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**HARVEY H. BOYD/LEWIS H. KIMBALL  
PAPERS, 1861–1916**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 Manuscript box (half size); 3 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: 1861–1916

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Harvey Harry Boyd (1840–1911) was born in Monroe County (West) Virginia. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Monroe Guards of the 27th Virginia Regiment. He was promoted corporal in October, 1861, and to first corporal in April, 1862. He served with Stonewall Jackson and saw combat at First Battle of Bull Run, July, 1861. Boyd was captured in June, 1862, and sent to prison at Fort Delaware, Delaware, but exchanged in August of the same year. After returning to the Confederate Army he was wounded in May, 1863, and may have deserted and became what were known as "Galvanized Yankees," who agreed to serve for the Union after capture or desertion. In any event, Boyd was living in Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana at the beginning of 1865 where he was a teacher who was befriended by the Clark family. On 8 January 1865, Boyd changed his name to Lewis H. Kimball (Kimble on the oath) and enlisted in Company H of the 11th Indiana Regiment in February, 1865. He joined the regiment at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, in February, 1865, and remained with them until his discharge in July of the same year. After his discharge, he resumed using the name Harvey Boyd and in August, 1865, he married Minerva Clark (1846–1922) of Columbus and they had four children. Boyd farmed for most of his life, but he was working as a janitor for a Columbus school at the time of his death.

Sources:

Information in Collection

*Ancestry*, Library Edition, 8 December 2016

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection centers on two diaries kept by the same person but under different names. Harvey H. Boyd's diary contains entries from May, 1861, until May, 1862 as a member of the Monroe Guards of the 27th Virginia Regiment. Also included are photocopies of his muster rolls, May, 1861–March, 1864. Documents from May, 1863 until March, 1864 lists him as absent and wounded since May 3, 1863. In his diary Boyd describes destroying railroads, taking prisoners, and being reviewed by Stonewall Jackson on several occasions. He also tells of the cold and snowy conditions they had to endure in December, 1861, and January, 1862 and a significant decrease in the regiment's morale in April and May, 1862 over leadership. Boyd also gives a lengthy account of his regiment at the Bull Run River at the end of volume and dated 27 July 1861.

Boyd begins his 1865 diary in Columbus, Bartholomew County, talking about a frostbitten foot, teaching school, and his befriending by the Clark family. His entry on 9 February tells of going to Indianapolis to enlist in the 11th Indiana Regiment. He complains of overcrowding conditions in the camp and goes on to relate he and the other recruits movement east to Baltimore where they were stationed at Fort McHenry. He also writes of the joy in learning that the South had surrendered and the mourning of Lincoln's assassination. Among the topics in Boyd's post war diary include guarding prisoners, returning home and being discharged at Camp Carrington. Boyd also writes of his marriage to Minerva Clark and subsequent return to daily life in Columbus. In the back of this volume under the memorandum section Boyd writes more at length about his feelings towards Minerva and the Clark family. These are not daily entries but are dated periodically from January to July, 1865.

Other items in the collection include photocopies of records used by Minerva Boyd to obtain her widow's pension after his death in 1911. These include his service and pension records proving that he did serve in the 11th Indiana and used the alias Lewis H. Kimball, Kimball (Kimble's) oath of allegiance in January, 1865, and photocopies of newspaper articles regarding the Civil War and Boyd's death.

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Newspaper Clippings/Research Information

2 sets of glasses and 1 pair of white gloves  
(presumably Boyd's)

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