Guide to the Charles Ellis Diary
MSS.2819
Finding aid prepared by James N. Gilbreath

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit
September 10, 2010
Describing Archives: A Content Standard
# Table of Contents

- **Summary Information** ................................................................................................................................. 3
- **Biographical/Historical note** ......................................................................................................................... 4
- **Scope and Contents note** ........................................................................................................................... 4
- **Administrative Information** ........................................................................................................................ 4
- **Controlled Access Headings** ....................................................................................................................... 4
- **Collection Inventory** .................................................................................................................................... 6
Summary Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Repository</th>
<th>W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Charles Ellis Diary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>1865</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extent</td>
<td>0.1 Linear feet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>English</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abstract</td>
<td>Diary written by First Sergeant Charles Ellis of the 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The diary contains daily notes concerning regimental duty in Huntsville, Alabama in 1865.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Preferred Citation note

Charles Ellis Diary, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

As recorded in *History of the Ninety-Sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry*, by Charles A. Partridge, 1887, Charles Ellis was born in Manchester, England around 1846. Ellis was a cabinet maker and enlisted in Waukegan, Illinois. He was promoted to Corporal in March, 1863; to Sergeant on September 21, 1863; and to First Sergeant on May 27, 1865. He participated in every engagement of the regiment except Rocky Face Ridge, and he was "slightly wounded" in the leg at Chickamauga. As of 1887, he was a janitor at 116 E. Monroe Street, Chicago.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains one leather-bound "Daily Pocket Diary for the Year 1865." The diary was kept by First Sergeant Charles Ellis. Writings in the diary concern company roll call, items sent from home, and movements of the regiment. Noted in the diary is the assassination of President Lincoln.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama August 2010

Provenance

Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum, 2009

Processed by

James N. Gilbreath, August, 2010

Controlled Access Headings
Subject(s)

- United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865
# Collection Inventory

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Diary</th>
<th>Box</th>
<th>Folder</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SC0042</td>
<td>2819.1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>