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Cyrus Hussey Diaries

Introduction

This collection consists of three diaries kept by an officer in the 48th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry between July 11, 1862, and December 3, 1864. There is a typed transcription of the diaries in addition to the original volumes.

Cyrus Hussey Diaries, 1862-1864

Biographical Sketch

1838	Born Highland County, Ohio, son of Stephen and Katherine (Williams) Hussey
1859	Married Rebecca Hodson at Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio
1861, Sept. 9	Enlisted at New Lexington, Highland County, Ohio; assigned to Company A, 48th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Hussey was a schoolteacher at the time.
1861, Sept. 18	Promoted to 1st Sergeant
1862, Jan. 23	Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant
1862, Sept. 6	Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
1863, Feb. 14	Promoted to Captain
1865, Jan. 17	Mustered out at Columbus, Ohio
1865, Mar. 10	Joined 192nd Regiment, Field and Staff, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel
1865, Sept. 1	Mustered out at Winchester, Virginia
1865- 1873	Attached to the Adjutant Generals office in Columbus; bookkeeper for Brooks and Hayden, wholesale grocers
1873	Moved to Toledo; bookkeeper for Osborn, Chase and Swayne
1976	Married Frances Whittlesey, by whom he had two sons, James and Arthur
1885	Secretary and Treasurer, Toledo Moulding Company
1900	Fire insurance agent, Whittlesey and Hussey
1926	Died, killed in automobile accident

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Scope and Content Note

During the period covered by his diaries, Cyrus Hussey's regiment was stationed primarily in Tennessee and Mississippi. It faced action in a number of skirmishes in Mississippi, but its most severe encounter with the enemy was at the siege of Vicksburg. Hussey faithfully and with few exceptions made daily entries. These record activities of his troops, with occasional mention of his personal activities.

Hussey's narrative style is concise and direct. He concentrates on actions, rather than thoughts. While he routinely comments on the state of his health, on the weather, and on his letter writing, the bulk of his writing concerns the actions of others. Perhaps his most useful comments are those which provide his opinions of others.

His spelling is good and his handwriting legible. In addition to the daily entries, each volume contains his daily financial accounts. The physical condition of the volumes is good.

The user of the Hussey diaries would be well advised to consult the Canaday Center research file on Hussey, which contains further information regarding his military service and family.

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Container List

Diaries July 11, 1862-June 1, 1863 June 1, 1863-January 5, 1864 January 1, 1864-December 3, 1864 Typescript version of diaries
Collection is located in R-4