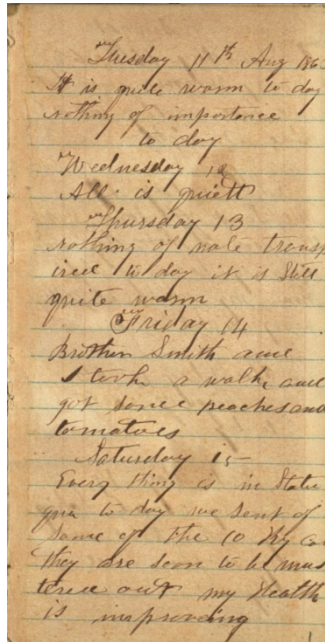


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INVENTORY TO THE GEORGE W. MILLER DIARIES AND INVOICE, 1853-1864

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Descriptive Summary

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Collection Identifier	MSP 57
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Abstract	Diaries kept during the Civil War by Union soldier, George W. Miller
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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Miller, George W.

Organizations

United States. Army

United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 84th

Topics

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Baking

Form and Genre Types

Diaries

Journals (accounts)

Occupations

Soldiers

Bakers

Biography of George W. Miller

George W. Miller was a resident of Dublin, Indiana, a small town in Wayne County. He worked as a grocer and owned a store, along with Russell Hardin, called Hardin & Miller. Hardin & Miller was located on the northeast corner of Davis and Cumberland Streets in Dublin. There is a possibility that George Miller also served as Dublin's postmaster beginning in 1853. Miller married Sarah E. Barnett on September 11, 1854. According to his diary, they had at least two children, a son and a daughter, by 1863. After the outbreak of the American Civil War, Miller enlisted as a Union infantry soldier in Company C of the 84th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the rank of Corporal in August, 1862 for a period of three years. Although the Indiana 84th saw action during the war, Miller was mostly assigned to performed detached duty, including working as a cook and baker at a military hospital somewhere outside of Catlettsburg, Kentucky. When he left the infantry Miller is listed as having been a Private. Miller survived the war and was reported to still be in the service as of May 1865.

History of the United States Military, 84th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry

The 84th Indiana Regiment was formed in Richmond, Indiana (Wayne Co.), and mustered into service on 3 September 1862. It left for Covington, Kentucky, where it was assigned to defend the city and Cincinnati, Ohio. Throughout 1862–63, the regiment saw action in Kentucky and Tennessee. It took part in the Battle of Chicamauga (19–20 September 1863), where it suffered casualties of 125 killed, wounded, or missing. In February 1864, the 84th Indiana camped at Cleveland before joining Gen. Sherman's campaign toward Atlanta in May. After reaching the city, the regiment served in various southern states, including Tennessee, Alabama, and South Carolina. It camped at Huntsville, Alabama between 5 January and 13 March 1865. The regiment was mustered out in June 1865 at Nashville, and returned to Indianapolis.

Source:

<http://www.tngenweb.org/campbell/military/civilwar/vets3.html>

Collection Description

Scope

The George W. Miller papers (1853-1865; 0.5 cubic feet) documents the participation of George W. Miller, a baker, as a Union soldier in the Civil War. The diaries may have been paid for with the invoice filled out and signed by Miller in 1853. There are a few date discrepancies in the diary. In Diary 1 (1862-1863), Pages 1 through Page 80, Entry August 10 are thought to have been written in 1863. Although Diary 1 itself says 1861, on pages with entries for Saturday, January 17 through Thursday, January 22, Miller has marked out the date and written in "1863" instead. He has also had to change the daily dates, indicating that he was using an 1861 journal in a different year. Also in Diary 1, Pages 80, Entry August 11 through Page 147 are thought to have been written in 1862. Diary 2 (1863-1864) begins on Tuesday, August 11, 1863 and ends on June 21, 1864. The diaries discuss events such as weather, illness, and sometimes important Civil War battles. Types of materials include: two diaries and one invoice. The Papers are organized into 1 series: George W. Miller papers.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

Original order of the materials has been retained since they are bound books. All materials have been housed in acid-free sleeves, acid-free folders, and an acid-free box. Items have been scanned and made available in digital format.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

George W. Miller papers (1853-1864)

0.5 cubic feet

1 Box Contents: Invoice and Diaries

Folder

- 1 Check written for diaries, 1853
2. Civil War diary 1, 1862-1863
3. Civil War diary 2, 1863-1964