Guide to the Joseph S. Huhn Diary
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## Summary Information

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<td><strong>Abstract</strong></td>
<td>Pocket diary of Union soldier, Joseph S. Huhn of Company &quot;F&quot; of the Ohio 114th Infantry, documenting daily activities between 1 January and 21 August 1865. The remainder of the diary is miscellaneous information and a series of exam questions.</td>
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### Preferred Citation note

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

Joseph S. Huhn was born in 1841 in Ohio, the fourth child and second son of John and Maria Huhn. In 1850, they lived in Spencer, Guernsey County, Ohio. Huhn enlisted at the age of 21 as a sergeant in Company "F" of the 114th Ohio Infantry on 17 August 1862. One source indicates he was wounded at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on 22 May 1863, and was promoted to 1st Sergeant on 1 December 1864. Huhn was mustered out in Houston, Texas, on 31 July 1865, but was not discharged until he reached Columbus, Ohio or 17 August 1865. The 1870 United States Census shows Huhn living with his parents in Elk, Vinton County, Ohio, where he was a school teacher.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains the 1865 pocket diary of Joseph S. Huhn, a sergeant of Co. "F" of the Ohio 114th Infantry. Beginning on 1 January in Morganza, Louisiana, Huhn documents his daily activities, including drill, picket duty, review and inspection, and laundry. The first fighting Huhn relates is on 2 April in southern Alabama near the Escambia River (it was during this series of skirmishes that the company learns of the fall of Richmond, Lee's surrender, and Lincoln's assassination). After leaving Alabama, the company moved back and forth across the southern Gulf Coast, from Pensacola, Florida, to Houston, Texas.

Huhn's diary entries stop on 21 August 1865, when he reached his home after being discharged, but the volume also contains a variety of miscellaneous information and a series of exam questions.

The collection also contains a transcription of the entire diary as well as an electronic copy of the transcript on a 3.5" floppy disc.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama January 2011

Conditions Governing Access note
None

Provenance

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## Collection Inventory

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