



Champaign County Civil War
Documents, 1862-1865

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Inclusive Dates: 1862-1865

Physical Description: .5 boxes (.25 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

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Access:

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Historical Note:

The American Civil War remains one of the crucial events in American history. The conflict impacted everyone during those four years. Hundreds of thousands of men and women volunteered or were drafted for service during the war. For residents of Champaign County, the experience was no different. The War Department assigned the county a quota of 2,222 men to recruit for service, and, by 1865, it provided some 2,276 volunteers. Considering that the entire population of the county numbered at about 18,000, this was indeed a huge sacrifice. These men would leave home and join companies that were recruited from the area. These companies would then be assigned to volunteer regiments from the state. Four such units – Company “C” of the 25th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company “K” of the 67th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company “E” of the 125th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and Company “B” of the 135th Illinois Volunteer Infantry were all recruited from Champaign County and are all represented in the collection. The 25th Illinois mustered in for service in August 1861. The unit participated in many battles in the western theater of the war, including Pea Ridge, Stones River, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga before its term expired in August 1864. The 67th Illinois was formed for ninety days of service, mustering in on June 13, 1862. Its primary duty consisted of guarding prisoners at Camp Douglas in Chicago. The 125th Illinois served for three years, mustering into federal service on September 3, 1862. It saw action in many of the major battles of the western theater, including the Battle of Perryville, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, the battles for Atlanta, and the “March to the Sea.” The 135th Illinois was another ninety day unit, and mustered in on June 6, 1864. Its men spent their time guarding railroads and supplies in Missouri. Each of these units generated rosters, requests, receipts, orders, and other forms to meet the needs of the soldiers and satisfy their governance.

Scope and Content Note:

The Champaign County Civil Documents Collection contains a selection of official army documents from the above mentioned units dating from 1862 to 1865. These include rosters describing soldiers, orders



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governing their welfare, and receipts for uniforms and equipment. Also included are inventories of personal items carried by soldiers of the 125th Illinois who died in service.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged by record type.

Subject Terms:

Soldiers – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Illinois – Champaign County – History – Sources
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Name Terms:

25th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company C.
125th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company E.
67th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company K.
135th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company B.

Container List:

Box 1

- Folder 1: Morning Reports, Company C, 25th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1861-1864
- Folder 2: Rosters, Muster Rolls, Pension Records, Company C, 25th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1862-1902
- Folder 3: Sutler Credit Voucher, William Phillips, Company K, 67th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1862
- Folder 4: Descriptive Roll, Company E, 125th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1862
- Folder 5: Forms, Receipts, and Orders, Company E, 125th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1864-1865
- Folder 6: Clothing Issuance Form, Company E, 125th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1865
- Folder 7: Muster and Descriptive Rolls, Company B, 135th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1864
- Folder 8: Forms, Receipts, and Orders, Company B, 135th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1864