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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

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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

Series 3: Philander Smith military and genealogy records, 1864

Series 4: Philander Smith photographs, 1863-1874

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

The Philander Smith papers were purchased by Archives and Special Collections from Charles Apfelbaum Rare Manuscripts and Archives in 2002/04.

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

Series 1: Philander Smith correspondence, 1863-1866

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Philander Smith correspondence, 1863-1866		
	Box	Folder
Brewerton, H.F. to Sarah Smith, 1865/02/06	1	1
Gray, John B. to Philander Smith, 1866/12/12	1	2
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1863/09/03	1	3
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1863/12/03	1	4
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1864/01/04	1	5
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1864/06/18	1	6
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1864/07/03	1	7
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1864/07/21	1	8
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1864/08/31	1	9
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1864/10/02	1	10
Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1865/05/22	1	11

Series 2: Philander Smith diary, 1864

Smith, Philander to Sarah Smith, 1865/06/09	1	12
Smith, Sarah to Philander Smith, 1864/08/17	1	13
Weed, William E. to Philander Smith, 1864/02/02	1	14

Series 2: Philander Smith diary, 1864

	Box	Folder
Philander Smith diary, 1864/04/08 – 1864/10/12	1	15

Series 3: Philander Smith military and genealogy Records, 1864

	Box	Folder
Family genealogy and regimental history, undated	1	16
Quarterly return of clothing, camp, and garrison equipage, 1864/09/30	1	17
Receipt for roll of clothing, 1864/07/12	1	18

PSC.225 Series 4: Philander Smith photographs, 1863-1874

Philander Smith, circa 1863

Philander and Sarah Smith, 1864 May

Series 4: Philander Smith photographs, 1863-1874

Philander Smith, 1870/04/22

Philander Smith, 1874 Sept.

Sarah Smith, 1874 Sept.

Philander Smith, undated

Philander and Sarah Smith, undated