Information Sheet

R Burgess, Thomas Ervin, 1838-1915.
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This collection consists of copies of a Civil War photograph, service record, and genealogical data of Sergeant Thomas E. Burgess of Gasconade County, Missouri. Burgess served in Dallmeyer’s Battalion of Missouri Militia, the 10th Missouri Cavalry, and the 2nd Missouri Cavalry in the Union army, 1861-1865.

Thomas E. Burgess was a farmer in Gasconade County when the Civil War began. He enrolled in September 1861 in Dallmeyer’s Battalion, Missouri Militia. He was in the hospital when the unit was mustered out in January 1862. In September 1862, Burgess enlisted at Rolla in the 10th Missouri Cavalry. The unit was organized at Benton Barracks in St. Louis in October, and was sent to Memphis, Tennessee, for duty. Burgess and the 10th Missouri spent most of the war in Tennessee, Mississippi, and northern Alabama, but returned to Missouri in 1864 to participate in the campaign against Sterling Price. The regiment returned to Tennessee in December 1864. Various detachments served in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama until the regiment mustered out in June 1865. Burgess and other men in the 10th Missouri Cavalry whose enlistments had not expired were transferred to the 2nd Missouri Cavalry (“Merrill’s Horse”) and served until that regiment mustered out in September 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee. Burgess returned to Gasconade County following the war, then moved to Gentry County. He died at Albany in Gentry County in 1915.

The collection consists of a copy of a contemporary photograph of Burgess in uniform, a copy of his service records from the Adjutant General of Missouri, and genealogical information collected by the donor.

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