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ISUM GWIN DIARY, 1864

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 folders
COLLECTION DATES:	1864, 1907
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RESTRICTIONS:	None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Isum Gwin was born 17 October 1826 in Harrison County, Indiana. His parents, Holmes and Mary Gwin, came to Indiana from Virginia before 1809. Isum Gwin eventually moved to Alfordsville in Daviess County, where he was a farmer. In 1862 he became a trustee of Rutherford Township in Martin County.

Gwin volunteered for the Union army 9 August 1862, joining the 80th Indiana Volunteer Regiment, Company D. He had a distinguished service record, rising in rank from first sergeant in September 1862, second lieutenant in January 1863, first lieutenant in February 1864, and finally captain on 1 July 1864. Isum mustered out of the army 22 June 1865 in North Carolina.

Gwin married Louiza Mosier on 25 December 1870. He died on 4 April 1907 in Shoals, Indiana, and is buried in the South Martin Cemetery in Rutherford Township of Martin County, Indiana.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is comprised of Isum Gwin's Civil War diary, and a transcription of the diary. There are also photo copies of his death announcement, a list of voters in the 1809 Harrison County Territorial Election, and a letter to his parents from 4 July 1864.

The diary begins 24 February 1864 and ends on 16 December 1864. The entries discuss life in camp, Isum's experiences on picket duty, and the different places that his regiment went. Also included in the diary are lists of expenses, the amount of money that he sent home to his parents, and supplies issued to his men. Gwin spent much of this time marching through Georgia, engaging in several skirmishes near Kennesaw Mountain, Decatur, and the Etowah River. The diary also discusses the men who were wounded and killed. The transcription of the diary begins

with the 26 April entry.

The 4 July 1864 letter to his parents discusses the view from Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia and the rebel troop movements.

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Diary transcription, 26 April–16 December 1864;
letter 4 July 1864; list of voters in Harrison County;
death announcement, April 1907

Folder 2

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