

FARRIS, JOHN K.
John K. Farris diaries, 1861-1863

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Farris, John K.
Title: John K. Farris diaries, 1861-1863
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 343
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the diaries of John K. Farris, Confederate physician, who served with the 41st Tennessee Infantry Regiment.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

John K. Farris, Confederate physician, served with the 41st Tennessee Infantry Regiment. He was captured at Ft. Donelson, Tennessee (February 1862), imprisoned at Camp Morton, Indiana,

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and exchanged (September, 1862); his regiment was re-formed and served in the Jackson, Mississippi, area. He was a hospital steward and acting assistant surgeon for his company. He practiced medicine in the Prairie Plaines, Tennessee, area until 1901.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of three diaries of John K. Farris written while he was serving in the Confederate States of America Army from November 1861 - July 1863.

The first diary, November 21, 1861-September 29, 1862, deals mainly with Farris's imprisonment at Fort Donelson and the events of his exchange. Included are various lists of prisoners and battles.

The second diary, October 17, 1862-November 23, 1862 is written in the form of 26 letters from Farris to his wife, Mary. The letter of October 31, 1862 gives a long account of Farris's part in the fight at Fort Donelson. He gives a roster of officers for both regiment and company of the 41st Tennessee Infantry Regiment, both before and after the regiment's reorganization in October 1862. He also lists by company, officers, and men, the deaths in that regiment up to November 17, 1862 and gives causes and manner of death, including deaths in prison.

The third diary, November 24, 1862-July 20, 1863, tells of the movements of the 41st Regiment and the battles in which they were engaged. Most of this time was spent in or around Jackson, Mississippi.

