

# LORENZO WESLEY HOLDER

## DIARY, 1862-1865

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### USER INFORMATION

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### HISTORICAL SKETCH

Lorenzo Wesley Holder (fl. 1862-1880), listed as a resident of Lynnville, in Hart Township, Warrick County, Indiana, enlisted in Company B of the 91st Indiana Infantry Regiment on 16 August 1862. The regiment was mustered at

Evansville, under Col. John Mehringer. Most of the men in Company B came from Lynnville and Polk Patch (later Selvin).

The first task of the 91st was to pursue Morgan after his raid into Kentucky, a difficult assignment since he moved faster on horseback than they on foot. The regiment then joined Sherman in his advance toward Atlanta, fighting at Kenesaw Mountain, Decatur, and Peachtree Creek. After backtracking to Tennessee to fight at Franklin, the 91st in early 1865 entrained to Washington and then sailed to North Carolina to join the amphibious attack on Fort Fisher and Wilmington. The regiment was mustered out on 26 June 1865.

An 1880 map shows L. W. Holder as owner of eighty acres in Hart Township, his only appearance in county histories.

Sources: W. H. H. Terrell, *Report of Adjutant General* Vols. 3, 7  
*Illustrated Historical Atlas of Warrick County* (1880), 17

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### SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one item, a photocopy of a 17-page typed transcript of the diary of L. W. Holder during his service in the 91st Indiana Infantry, 1862-1865. Entries are irregular, often skipping as many as ten days, and rarely exceed one line.

Some interesting bits of information appear, however: "Received bounty \$27, sent home \$25;" "Comenst to bord at Jacob Straders at dinner at 50c a week;" "All quite, rashions scarce, I went out and bout a few dried apples;" "Went to a meeting to hear a Negro preach and he done first rate;" "The fite this morning was resumed with more vigor, about 1 o'clock a general fite along the whole line, the loss is not known, but they contested strong, but gave back and left their works in our hands."

After the diary there are lists of clothing, of receipts of service pay and amounts sent home, and of letters received. Twice Holder seems to have bought large amounts of cotton; 4353 pounds in March 1863 and 2200 pounds in July 1864.

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### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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