



William H. Smith Papers (C4344)

Collection Number: C4344

Collection Title: William H. Smith Papers

Dates: 1862-1866

Creator: Smith, William H.

Abstract: The letters are from friends and family of William H. Smith during the Civil War from 1862-1865. Includes one letter from 1866.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(4 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

During the Civil War, William H. Smith served as captain of the 2nd Missouri Infantry from 1862-1863. Later, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel by Missouri Confederate Governor Thomas C. Reynolds in 1864. With this promotion, he served as Superintendent of Army Records for Francis M. Cockrell's First Missouri Brigade in Columbus, Georgia from 1864-1865.

Arrangement:

This collection has been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains 33 letters from family, friends, and military commanders to William H. Smith during his service in the 2nd Missouri Infantry as captain and lieutenant colonel. Smith served as sutler and Superintendent of Army Records in Columbus, Georgia from 1864-1865. Smith's relatives and friends write to him from Mississippi and Alabama while Smith is serving in Mississippi. The letters provide a glimpse into the daily life and living conditions of citizens during the latter part of the Civil War.

In folder four there are lists of soldiers in Company I and D of the 1st and 3rd Missouri Cavalry (Confederate) and Company D 2nd and 6th Missouri Infantry (Confederate). The lists provide what supplies the soldiers requested and costs of the item. For the men of the 2nd and 6th Missouri, written in pencil, is what happened to them, death, prisoner, or paid.

Container List:

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