Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Nelson Stauffer Civil War Diary
Dates: 1862-1865
Identification: SC/NS
Creator: Stauffer, Nelson
Physical Description: 0.20 linear feet
Language of Materials: English
Repository: Special Collections

Abstract: Nelson Stauffer enlisted in Co. A, 63rd Regiment, Illinois Infantry during the US Civil War. He kept a diary from 1862-1865. In it, he writes of his enlistment, training, troop movements, interactions with other soldiers, daily work assignments, patrolling, and a brief illness. He also describes the actions of some African-Americans he encountered while marching in the South, battlefield conditions, and the burning of Columbia, South Carolina.

Biographical Information:

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Scope and Contents
Nelson Stauffer's diary, which he kept while fighting the US Civil War between 1862 and 1865, details his enlistment, training, troop movements, interactions with other soldiers, daily work assignments, patrolling, and a brief illness. He also describes the actions of some African-Americans he encountered while marching in the South, battlefield conditions, and the burning of Columbia, South Carolina.