action at Shiloh and Corinth, around Vicksburg, and then in Missouri. On the way home for reorganization early in 1865, it boarded the steamer "Eclipse" at Eastport, Mississippi. The steamer exploded and burned a few miles above Paducah on 25 January, killing all but ten of the Battery's 68 men. Underwood was among the missing.

Sources: Terrell, Report of Adjutant General, Vols. 3, 7
Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains four items, a promissory note, the original diary of Albert S. Underwood for 1864, and two recent transcripts of the diary. The diary entries are comparatively brief, but give a good deal of interesting information about a unit which moved about a great deal, much of the time by river vessel. ("Let our things down steep bank, got all our things loaded by dark... The boys are having a great time on the boat tonight, taking a general spree...Had to hand our guns up a steep bank with the prolongue...The colored folks are having a big picnic close by in a nice grove. I went over to see them dance. They had a splendid dinner consisting of the best of everything. They also had speaking, a motley crowd it was...A Negro was caught stealing in a garden near here this evening and was turned over to me to guard till morning...There is plenty of marketing of every kind brought in here now, apples, cider, beer, watermelons and other things. There is considerable talk among the soldiers about going home to vote.")

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