

**The Filson Historical Society**

**John Daeuble, 1839-1864.**

**Diaries, 1861-1864**

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**Scope and Content Note**

Collection includes two journals, two diaries, and a book of songs and poetry belonging to John Daeuble, a German soldier in the 6<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. Most materials are in German, although two of the diaries have been transcribed and translated in English. Daeuble's 26 October 1863 – 27 May 1864 diary is published in Joseph Reinhart's *Two German's in the Civil War: The Diary of John Daeuble and the Letters of Gottfried Rentshler, 6<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Volunteer Infantry*.

Generally, Daeuble's diaries provide excellent documentation of troop movements and camp conditions. He mentions the amount of rations the soldiers received and their morale. He also describes battles in some detail. Included in some of the journals and diaries are itemized lists of clothing and other supplies purchased for other soldiers in the regiment.

Daeuble served in a company that consisted mostly of other Germans and so his diary is particularly illustrative of the experience of Germans in the Civil War.

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**Biographical Note**

John Daeuble was born on December 28, 1839 in Muhlheim in the German Kingdom of Wurttemberg. He was one of thirteen children. Daeuble immigrated to the U.S. in 1854 and settled in Louisville's German community. In Louisville, Daeuble and his brother worked as painters. On December 24, 1861, Daeuble mustered into the 6<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Infantry as a private at Camp Sigel near Louisville. He was promoted to Corporal in February of 1862 and Sergeant in May of 1862. Daeuble fought at Shiloh, Stones River (where he was shot through his heel), Chattanooga, Chickamauga, and in Georgia before he suffered a fatal gunshot wound on May 27<sup>th</sup> and died a day later.

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**Folder List**

Folder 1: Journal, 30 December 1861-19 February 1863 (original with English transcription)

Folder 2: Journal, 2 August 1862 (German). Written while on picket duty near Camp Brown on the Elk River in Tennessee.

Folder 3: Diary, November 1862–May 1863 (German). Includes scattered entries, poems, and other misc. information.

Folder 4: Diary, 26 October 1863-27 May 1864 (original with English transcription). Includes daily entries during the period.

Folder 5: Book of songs and poetry, undated (German)

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