

DIXON, MUMFORD H., B. 1838.

Mumford H. Dixon diary, 1864

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Dixon, Mumford H., b. 1838.
Title: Mumford H. Dixon diary, 1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 332
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Abstract: Typescript of the diary of Mississippi merchant and Confederate Captain Mumford H. Dixon, who served in the Arkansas Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.
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Biographical Note

Captain Mumford H. Dixon (b. 1838) was a member of the "Swamp Rangers," a "gallant company of raftsmen and swampers." He entered the service at Vicksburg, Mississippi on August 20, 1861, probably as a lieutenant, and was promoted to Captain on January 1, 1862. He was a 1st Lieutenant of Company H, 18th Arkansas Infantry Regiment (Marmaduke's),

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Confederate States Army, which subsequently became Company E, 3rd Arkansas Infantry Regiment. He was a merchant before the war and afterwards a county sheriff and marshall of a city, probably Vicksburg.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a typescript of the diary of Mumford H. Dixon from May 7, 1864-December 3, 1864. The action recorded is the defense of Atlanta and Hood's Tennessee Campaign. Dixon was captured at the battle of Jonesboro, August 31, 1864, but was exchanged on October 19. He was captured again at the battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864, and spent the remainder of the war in Federal prisons at Louisville, Kentucky, and Johnson Island, Ohio. A sketch of his service, provided by the Adjutant General's Office, from records in the National Archives and a copy of an obituary are appended.

