Descriptive Summary

Creator: Gordon, Samuel M.
Title: Samuel M. Gordon diary, 1861
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 317
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the diary of Union soldier Samuel M. Gordon, who served in the 25th Ohio Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access
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Source
Loaned for microfilming, 1958.

Citation
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Biographical Note
Samuel M. Gordon, United States soldier, was a member of Company H, 25th Ohio Infantry Regiment, during the Civil War. He lived at Senacaville, Guernsey County, Ohio. It is believed he died about 1862, in a Confederate prison. He enlisted in 1861, and spent most of that autumn on Cheat Mountain, West Virginia, where he fought in the Battle of Cheat Mountain Summit.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the 1861 diary of Samuel M. Gordon in which he wrote about daily life in the Union Army, including food, marches, parades, sickness, and the weather. He also wrote of a visit to a Colonel Hamilton's home in West Virginia, whose family was divided in their feelings about the war; two members were for the Union and two were for secession. There are poems in the back of the book which are apparently written by Gordon: "Battle of Buffalo Mountain," and "Parody on Poor Old Slave," written on Cheat Mountain Summit, September 27, 1861.