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**JACOB W. BURK
CIVIL WAR REMINISCENCES CA. 1912**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jacob Burk was a resident of New Corydon, Indiana. He joined his three brothers in service to the Union on October 17, 1864, enlisting as a substitute Private in Company "E" of the 25th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment. He spent the majority of his service as a rear guard for regimental headquarters while he and his division moved through North and South Carolina and Virginia. He finally mustered out with his regiment on July 17, 1865 after returning home to Indiana.

Sources:

American Civil War Database

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This is a photocopy of the reminiscences (typescript) of Jacob Burk during the Civil War as part of the 25th Indiana Volunteer Regiment. He discusses finding a suitable substitute, meeting up with the regiment and becoming a respected member of his camp. His accounts provide a general overview of his wartime experiences, detailing his division's move through Kentucky, the Carolinas and into Virginia during Sherman's March to the Sea up until the Grand Review in Washington D.C. following the end of the war. He speaks little of battlefield engagements of his division, having spent much of his time stationed as a permanent caravan and train guard. Several notable experiences include; a foraging mission undertaken with a fellow recruit, his first sentry duty and the reactions of he and his regiment to news of Lee's surrender and Lincoln's assassination. He also relates partaking in the Grand Review with the armies of William T. Sherman and Ulysses S. Grant in Washington D. C. in May, 1865 before returning to Indianapolis in June.

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