Philander Smith papers and photographs  
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Summary Information

Repository
Ball State University Archives and Special Collections

Creator
Smith, Philander, 1863-1899

Creator
Smith, Sarah, (Allee)

Title
Philander Smith papers and photographs

Date
1863-1866

Extent
0.3 Cubic feet 1 box and 1 folder

Language
English

Preferred Citation
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Biographical Note

Philander Smith was born in 1835, married Sarah S. Allee, and lived in Greenfield, Indiana. He enlisted as a Sergeant on 1861/08/25, in Company B of the 8th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (the regiment was being reorganized at Indianapolis). The regiment mustered-in on September 10, for three years, and left the same day to join John C. Fremont’s Army at St. Louis, Missouri. Orders for the regiment assigned it to Colonel Jefferson C. Davis’s brigade. The 8th Indiana fought at Pea Ridge, Arkansas, joined Grant’s forces, and engaged in fighting at Port Gibson, Jackson, Champion’s Hill, and the siege of Vicksburg. It also took part in the capture of the fort on Mustang Island, Texas. In August 1864, the regiment became part of the 19th Corps near Berryville, Virginia, and with it participated in the Shenandoah Valley campaign. Smith gained promotion to 2nd Lieutenant on 1863/01/18, was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on 1864/07/01, and to Captain on 1864/09/30. He was paroled from Libby Prison sometime in February 1865, and honorably discharged on 1865/05/04, as a 2nd Lieutenant. Philander Smith died in 1899.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, diary entries, military and genealogical records, and photographs from Philander Smith in Greenfield, Indiana ranging from 1863 to 1866 regarding his personal papers and records.

Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Philander Smith correspondence, 1863-1866
Series 2: Philander Smith diary, 1864
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Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2002/05/07 by J. Rhoades. Finding aid revision completed 2006/4 by Jane E. Gastineau. Finding aid revision completed 2009/7/1 by Rachel N. Miller. EAD finding aid completed 2009/08/05 by Maren L. Read. EAD finding aid revised 2013/10/30 by Rebecca Marangelli.

Existence and Location of Copies

Digital reproductions of the Philander Smith correspondence and military records are available electronically through the Ball State University Libraries' Digital Media Repository at http://libx.bsu.edu.

Related Materials

Related Materials
Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries, Muncie IN:

MSS 23: Cassady and Nelson Families Papers
MSS 70: G.W.H. Kemper Papers
MSS 276: Sarah E. McVicker Papers
MSS 280: Delaware County Civil War Records
Guide to Civil War Resources in Archives and Special Collections: http://bsu.libguides.com/archivescivilwar

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Delaware County (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Stoeckel Archives of Local History
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
# Collection Inventory

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- Philander Smith, 1874 Sept.
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- Philander and Sarah Smith, undated