Descriptive Summary

Creator: Griffin, John Levi.
Title: John Levi Griffin diary 1861-1862
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 366
Extent: 25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Diary of Confederate soldier John Levi Griffin, who served in the 12th 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
Typescript of diary available.

Source
Gift, 1961.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], John Levi Griffin diary, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing
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Biographical Note
John Levi Griffin was a member of the "Muckalee Guards" (Sumter County, Georgia) Company A, 12th Georgia Infantry Regiment. Griffin was from Calhoun and Baker Counties, Georgia. He died after the war in Dawson, Habersham County, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the diary of John Levi Griffin from June 14, 1861 - July 4, 1862. Entries begin at Macon, Georgia, and from there show that Griffin's outfit probably went by train through Augusta to Richmond, Virginia, progressing then to the mountains and up into West Virginia. He describes the engagement at Camp Allegheny, West Virginia, on December 13, 1861. April 2, they left camp and moved to Camp Shenandoah for 3 weeks. On April 20, they began a march to Staunton through Valley Mills, West View. On May 8-9, near McDowell in Highland County, Virginia, they had a skirmish with the enemy, which Griffin describes. From there, they went through Augusta and Rockingham Counties to New Market, then through Hamburg and Luray, and finally to Front Royal, where there was a small skirmish on May 23. About June 15, 1862, Dixon entered a hospital in Staunton, VA. On June 28, he applied for a furlough, which was granted; he started for home on July 1, 1862.
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