

Collection #
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**ELISHA WEAKLEY
CIVIL WAR MATERIALS, 1861–1922**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder
1 framed tintype

COLLECTION
DATES: 1861–1922

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Elisha Weakley was born November 28, 1838 in Shelbyville, Indiana. At the time of his enlistment he worked as a dry goods clerk and stood 5' 8" with fair complexion, hazel eyes, and light brown hair. He entered military service as a First Sergeant in Co. A, 16th Regiment Indiana Infantry on August 31, 1861. His term of service was one year, as the unit itself was only organized for one year. He mustered out in Washington, D.C. on May 23, 1862. He re-enlisted on December 23, 1863 in Indianapolis as a private with Captain Muth's Company in the 13th Indiana Cavalry. His term of service there was three years. He was appointed 3rd Sergeant on March 20, 1864 and to Sergeant Major on June 13, 1864. He was promoted again to 1st Lieutenant on February 6, 1865. Weakley was commissioned Captain, of Co. E. on October 1, 1865 and mustered out on November 18, 1865. After the war Weakley returned to Shelbyville where he married Harriet Wood on December 24, 1867. They had two children; Horace, born in November 1868 and Paul, born July, 1876. At the time of his application for a pension in 1901 he was employed as a book-keeper and freight agent. His wife died on May 14, 1910. Weakley died on April 14, 1922.

The 16th Indiana Infantry Regiment was organized at Richmond Indiana for one year's service in May 1861. It left the state for Maryland in July that year. The regiment spent the year on duty in Maryland and Virginia where it saw some action. It was ordered to Washington D.C. in May of 1862 where it was mustered out.

The 13th Indiana Cavalry Regiment was organized at Indianapolis, Kokomo and New Albany Indiana from December 1863 to April 1864. It saw duty in Tennessee, Alabama Kentucky, Louisiana, Georgia, and Mississippi. The company mustered out at Vicksburg, Mississippi in November 1865.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of photocopies of Elisha Weakley's Civil War military and pension records, and a framed tintype portrait of him standing in his uniform armed with an officer's sword. The records are arranged in chronological order.

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Photocopies of the following:

Muster Roll Company A., 16th Regiment, Indiana
Infantry, 1861–1862

Muster Rolls for 13th Regiment, Indiana Cavalry,
1863–1865

Discharge papers 1865

Pension papers: 1889–1922

Compendium of the War of the Rebellion...

pages 1110, 1124, 1125

$\frac{3}{4}$ length portrait of Elisha Weakley in officer's uniform
with sword

CONTAINER

Folder 1

Tintypes:
Box 1

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3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
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