Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Burdick, John., d. 1865.

**Title:** John M. Burdick diary, 1864

**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 323

**Extent:** 1 microfilm reel (MF)

**Abstract:** Microfilm copy of the diary of New York Union soldier John M. Burdick during his imprisonment in Andersonville Prison in 1864.

**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

**Restrictions on access**
Unrestricted access.

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**Source**
Loaned for microfilming, n.d.

**Citation**
[after identification of item(s)], John M. Burdick diary, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Collection Description

**Biographical Note**
Sergeant John M. Burdick of Greenwich, Washington County, New York, served in Company I of the 21st New York Cavalry. He was captured at the battle of Lynchburg, June 19, 1864. He was confined to Andersonville Prison for three months, then sent to Charleston, South Carolina, where he was paroled December 16, 1864. He died January 5, 1865.

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**Scope and Content Note**
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the diary of John M. Burdick which covers the period from June 19, 1864 to October 24, 1864. Sergeant Burdick describes the high prison mortality rate at Andersonville Prison, efforts of the prisoners to escape, hopeful rumors of parole and exchange, the rain, and the construction of barracks and stockades.