

EDGE, ANDREW J., 1836-1926.
Andrew J. Edge papers, 1862-1864

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Edge, Andrew J., 1836-1926.
Title: Andrew J. Edge papers, 1862-1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 346
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box) ; 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy and typescripts of the letters of Confederate soldier, Andrew J. Edge of Lumpkin County, Georgia, who served in Company C, 52nd Georgia Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

Unrestricted access.

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Additional Physical Form

Original letters available on microfilm.

Source

Gift, 1959.

Citation

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Processing

Processed by MRD, 1965.

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Biographical Note

Andrew J. Edge (April 13, 1836-February 6, 1926) was born in Lumpkin County, Georgia. He entered the army as a private on March 4, 1862, and served in Company C, 52nd Georgia Infantry Regiment. He was stationed in camp ("Camp McDonnell") near Marietta until May 1862, when he went to Knoxville (Camp Van Dorn). He remained there until about September 1, when he moved to Chattanooga. Early in 1863 he went with his regiment to Vicksburg. About the first of May, he moved to Enterprise, near Meridian, Mississippi, where he remained until after the fall of Vicksburg. His transfer to Enterprise seems to have been because of illness. Edge was captured July 4 at Vicksburg and was exchanged October 8, 1863; was wounded at New Hope Church on May 25, 1864; and was furloughed from a hospital at Marietta, Georgia. He died at Soldier's Home, Atlanta and is buried at Phillippi Church, Dahlonega, Georgia. He was a Baptist preacher, had a farm and a country store, and was a Justice of the Peace.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of typescript copies of the correspondence of Andrew J. Edge as well as a microfilm copy of the original letters. A substantial portion of the letters are from Alpha Edge to her husband, an unusual circumstance, as most soldiers of the yeoman class lost or destroyed letters they received. Three of the letters, undated, were written early in the war, presumably in 1861, before Andrew Edge and Alpha Daves were married. In one of these, Edge mentions the fact that he is about to join the Slabtown Company. Andrew's morale was very good at the beginning, but was impaired by sickness, hardship, and the prolongation of the war. The fall of Vicksburg was a tremendous blow to his spirit. There is a gap in the correspondence from July 10 to December 8, 1863. When the letter of December 8, 1863 was written, Edge was stationed at Tunnel Hill, near Dalton, Georgia. One of the envelopes indicates that his regiment was at that time part of Stovall's Brigade, Stewart's Division, Army of Tennessee.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Typescript copies, 1861-1864 [originals on microfilm]
1	2	Typescript and photocopies, 1861-1864 [originals not on microfilm]
MF1		Original correspondence, 1862-1864
