HENRY CLAY POLK
CIVIL WAR DIARY, 1864

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder

COLLECTION DATE: 1864

PROVENANCE: Florence McCormack Chew, Shirley, IN, August 1967
HISTORICAL SKETCH

Henry Clay Polk, a resident of Greensboro, Henry County, Indiana, was mustered into Company E Thirteenth Indiana regiment on February 15, 1864. He served only five months as he was killed at the Battle of Petersburg Crater on July 30, 1864.

Source:


Material found in the Collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains Polk's diary written from May until July, 1864. Approximately one hundred twenty four pages, it includes account lists of money owed to Polk by fellow soldiers, poems, and descriptions of the Battle of Petersburg Crater and various skirmishes. An inscription explaining Polk's death is written by Sergeant S.E. Chandler who recovered the diary from the battlefield. Also included is a handwritten transcript of the diary.

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FOLDER CONTENTS

1 Diary and Transcript, 1864

A handwritten transcript of the diary is also included.
CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: http://157.91.92.2/
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 0042).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.