



Collection Summary

Title

Civil War Orders- 5th Cavalry Missouri State Militia

Date

May 3 – June 10, 1863, 1888, 2012

Extent

1 Folder

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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Names of Creator

Biggers, Thomas, *Major*

Missouri (State). Militia. Cavalry, 5th

Administrative/Biographical History

Thomas Biggers was born in 1837 in Pennsylvania. He lived with his family in Waterford, Pennsylvania until the 1850s. Biggers' father moved his family from Pennsylvania and they were living in Missouri by the 1860 U.S. Federal Census. Thomas enlisted in the 5th Missouri Cavalry on April 30, 1862 in St. Joseph, Missouri and fought for the Union during the Civil War. Thomas served in St. Joseph and the surrounding areas. He mustered out on June 22, 1863.

After the war, Thomas worked as a claim(s) agent for the IRS. On December 7, 1875, Thomas married Kate Himrod, who also lived in Waterford, Pennsylvania. Together they lived in Kansas as farmers and then moved to Oklahoma where they were stock dealers. Thomas died on October 24, 1919 and was buried in Waterford, Pennsylvania. Kate died 16 years later in 1935 and was also buried in Waterford.

The 5th Missouri Cavalry Regiment was organized on March 1, 1862 in St. Joseph, Missouri as a Union militia. It became attached to the District of Central Missouri, Department of Missouri in February 1863. On February 2, 1863, this regiment was attached to the District of Rolla, Department of Missouri. This unit participated in battles in west, southwest, and central Missouri.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of Civil War orders for the 5th Cavalry Missouri State Militia. These orders are photocopies. The supplemental materials include a transcription of the original orders and background history.



Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 2 series.

Series 1, Civil War Orders, May 3 – June 10, 1863

Item 1, Special Orders of 5th Cavalry Missouri State Militia (Union), May 3 – June 10, 1863

Series 2, Supplemental Material, 1888 and 2012

Item 2, Transcription of Special Orders of 5th Cavalry Missouri State Militia (Union), 2012

Item 3, Background history on the 5th Cavalry Missouri State Militia, 1888

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The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access

All records within this collection are housed in file folders.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Finding Aids

Name index is available from the archivist.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Location of the originals is unknown.

Existence and Location of Copies

Copies held at the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the administrative/biographical history:
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