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ERASTUS G. BURGET DIARIES, 1862

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Erastus G. Burget (b. 1841) was born in Wabash County, Indiana, and started work as a carpenter at the age of 18. In August 1861, he enlisted in the 8th Indiana Regiment, Company "I" and was later promoted to corporal and then to veteran sergeant before mustering out in August 1865.

In April 1863 Burget married Hattie Eyestone who died one year later. In April 1866 he married Elizabeth Lynn and they produced three children, one of whom reached maturity. Elizabeth Lynn Burget died in November 1872, and in July 1873 Erastus Burget married for a third time to Sarah J. Ridenour. Burget returned to his trade as a carpenter and contractor after the war.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of two diaries from 10 April through 31 December 1862 written by Burget while serving with the 8th Indiana Regiment in Missouri and Arkansas. The first diary covers the period 10 April–5 July 1862 and the second contains entries from 6 July–31 December 1862.

The entries contain detailed descriptions of Burget's activities including location, provisions, equipment, troop movement, and engagements. At the conclusion of each volume he states that the diary was written with the intention of it being read by others such as friends and family.

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