

The Filson Club Historical Society

James H. Pratt Papers

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Size of Collection

.66 cubic feet

Locator Number: Mss./ A/ P913

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Folder List

Box 1

- Folder 1: Loose orders, 1863
- Folder 2: Bound orders, 1863-1864
- Folder 3: Letter press book, May-December 1864

Box 2

- Folder 4: Transportation book, September 1864-September 1865
- Folder 5: Fuel book, December 1864-April 1865
- Folder 6: Ledger, April 1867, 1868

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Scope and Content Note

Collection is in five bound volumes and one folder. It spans 1863-1868 and is primarily made up of records kept by Captain James H. Pratt, a member of the 18th Michigan Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. Pratt served as Quartermaster at Camps Nelson and Burnside in Ky. and at Little Rock, Ark. Included are orders from Camp Nelson, 10 Nov. 1863-16 Jan. 1864, which list supplies sent to Knoxville, Tenn., Somerset, Ky., and those needed at Camp Nelson; a letter press book, 26 May 1864-27 Dec. 1864, containing orders for steamers, trains, soldiers, hired workers, Quartermaster requests, and mentions of the pilfering of Army supplies; a transportation record, Sept. 1864-Sept. 1865, which lists soldiers traveling from Little Rock, reasons for travel, destinations, and their regiments; and a fuel book, Dec. 1864-20 April 1865, listing fuel used by the steamer, *Carrie Jacobs*, the type of fuel used, the amount, and where and from whom it was purchased. The fifth volume is an account book, 19 April 1867-1868, of a grain and supply business with which Pratt was associated in Michigan.

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Biographical Note

Captain James H. Pratt served in the 18th Michigan Infantry Regiment and in the Quartermaster Department during the Civil War. In the war he was stationed at Camp Burnside, Ky., Camp Nelson, Ky., and Little Rock, Ark. After the war, he returned to Michigan where he engaged in business.