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**GEORGE AND SHIRLEY CLARK
CIVIL WAR COLLECTION, 1994**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The 28th United States Colored Troops was established in November, 1863 as the regiment of black troops raised by the state of Indiana during the Civil War. The men were trained at Camp Fremont in Indianapolis, and shipped out to join the fighting in the East in April, 1864. The 28th USCT faced the loss of nearly half its men at the Battle of the Crater during the siege of Petersburg, VA. After this battle, the 28th USCT guarded prisoners at City Point, VA, and later became part of the occupation of former Confederate strong points in Texas after the end of the war. In the fall of 1865, the 28th USCT was mustered out of service and returned home to Indianapolis in January, 1866.

George P. Clark is Professor Emeritus of English at Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana. He and his wife, Shirley Ellen Clark, undertook research on the 28th USCT and compiled rosters with soldier data, photocopied documents (such as death records, hospital records muster rolls and pension records) , and other misc. notes. The Clarks have also written and published work on the topic of the Civil War in Indiana.

Sources:

Material in the collection

Clark, George P. “‘Battles Long Ago’: A Hoosier Civil War Veteran and His Memoir of Service in the Western Theater,” *Indiana Magazine of History*, March 2005, 9-14.

Clark, George P. and Mary E. “Heroes Carved in Ebony: Indiana’s Black Civil War Regiment, the 28th USCT,” *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*, Summer 1995, 4-16.

Terrell, W.H.H., Indiana Adjutant General’s Office. Report of the Adjutant General of the state of Indiana. Indianapolis: A.H. Connor [etc.] State Printer, 1865-69.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The George and Shirley Clark Civil War Collection contains their research materials on the 28th United States Colored Troops. Included are rosters with soldier data, photocopied documents, and other miscellaneous notes and papers. The rosters are alphabetized according to company letter and then by soldier name. In cases where additional photocopied documents exist, they can be found attached to the pertinent troop roster.

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