

**HUMPHREY, JOHN, B. 1818.**  
**John Humphrey papers, 1856-1865**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Humphrey, John, b. 1818.  
**Title:** John Humphrey papers, 1856-1865  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 497  
**Extent:** .25 linear ft. (1 box) and 1 oversized papers folder (OP)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Union soldiers John Humphrey and his sons, who served in the 50th Ohio Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. Includes correspondence, a diary, muster roll, photographs, clippings, a memo book, envelopes, and financial papers.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

**Restrictions on Access**

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**Source**

Gift, 1967.

**Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], John Humphrey papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

**Processing**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

John Humphrey, Union soldier, was born October 10, 1818. He served (1862- ) with the 50th Ohio Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. All or some of his sons also served in the Union Army. Harmon S. Humphrey served with the 19th Iowa Infantry Regiment; D.W. Humphrey was stationed at "Nolin" Kentucky; Livingston Humphrey was with the 118th Ohio Infantry Regiment; and John Humphrey Jr. was with the 20th Ohio Infantry Regiment.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of John Humphrey from 1856-1865. The papers include letters from John Humphrey to his wife, Mary, and from his sons to various family members. Humphrey discusses hardships in the field and his participation in the Atlanta Campaign. A diary records Humphrey's account of his war experiences from 1862-1863. The collection also includes a muster roll of the 50th Ohio Infantry Regiment, a memo book containing family data, and photographs (tintypes and a carte-de-visite) of family members (?) by Atlanta photographers.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence: John Humphrey to wife Mary, 6 ALS, September 3, 1862-June 18, 1864
1	2	Diary with entries between October 18, 1862 and January 23, 1863. Also contains rhymes about army experiences, lists, accounts, etc., Muster Roll of 50th Ohio Infantry Regiment. Probably incomplete.
1	3	Correspondence: Harmon S[lieman] Humphrey to parents, John and Mary, 12 ALS, May 1, 1861-April 18, 1865. 5 Civil War covers are filed in this folder.
1	4	Correspondence: D. W. Humphrey to mother, 1 ALS, November 21, 1863
1	5	Correspondence: By various members of the family, 4 ALS, 1856-1864. Also includes 1 ALS, October 8, 1862, by A. J. Ross, a former neighbor.
1	6	28 clipped Civil War postmarks
1	7	Stock certificate for John Humphrey in the Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad Company, dated December 12, 1857, in the amount of sixteen dollars and ninety two cents; and two bank notes
1	8	Memo book for John Humphrey with notes containing family data, undated; small empty leather satchel
1	9	Photographs, including tintypes and a carte-de-visite of unidentified family members.
1	10	Genealogical chart and data for the Humphrey, Boura, and Buzzel Burton families
1	11	Five newspaper clippings, undated
1	12	Land certificate for Abraham E. Chandler, Palmyra, Lincoln County, Missouri, July 1, 1848
1	13	Slave bill of sale between John C. Martin and Alexander Martin, Cannon County, Tennessee, January 13, 1862
1	14	[Catholic prayer card], 1891
OP1	-	Panoramic View of Atlanta's Five Million Dollar Fire, May 21, 1917

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