

Collection #
SC 2648

**JOHN MARTIN SHERWOOD
CIVIL WAR DIARY, 1865**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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RELATED HOLDINGS: 66th Indiana Regiment--SC 0643, Jesse B. White Papers

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Martin Sherwood (fl. 1862-84) was a resident of Livonia, Washington County, Indiana. He was mustered into service with the 66th Indiana Regiment, Company B, in August 1862, and was mustered out in June 1865 with the rank of sergeant.

Family members included: Elizabeth (sister), Edward (brother), Catharine Martin (aunt), Tilsie Ann Cruin (cousin), and Stephen Martin (cousin).

The 66th Indiana Regiment (1862–65) was organized at Camp Noble, New Albany. In response to Kirby Smith's invasion of Kentucky, the regiment was hastily mustered into service in August 1862 under the temporary command of General Lew Wallace. It marched to Lexington, Kentucky, where Lt. Colonel Roger Martin assumed command. The 66th Indiana was engaged in a battle near Richmond, Kentucky, on August 30th. Most of the regiment was captured and paroled. It was reorganized and re-equipped in Indianapolis under the command of Colonel DeWitt C. Anthony.

The regiment served in Tennessee and Mississippi before joining Sherman's campaign against Atlanta, and fought in the battles of Resacca, Lay's Ferry, Rome Cross Roads, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and Jonesboro. It moved through the Carolinas and Virginia to Washington City, where it was mustered out of service in June 1865. Some recruits were transferred to the 59th Indiana Regiment.

Sources: Material in the collection.

History of Washington County, Indiana : a reproduction of the original "History of Lawrence, Orange and Washington Counties" 1884. Page 817. Paoli, Ind.: Stout's Print Shop, 1965. General Collection F532.W45 H5 1965.

Adjutant General's Office. *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana.* Vol. 2, p. 612-613; Vol. 6, p. 57. Indianapolis: A. H. Connor [etc.] State Printer, 1865–69. General and Reference Collection, E506.2.I39 T4 1865.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a diary (1 January-15 July 1865) kept by John Martin Sherwood during his service with the 66th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War. Entries begin when the 66th regiment was camped at Savannah, Georgia. The entries are short and provide a look at the regiment's daily activities, including picket duty, drill practice, and building breastworks. Its movements through Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia to Washington City are also listed. Sherwood notes the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina (March 20-21), and news of Robert E. Lee's surrender.

The diary is accompanied by a partial typescript and additional historical material regarding the context in which the diary was written. The compiler of this information is Olen Matison Hiatt, great-grandson of John Martin Sherwood, who spent years transcribing the diary and researching Sherwood's time in the 66th Indiana Regiment.

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