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Thomas Johnson (1830-1882) Papers

1862

One volume

Handwritten Civil War diary kept by Captain Thomas Johnson while he served with the 24th Indiana Volunteers in 1862.

BIOGRAPHY:

Thomas Johnson of Washington, Daviess County, Indiana, was commissioned in August 1861 as captain of Company K of the 24th Indiana Volunteer Regiment. Organized under Colonel Alvin P. Hovey, the regiment went to St. Louis, and served in central Missouri until February 1862, when it was ordered to Forts Donelson and Henry.

In March 1862, Johnson resigned to become lieutenant colonel of the 65th Indiana Regiment, organized under John W. Foster. The 65th served mainly in Tennessee under Burnside. From April 1863 until April 1864 the regiment was mounted, forming part of Graham's brigade. After being dismounted, it served under Sherman before Atlanta, and saw action at Resaca de la Palma. Johnson, promoted to colonel in March 1864, was discharged in August 1864 because of failing health.

After the War Johnson moved to Topeka, KS where he married Martha Jane Aikman (1832-1916).

PROVENANCE:

This diary was originally presented to the Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology and transferred to the University of Kansas City on September 8, 1959. It was given by the UMKC Library to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Kansas City as accession KA0084 on May 21, 1981.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of a small (3"x5") handwritten diary kept by Captain Thomas Johnson while he served with the 24th Indiana Volunteers in 1862. The diary also includes his will (February 28, 1862), record of various financial accounts, and other notes.

Additionally, the Indiana Historical Society holds the *Thomas Johnson Civil War Memoir, 1880-1925 (SC0885)* which contains two items: the manuscript of Thomas Johnson's "My War Experiences," written on the first 69 pages of an account book; a bound, typed copy of the account, prepared in 1925 by Johnson's grandson, Major Thomas Johnson Strickler.

INVENTORY:

Folder 1.	Diary 1862 Civil War diary of Thomas Johnson which includes Johnson's will (February 28, 1862), various financial accounts and other notes.
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