

**Collection #**  
**SC 0278**

**CORNELIUS CORWIN**  
**PAPERS, 1862-1921**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 folders

COLLECTION DATES: inclusive: 1862-1921; bulk: 1862-1865

PROVENANCE: Mary Corwin, Portland, Indiana, 1962.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: See card catalogue under: United States - Civil War, 1861-1865 and Indiana History - Civil War,

1861-1865

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NOTES: Collection formerly held by Indiana Civil War Centennial Commission. Transferred to Indiana Historical Society, 1966.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Cornelius Corwin was born in Jay County, Indiana to William and Mary (Gray) Hudson Corwin. On August 9, 1862, he was mustered into Company E Eighty Ninth Indiana regiment in which he served the duration of the War. Corwin's military career began roughly as the Eighty Ninth was captured by General Bragg in Kentucky within a month of its formation. Released on November 17, 1862, the regiment spent the following year on garrison duty in Memphis, Tennessee, before joining Sherman on the Meridian and Red River expeditions in January 1864. After fighting battles at Yellow Bayou, Vicksburg, and Memphis, the Eighty Ninth helped defeat Confederate General Hood's forces at Nashville in December 1864. They participated in the capture of Fort Blakely in Mississippi shortly before the War's end. On July 19, 1865, Corporal Corwin was mustered out. He returned to New Mt. Pleasant, Jay county, Indiana, and became an attorney, establishing his own firm in 1885.

Source:

*Biographical and Historical Record of Jay and Blackford*

*Counties, Indiana.* Chicago: Lewis Publishing, 1887.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of three diaries written by Corwin during his time at War, 1862-1865. The first, a small booklet of approximately eighty pages, is dated October 1863 to May 1864. The remaining two, dated May 1864 to July 1865, are photocopies. The diaries include descriptions of battles, living conditions, and personal happenings as well as news of Lincoln's death. Also included are Corwin's furlough papers dated 1 October 1862 and his discharge papers dated 19 July 1865. A pension notice is dated 29 April 1921.

## FOLDER AND CONTENTS LISTING

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1	SC 278 Diary, October 1863 - May 1864; Furlough and Discharge Papers, 1862, 1865; Pension Notice, 1921

2 SC 278 Diary, May - December, 1864

3 SC 278 Diary, January - July, 1865

## CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://157.91.92.2/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 0278).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.