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**JOSHUA W. UNDERHILL
DIARY, 1862–1863; 1873**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Joshua W. Underhill (ca. 1837–ca. 1895) was born and lived in Ohio. In November, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, 46th Indiana Regiment as a private listing Burnettsville, White County, as his residence. Underhill became the regiment's Assistant Surgeon in December, 1862, and Surgeon in January, 1865. After he was mustered out in September, 1865, Underhill apparently returned to Ohio where he was a surgeon in Cincinnati.

Sources:

American Civil War Research Database. Accessed 4 June 2013

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Underhill's diary contains entries from 23 October 1862–21 July 1863 and memoranda written on 15 November 1873 from his home in Cincinnati, Ohio. The diary begins with the regiment in Helena, Arkansas, on board the steamer *Volunteer* to Louisiana and then to rear of Vicksburg where they were part of the siege from 21 May and remained there for forty-four days then moving through Mississippi until the diary stops. Underhill gives detailed accounts of the siege and the caring of wounded throughout the campaign.

In the final entry on 15 November 1873 Underhill relates the story of how he had lost the diary on 22 July 1863 in a Mississippi farmhouse they were sleeping in and how it was subsequently was returned to him.

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