GOODRICH, BLAKE.
Blake Goodrich reminiscences, 1911

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Goodrich, Blake.
Title: Blake Goodrich reminiscences, 1911
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 369
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the reminiscences of Blake Goodrich regarding his service in the 7th New Hampshire Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Blake Goodrich was in the 7th New Hampshire Infantry Regiment during the Civil War; he served in Benjamin F. Butler's Army of the James. In 1911, at which time he was living in Derry, New Hampshire, he wrote down his reminiscences of the war for Master Paul Brigham of Macon, Georgia. Whether Paul Brigham was a young relative of Goodrich's is not indicated. Goodrich was chief clerk to General Godfrey Weitzel and was with him when he entered Richmond after its surrender.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of a 47-page manuscript of the reminiscences of Blake Goodrich written in 1911 which is divided into four sections: 1) The cause of the Civil War 1861/1865 and first great battle; 2) Guns used in the Civil War; 3) Campaign of the Army of the Potomac, May 3, 1864-April 9, 1865, the Army of the James and general and important matters; and 4) the last days of the Confederacy and the surrender of Lee. Much detail is given by Goodrich on the weapons used in the war, on the Confederates' appearance and reaction at Appomattox, on the Battle of the Wilderness, and on events leading to the fall of Richmond. Goodrich pays tribute to the Confederates' gallantry and endurance during the war.