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Ezra M. Stahl diary

Title: Ezra M. Stahl diary
Collection No: MSS.21
Creator: Ezra M. Stahl (1839-1913)
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1863-1865

Abstract: The collection consists of three volumes of a diary written by Ezra Mann Stahl while serving with the 84th Indiana Infantry Regiment in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama from 1863 to 1865.

Provenance: Purchased from Mattie Burkholder, 1971.

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Biographical information

Ezra Mann Stahl was born on February 20, 1839, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, to Abraham Stahl (1809-1889) and Elisabeth Waltz Stahl (1808-1875). By 1862 Stahl was living in Hartford City, Blackford County, Indiana. He enlisted as a private in Company K, of the 84th Indiana Infantry Regiment in neighboring Delaware County in June 1862 and was discharged as a sergeant major in Nashville, Tennessee, in June 1865. He married Dillia A. Shelton (1844-1916) and died in Hartford City on February 24, 1913.

Scope and contents

The collection consists of three volumes of a diary written by Ezra Mann Stahl while serving with the 84th Indiana Infantry Regiment in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama from 1863 to 1865. The first volume mostly documents, in brief entries, garrison duty, camp life and the weather in Franklin, Tennessee, and points east as the regiment moved toward Chattanooga. There is reference to the regiment's participation in the Battle of Chickamauga. The second volume contains fuller entries as the regiment moved from Tennessee into Georgia and participated in a number of battles culminating in the surrender of Atlanta. The regiment then returned to Tennessee and saw battle at Franklin. In early 1865, Stahl was in Huntsville, Alabama, before returning to Tennessee and being mustered out in Nashville in June 1865. The entries in the third volume are again brief and nothing is recorded for much of January and all of March.

Subject terms

Stahl, Ezra M., 1839-1913.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives.

United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 84th (1862-1865)

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