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**Field, Benjamin T.
Memoir, ca. 1912**

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Scope and Content

Collection consists of a single memoir recorded by Sgt. Field, Company E, 10th Kentucky Cavalry Regt., C.S.A. The entries were possibly copied from a diary approximately 47 years after the Civil War (ca. 1912) and are dated between his enlistment in August 1862 and his return home after the war in July 1865. Major topics include his imprisonment in two Union military prisons, Johnson Island and Camp Douglas, Ill., and his regiment's exploits during Gen. John Hunt Morgan's raid into Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio in July of 1863.

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Biographical Note

Benjamin T. Field was born in March 1842 in Daviess Co., Ky. In August 1862, he enlisted in what became the 10th Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, C.S.A. Barely 3 weeks later, he surrendered to Union forces during a skirmish near Uniontown, Ky. He was transported to Johnson Island prison in Ohio where he spent the next two months. Following his release through a prisoner exchange, he rejoined his regiment now stationed in Tennessee under the command of Gen. John Hunt Morgan. In July 1863, his regiment participated in Morgan's raid into Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. He was captured in West Virginia 3 weeks later and sent to Camp Douglas (Ill.) where he spent the next 18 months as a prisoner of war. After enduring considerable hardship, he was released through another prisoner exchange in February 1865. He was prevented from joining his regiment now stationed in western Virginia and spent the final months of the war at a farm near Salem, Virginia. There he met his future wife, Mattie Hurt, with whom he corresponded over the next 4 years. They were married in December 1869 and had 5 children.

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