Archives and Special Collections in the Ball State University Libraries preserves a wealth of information on local history, state and national history. Included in these holdings are published and unpublished materials, manuscript collections, photographs, and other research documentation on Civil War history and related topics. This brief guide provides a list of some of the sources available. Information may be found in other collections depending upon particular topics. In addition, new materials are added frequently. Consult Archives and Special Collections staff for more information.

Books


Author’s extractions from his diary written while serving in the Army from August 6, 1862 through November 30, 1863. The manuscript also contains recalled episodes, and business and work records during March 23 through October 1, 1878 related to two wells, and a list of expenses in January 1880, possibly by Flora Brant.
E467.1.B754 A3 1862 (Archives and General Collection)

Available online at: http://www.bsu.edu/libraries/virtualpress/student/honorstheses/pdfs/B76_1972BrownDanielP.pdf

E506 .I394 (Archives)

LD2489.Z72 2006 .C66 (Archives and General Collection)

PS1449.C85 R3 1980 (Archives)

E480 .D26 (Archives)

E475.51 .D74 (Archives and General Collection)

E621 .E25 2001 (Archives)
Edmonds, S. Emma E. *Nurse and Spy in the Union Army: Comprising the Adventures and Experiences of a Woman in Hospitals, Camps, and Battle-Fields*. Williams, 384. E608 .E24 (Archives)


Kellogg, Robert H. *Life and Death in Rebel Prisons: Giving a Complete History of the Inhuman and Barbarous Treatment of Our Brave Soldiers by Rebel Authorities, Inflicting Terrible Suffering and Frightful Mortality, Principally at Andersonville, Ga., and Florence, S.C., Describing Plans to Escape, Arrival of Prisoners, with Numerous and Varied Incidents and
E612.A5 K19 1865 (Archives)

Available online at:

E475.27 .L88 (Archives)

E601 .L977 2002 (Archives)

HX15 .R3 V. 215 (Archives)

Available online at:

May, John J.A. "[Military Discharge Paper]." In May, John J.A. Papers, 1. Muncie, IN: Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries, 1865.
E506.4 .M39 1865 (Archives)

E506.5 .72D (Archives)

E506 .M58 V.1 and E506 .M58 V.2 (Archives)

PS3525.I972 G6 1936 (Archives and General Collection)

PS3525.I972 G6 1939 (Archives)
E540.F8 N45 1991 (Archives and General Collection)

E467.1.R4 N5 1958 (Archives)

E493.5.I72 N6 1994 (Archives)

E506.5 87TH .O94 1997 (Archives)

E458.3 .0967 1863 (Archives)

E510 .P275 1864 (Archives)


HS2329.M85 P48 1972 (Archives)

E506.6 3RD .P5 1906 (Archives)

PR6068.I36 C5 (Archives)

Smith, John Thomas, col. 31st Ind. infantry. *A History of the Thirty-First Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the War of the Rebellion*. Cincinnati: Western Methodist Book Concern,

Thomson, Orville. *From Philippi to Appomattox: Narrative of the Service of the Seventh Indiana Infantry in the war for the Union.* N.p., n.d.


Zerkel, Mark W. "Neutrality and Indecision: Southern Sentiments in Kentucky during the American Civil War." Masters, Ball State University, 1992.
Civil War Records, Delaware County
The Civil War Records collection includes records documenting the soldiers who served in the Civil War primarily from Delaware County, Indiana. Included in the collection are muster rolls, bounty records, soldiers’ families request for relief, the veteran’s enrollments of 1886 and 1894, military expenses, discharge certificates, and material relating to area militia companies.

Richard A. Greene Collection, 1945-1983 (MSS 1)
The Richard A. Green Collection includes all of Greene’s “Our Neighborhood” newspaper columns, which appeared in the Muncie Star from 1945 to 1883. It also includes history files of items sent to Greene while he worked at the Star, including items related to the Civil War. These include a history of the Grand Army of the Republic of Delaware County and Kirkpatrick Nelson’s army discharge papers.

Cassady-Nelson Family Papers, 1759-1961 (MSS 23)
The Cassady-Nelson Family Papers include correspondence, account books, programs, photographs, and obituaries of various family members. John Van Horn Cassady and Margaret Louise Nelson Cassady were early settlers in Muncie, Indiana. Including in the collection are letters, diaries, and other documents of D.W. (Derastus) Nelson, who fought in the Civil War. PSC 275 includes photographs of the Cassady-Nelson Family. Digitized copies of the letters and transcripts are available online in the U.S. Civil War Resources of East Central Indiana collection in the Digital Media Repository (http://libx.bsu.edu/)

Althea Stoeckel Collection, 1954-1979 (MSS 39)
The Althea Stoeckel Collection includes her administrative, pamphlet and subject files which cover a wide variety topics. The pamphlet and subject files include documents on specific subjects in Indiana history, including the Civil War.

Glen Tyler Collection, 1823-1928; 1836-1883; 1857-1928; 1862 (MSS 66)
The Glen Tyler Collection includes the correspondence of three Indiana families, the Meekers, Caldwells, and Highs.

G.W. H. Kemper Papers, 1859-1919 (MSS 70)
The G.W.H. Kemper papers include scrapbooks, diaries, publications and speeches of Dr. Kemper, a prominent doctor in Muncie, Indiana and veteran of the Civil War. The collection includes correspondence between Dr. Kemper and his wife Hattie Kemper spanning the time before, during, and after his service as a doctor with Company B of the Indiana Volunteers. Digitized copies of the letters and transcripts are available online in the U.S. Civil War Resources of East Central Indiana collection in the Digital Media Repository (http://libx.bsu.edu/)

Ryan, Stradling, Shirey, Puntenny, and Tuhey Family Papers, 1853-1914 (MSS 127)
The Stradling family papers includes newspaper clippings, funeral notices, and genealogical data on the family. Also included are the letters written by John D. Stradling during the Civil War.
H. Earl Browning Family Papers (MSS 147)
The H. Earl Browning Family Papers include correspondence and other family papers. Included in the papers is the Civil War record of John W. Browning.

Clarence E. Benadum Papers (MSS 187)
The Clarence E. Benadum Papers include original manuscripts of Benadum’s published works as well as other unpublished writings. Included in the collection is the manuscript for Bates House, his best-known book. It tells the story of life in Indiana during the Civil War and the effects it had on local peoples. The published version of the book is also available (Call number PS 3503.E48 B3).

19th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Re-enactors Collection, 1997-2001 (MSS 196)
The Re-enactors collection contains the newsletters of the 19th Indiana Company A., The Swamphog Gazette, from 1999 to the present as well as a civilian newsletter titled Dear Friends and Gentle Hearts, for those associated with the group who do not portray soldiers, from 1997-1999 and a handbook for re-enactors. P 70 includes photographs of the organization’s activities.

Wiley W. Spurgeon Papers, 1857-2001 (MSS 211)
The Wiley W. Spurgeon Papers include papers of well-known newspaper man and historian Wiley Spurgeon in Muncie, Indiana. The collections contains articles and columns by Wiley W. Spurgeon, divided by date and subject, his research subject files, correspondence and historical materials given to him by Delaware County residents. Include in the collection is a subject file on the 19th Indiana Civil War Regiment Reunion in 1913.

Philander Smith Papers, 1863-1866 (MSS 216/PSC 225)
The Philander Smith Papers include correspondence, a diary and other papers documenting his service during the Civil War. Smith was from Greenfield, Indiana and a member of Company B of the 8th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. PSC 225 includes photographs of Philander Smith and his wife Sarah Smith. Digitized copies of the letters and transcripts are available online in the U.S. Civil War Resources of East Central Indiana collection in the Digital Media Repository (http://libx.bsu.edu/)

Patricia Taylor Clipping Collection (MSS 226)
The Patricia Clarkson collection contains newspaper clippings and publications, as well as handwritten notes, collected by local area resident Patricia Taylor. Included are newspaper clippings related to Civil War history.

Sarah E. McVicker Papers, 1862-1875 (MSS 276/PSC 332)
The Sarah E. McVicker Papers include correspondence between Sarah E. McVicker of Eaton, Indiana and her brother as well as other soldiers from Delaware County. PSC 332 includes a photograph of Sarah E. McVicker. Digitized copies of the letters and transcripts are available
online in the U.S. Civil War Resources of East Central Indiana collection in the Digital Media Repository (http://libx.bsu.edu/)

Lt. William H. Murray Civil War Collection (OVA 109)
The Lt. William H. Murray Civil War Collection includes a muster-in roll and clothing roster from the Civil War.

Small Collections

Muncie Moose Lodge Collection, 1953 (SC 61)

Cavalt (Covalt), Silas. Civil War enlistment form, 1864 (SC 081)

Demaree Letters (SC 108)

Baldwin, Enos. “Memories of the Civil War period…at Montpelier, Indiana,” 1979 (SC 114)

Cecil Beeson Collection, 1974-1994 (SC 140)

Civil War diary, 1862-1863 (SC 171)

George H. Robinson Collection [last living Civil War veteran in Delaware County] (SC 299)

Robert S. Davis Family Papers, 1863-1906 (SC 323)

Women’s Relief Corps/Circle of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic/Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SC 472)

Civil War Poster Collection (SC 508)

Civil War Military Discharge Letters, 1864, 1865, 1884, 1919 (SC 570)

Galbreath, James H., Death Certificate (SC 592)

Newspapers

The daily citizen. J. M. Swords, proprietor. Vicksburg, Miss., 1863. [reprint of Confederate newspaper] (OVC 27)

The Chattanooga Daily Rebel, Franc. M, Paul, publisher. Chattanooga, Tenn., August 9, 1862. [Confederate newspaper] (OVC 28)

Photograph Collections

In addition to the photographs listed as part of manuscript collections, the following collections contain photographs from the Civil War period:
Women’s Relief Corps/Circle of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic/Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (POVA 270)

Robert Vandenvenden Photograph Collection (PSC 276)
This collection includes photographs of Civil War Days, 1993.

George H. Robinson Photograph Collection (PSC 304)
This collection includes photographs of the last living Civil War veteran.

Bette Graham Civil War Collection (PSC 328)
This is a collection of photographs and digitized documents from the Civil War.

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Top: Photograph of Philander Smith and his wife Sarah Smith from PSC 225.

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