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## **JOHN E. WILKINS NOTEBOOK, 1911**

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### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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**NOTES:**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

John E. Wilkins (1836–1911) enlisted into the Army on August 17, 1862 as a 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant in “I” Company of the Indiana 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry. During his time in the Army, Wilkins was promoted three times: as a Sergeant Major, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, and 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. Wilkins finished his military career on June 30, 1865. After the war, Wilkins worked as a farmer near Terre Haute, Indiana. Wilkins died on November 20, 1911 at the age of 75. He had two sisters, Rachel and Mary. Other information regarding the details of his life could not be found.

Sources: Information found within the collection

<http://www.ancestry.com>. search of John E. Wilkins. 8/2/2007

<http://www.civilwardata.com>. search of John Wilkins. 8/02/2007.

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains one notebook written by John E. Wilkins of his experiences during his time in the Civil War, 1862–1865. The notebook, written in 1911, begins in 1863 (the events were not written in chronological order) with his description of the “Battle of Champion Hill”, and continues with discussions of the “Battles of Forts Henry, Heiman, and Donaldson.” Wilkins also discusses the “Engagement on the Bayou Rapides road and capture of Henderson Hill in Louisiana.” The last segment of his notebook describes the “Capture of Smith, Dick Taylor’s famous Scout.”

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