

ASH, JOHN H., D. 1918.
John H. Ash papers, circa 1860-1917

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Ash, John H., d. 1918.
Title: John H. Ash papers, circa 1860-1917
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 12
Extent: .5 linear ft. (1 box) ; 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Papers of Civil War soldier, John H. Ash, from 1860-1917 that include twenty diaries (1860-1865), two letters, documents, notes, clippings, a review, and an essay relating to the 5th Regiment Georgia Cavalry during and after the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

Unrestricted access.

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

Special restrictions apply: Duplication of diaries should be made from microfilm copy.

Additional Physical Form

The diaries are also available on microfilm.

Source

Gift, 1938.

Citation

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Processing

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Biographical Note

John H. Ash, Confederate Civil War soldier and clergyman, was born in 1843, in Savannah, Georgia, and died on June 3, 1918, in Savannah, Georgia.

During the Civil War, he served in Company B, 5th Regiment Georgia Cavalry (Georgia Hussars). He was made a lieutenant in 1864 and served in the Savannah, Georgia, area; Florida (1864); north Georgia (during the Atlanta Campaign); and in South Carolina. In 1916, he made a speech at the presentation of General Gordon's portrait to Troop A, Georgia Hussars, Savannah.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of John H. Ash from 1860-1917. The papers include twenty diaries (1860-1865), two letters, documents, notes, clippings, a review, and an essay relating to the 5th Regiment Georgia Cavalry during and after the Civil War.

The diaries contain entries from February 18, 1860-February 24, 1865, with a few gaps. Another small volume contains "Sick Report, Company A, 5th Regt. Georgia Cavalry" with 10 pages of lists of sick men dated March 12, 1863-May 29, 1863.

Other materials include two letters to Ash, May 31, 1863 and March 25, 1870; 3 orders, one requiring the owners of dogs to remove them from Camp Vernon (May 11, 1862) and the other notifying each man to forage for his horse's feed (undated); a Special Order signed by Colonel R. H. Anderson giving "instructions for Orderly Sergeants whilst on the march" dated November 13, 1863; a list of men on furlough, September 2 - October 4, 1863; a parole, an oath of allegiance, a summons to military duty (February 6, 1861); an application for, and a permission for, leaves of absence and other miscellaneous notes.

Later materials include Ash's pencilled notes (11 pages) of the war record of Company B based on his diary written after the war at the request of Lt. Commander Sandy Duncan (Company A) who became the historian of the Georgia Hussars. Also includes lists of men and 12 clippings (1874-1917) of a biographical and historical nature.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by document type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Diary, 1860 February 18 – 1862 February 13
1	2	Diary, 1862 February 14 – 1862 June 23
1	3	Diary, 1862 June 24 – 1862 October 24
1	4	Diary, 1862 October 25 – 1863 January 11
1	5	Diary, 1863 January 13 – 1863 February 4
1	6	Diary, 1863 February 5 – 1863 February 28
1	7	Diary, 1863 March 1 – 1863 March 27
1	8	Diary, 1863 March 28 – 1863 April 21
1	9	Diary, 1863 April 22 – 1863 May 23
1	10	Diary, 1863 May 24 – 1863 June 17
1	11	Diary, 1863 June 17 – July 9, 1863
1	12	Diary, 1863 July 10 – 1863 August 1
1	13	Diary, 1863 August 6 – 1863 October 10
1	14	Diary, 1863 October 12– 1863 November 24
1	15	Diary, 1863 November 25 – 1864 February 23
1	16	Diary, 1864 February 23 – 1864 May 4
1	17	Diary, 1864 May 4 – 1864 May 29
1	18	Diary, 1864 July 2 – 1864 July 29
1	19	Diary, 1864 July 30 – 1864 November 8
1	20	Diary, 1864 (?) – 1865 February 24
1	21	Sick report, 1863 March 12 – May 29
1	22	Letters and miscellaneous papers
1	23	Notes and clippings
