Descriptive Summary

Title: Lemuel A. Scarbrough diary, 1861-1862
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 349
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the diary of Lemuel A. Scarbrough, who served in the 13th Tennessee Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
Unrestricted access.

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Source
Loaned for microfilming, 1959.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], Lemuel A. Scarbrough diary, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing
Processed by MRD, 1965.

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Biographical Note
Lemuel A. Scarbrough (1837-1918) was a member of the 13th Tennessee Infantry Regiment. He was wounded in the foot at Shiloh and had to have it amputated, but afterwards served as mail
carrier for the soldiers. His brother John Scarbrough was Orderly Sergeant of the company; he
too was wounded at Shiloh but apparently not so seriously as Lemuel. Lemuel died in 1918 at
the age of 81. Lemuel Scarbrough was twice married and was the father of 14 children—8 by his
first wife and 6 by his second.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the diary of Lemuel A. Scarbrough from
1861-1862. The diary begins with the departure of Scarbrough and his company from their
homes in Moscow, Tennessee on May 27, 1861 and ends on the eve of the Battle of Shiloh
(April 5, 1862). An account of the battle of Shiloh (April 6-7, 1862), written by Scarbrough
many years later (July 24, 1903), was added after the last entry. There is a gap in the diary from
October 7, 1861 to March 1, 1862. The diary contains comments on food, discipline, railroad
travel, diversions, and religion in the army. A clipping of Eldon Roark's article (Memphis Press-
Scimitar, August 15, 1959) about the diary is included in the film.