Descriptive Summary

Creator: Burdick, John., d. 1865.
Title: John M. Burdick diary, 1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 323
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access
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Custodial History
Provenance unknown.

Citation
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Appraisal Note
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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.

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.