

Collection #  
SC 2753

**ISAAC R. CONWELL  
DIARY TRANSCRIPTS, 1861–1866**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	4 folders
COLLECTION DATES:	1860–66; 1973–78
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**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

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**NOTES:**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Isaac R. Conwell was born 23 April 1839 and was a resident of Liberty, Indiana. He enlisted in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant on 20 September 1861. He was commissioned into B Company, Indiana 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. It was the first complete cavalry regiment from the state and left on 16 December for Louisville.

The regiment joined General Buell's army and moved with it to Tennessee, reaching the field at Shiloh after the battle. It was actively engaged in the siege of Corinth, and after the evacuation moved with Buell's army into northern Alabama. It moved into Kentucky in September 1862 in pursuit of General Bragg, being engaged at Vinegar Hill and Perryville. On 12 September Conwell was promoted to first lieutenant.

The regiment was on duty near Nashville during the winter of 1862-63 and from there proceeded to Kentucky, returning after a few months to Tennessee. It was engaged at Triune in June; was on railroad guard duty during the fall, and moved into eastern Tennessee at the approach of winter. Conwell was wounded during the battle at Lookout Mountain in November 1863. The regiment was engaged in numerous skirmishes during the winter of 1864 and Conwell was promoted to Captain in March. It joined General Sherman's army in May and accompanied it to Atlanta. Conwell mustered out on 4 October 1864.

He married Genevieve Alice Robinson in 1872. He died 10 August 1912.

**Sources:**

Materials in collection.

American Civil War Research Database. Duxbury, MA: Historical Data Systems, Inc., 2005 [cited 1 August 2005]. Available from World Wide Web: (<http://civilwardata.com/>)

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of four folders. The first and second folders include photocopies of Conwell family members and genealogical information. The last two folders contain photocopies of transcripts of Isaac R. Conwell's diary and correspondence between Conwell and his family and friends. The diary consists of daily entries, usually very short. It covers the year 1863 and gives details about fights and his injury in late November. The letters include information from Conwell's family about everyday life and Conwell's letters talk about the regiments movements and activities.

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