

BAURDICK, ANTHONY J.
Anthony J. Baurdick papers, 1861-1865

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Baurdick, Anthony J.
Title: Anthony J. Baurdick papers, 1861-1865
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 72
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Correspondence, diaries, and personal documents of Union soldier Anthony J. Baurdick who served in the 8th Missouri Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Anthony J. Baurdick (October 14, 1840 [?] - 1907 [?]) was born in Westphalia, Osage County, Missouri. Orphaned at age nine when both mother and father died of cholera, Baurdick lived with Henry Haar, a stonemason, and his wife Gertrude. Baurdick helped with mortar-mixing until he was fifteen, when he went to Jefferson City, Missouri, to enter the mercantile business as an apprentice. He enlisted in the 8th Missouri Infantry Regiment, American Zouaves Corps, Company B, on June 11, 1861, in St. Louis, Missouri. On November 1, 1862 he was appointed Quartermaster Sergeant; he was discharged on July 1, 1864. Baurdick's unit served in Missouri, Kentucky, and West Tennessee in 1861, in the Fort Henry - Fort Donelson campaign, the Vicksburg campaign, the Chickamauga-Chattanooga campaign, and Sherman's campaign through Georgia and the Carolinas in 1864-1865.

After the war, he again entered the mercantile business in Sedalia, Missouri; in 1869, he moved to Neosho, Missouri, where he continued in business for a number of years. He entered the banking business in 1885 as a cashier of the Neosho Savings Bank, later becoming president. Failing health compelled him to retire, and he moved to California in 1907, making his home in San Diego. Baurdick's sister, Anna was employed as a maid at the time of the correspondence, writing both in, English and German.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the personal papers of Anthony J. Baurdick from 1861-1865. The papers include correspondence, diaries, personal documents, and photocopies. The 17 letters (1861-1863) are to Baurdick from his sister Anna, and friends, Gertrude Haar, and members of the Bruns and Geisburg families in Jefferson City, Missouri, and describe activities there in support of the Union cause. Two of the letters are on patriotic stationery (one with a portrait of General Henry Halleck); three diaries cover parts of the years 1861-1865; personal documents are mostly service-related; photocopies are of an 1861 newspaper, *Star Spangled Banner*.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type and then sorted chronologically.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Content |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | Diary, 1861 |
| 1 | 2 | Diary, 1863-1865 |
| 1 | 3 | Diary, 1865 |
| 1 | 4 | Correspondence, June 25, 1861-July 2, 1863 |
| 1 | 5 | Military papers, November 1, 1862-May 21, 1866 |
| 1 | 6 | Miscellany |
