

JAMES M. LITTLE

CIVIL WAR DIARY, 1861-1862

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James M. Little (fl. 1842-1893) was a soldier in the 39th Indiana Infantry Regiment, Company B, during the Civil

War. He served from August 1861 until he was mustered out in September 1864 as a corporal. According to the *Portrait and Biographical Record of Madison and Hamilton Counties*, he and his wife, Martha H. (Neal), resided on a farm near Greenwood, Indiana. The *History of Hamilton County, Indiana* lists him as working at an insurance company and living in Cicero, Indiana. In 1880, he was the president of the Free and Accepted Masons, Cicero Lodge, No. 199.

The 39th Indiana Infantry Regiment (Eighth Cavalry) was organized as an infantry regiment at Indianapolis in August 1861. In early September, it left for Kentucky, camping at Mudraugh's Hill, Camp Devin, and Camp Wood. The regiment moved into Tennessee, and was engaged in the battle of Shiloh on April 6-7, 1862. After Shiloh, it marched toward Corinth, Mississippi, and participated in the siege there. The 39th Indiana fought many skirmishes throughout Kentucky and Tennessee. In October 1863, the regiment was re-organized as the Eighth Cavalry. Afterwards, it took part in campaigns in Georgia and the Carolinas until being mustered out in July of 1865.

Sources: *History of Hamilton County, Indiana*. p. 67, 124, 128, 148.

Portrait and Biographical Record of Madison and Hamilton Counties. p. 817.

Terrell, W. H. H. *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana*. vol. 2. p. 390-391; vol. 5. p. 226.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the Civil War diary of James M. Little, a soldier in the 39th Indiana Infantry Regiment. The diary covers the period of August 27, 1861 to April 28, 1862. It records the activities of Little and the 39th Indiana from the mustering of the regiment to just before its march to Corinth, Mississippi. Included are Little's account of the Battle of Shiloh (April 6 and 7, 1862) and drawings of the Union defenses at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

A typescript of the diary is included. The first page of the transcript incorrectly states that the Battle of Shiloh occurred on August 6 and 7, 1862.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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