

**Collection #  
SC 2787**

## **INDIANA CAVALRY. 8<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENT RECORDS, 1864**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

This regiment was originally organized in Indianapolis as the 8<sup>th</sup> Indiana infantry and mustered in on 29 August 1861. It left the state early in September, and went into camp for the rest of the year. In April 1862 they march to Nashville with General Buell's army and participated in the battle at Shiloh. The rest of the year was spent in pursuit of General Bragg.

In April 1863 the regiment was given horses and served as mounted infantry during the rest of the year. It participated in the battle of Chickamauga, and then took part in an expedition into East Tennessee. On 15 October 1863 the regiment changed from infantry to cavalry, and it was reorganized as the 8th Indiana Cavalry.

It was engaged on courier duty between Chattanooga and Ringgold during the winter, and reenlisted as a veteran organization on 22 February 1864, being given a furlough in April. For the rest of 1864, and into 1865, it participated in raids: Rousseau's raid into Alabama, McCook's raid around Atlanta, and Kilpatrick's raid into Georgia. It was also engaged in the battle of Jonesboro, at Flint River, and in several skirmishes following the capture of Atlanta.

It was on duty in North Carolina, until 20 July 1865, when it was mustered out.

Sources:

American Civil War Research Database. Duxbury, MA: Historical Data Systems, Inc., 2005 [cited 29 June 2006]. Available from World Wide Web: (<http://civilwardata.com/>)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection is a two-page document of re-enlistment for members of Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cavalry. It states: "We the undersigned do agree to form ourselves into a company of Volunteer Cavalry for three (3) years, unless sooner discharged, and do agree to accept such bounty and pay as are prescribed in orders regulating 'Veteran Volunteers.'" Below that are the signatures and ranks of sixty-one men.

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