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**Theodore F. Allen 1842-1919
Diaries, 1864-1865**

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Scope and Content Note

Military diaries, May 26, 1864 – July 4, 1865, recorded by Theodore F. Allen, Captain, 9th Ohio Cavalry Regt. During this time Allen also was Assistant Adjutant General, Cavalry Division Army of the Ohio and Assistant Inspector General, Acting Assistant Adjutant General, 6th Division Cavalry Corps, Military Division of the Mississippi. Allen's descriptions of actions of 7th Ohio Cavalry and other units of Maj. Gen. Stoneman's Cavalry Corps in Battles of Cynthiana, KY, pursuit of Gen. John Hunt Morgan, Sherman's Atlanta Campaign, and Battles of Franklin, TN and Nashville, TN. Also includes observations of daily military life of cavalry units in the Union army, personal opinions of competency of Union generals and status of civilians in areas occupied by the Union army. Vol. 1 includes lists of 7th O.V.C. battles and officers and reasons for termination of their service. Folder 4 contains 3 photographs of Allen and a printed article.

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Biographical Note

Theodore Frelinghuysen Allen was born June 13, 1842 in Mansfield, Ohio, the son of Isaac J. Allen. The family later moved to Columbus, Ohio where Allen's father became editor of the Ohio State Journal. He would later follow in his father's footsteps and also go into the newspaper business. In April and May of 1861 Allen served briefly in the 2nd Kentucky Infantry followed by appointment as First Lieutenant and Adjutant in the 7th Ohio Cavalry August 28, 1862. Allen was later promoted to Captain of Company D of the 7th Ohio Cavalry and eventually brevetted Colonel U. S. Volunteers. He was mustered out July 4, 1865.

After the war Allen settled in Cincinnati, Ohio and there on April 25, 1867 married Mary F. Weakley, the daughter of a minister. Ted and Mary had only one child, a daughter, Mary. They lived most of their life in the greater Cincinnati area, except for the years 1883-1891 when they lived in New York City. Allen wrote a number of articles concerning his service in the Civil War, including an account of his capture by rebel forces at the Battle of Rogersville and his escape which appeared in "Sketches of War History", Mollus, Ohio, Vol. 6, Cincinnati, Ohio: Monfort, 1908, pp. 147-167. Mary passed away in 1909 and Ted died at age 76 at the Methodist Home in Cincinnati on April 30, 1919.

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