

SAMUEL C. HARRISON

DIARY, 1864

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Samuel C. Harrison may have been a son of Samuel H. Harrison, who settled in Honey Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana, in 1841, and owned land in Section 19 of the Township in 1874. Samuel C. Harrison was mustered into Company E, 85th Regiment, 3rd Indiana Volunteers, on 15 August 1862, giving Prairieton, Vigo County, as his residence. He is listed as a musician. He was mustered out on 12 June 1865.

The 85th Regiment served first in Tennessee, It surrendered at Thompson's Station in March 1863, was held briefly in Libby Prison at Richmond, and was released at the end of March. Thereafter it served under Sherman as he attacked Atlanta, marched through Georgia, and moved north in pursuit of Johnston. The 85th ended its career at Richmond.

Sources: Terrell, *Report of Adjutant General*, Vol. 3 pp. 69-71, Vol. 6 p. 378
Andreas, *Atlas Map of Vigo County*, 1874, pp. 20, 98
Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of a small diary kept by Harrison from 1 April through 31 December 1864 while his regiment was among the troops attacking Atlanta. The entries are brief, three days to a small page in small handwriting, and are mainly concerned with the minor concerns of military life: washing clothes, drawing rations, practicing whatever instrument he played. A list of the battles fought by the regiment, with dates, is on four pages at the end.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Harrison, Samuel C.

SUBJECT ENTRIES: United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 85th (1862-1865)

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