



James S. Rogers Papers (R0249)

Collection Number: R0249

Collection Title: James S. Rogers Papers

Dates: 1862-1863

Creator: Rogers, James S., 1837-1864

Abstract: The James S. Rogers Papers contain photocopies of the Civil War diary and letters of James S. Rogers, a resident of Corydon, Iowa, and member of Company M. of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry. The diary and letters cover his departure from home, enlistment and training at Davenport, Iowa, and cavalry service in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic foot
(2 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the James S. Rogers Papers can be found in the following collections:

Henry D. Townsend Papers (C4141)

Des Moines Historical Library Manuscripts, *William H. H. Rogers Papers* (R633)

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Biographical Note:

James S. Rogers was born in Illinois on June 23, 1837 to Elijah and Mary M. *Derickson* Rogers. He married Orpha Emily King in 1857. The family lived in Corydon, Wayne County, Iowa when the Civil War began. Rogers remained home the first year of the war but determined to enlist in August 1862 as a replacement in the 3rd Iowa Cavalry. His younger brother, William H. H. Rogers, was already serving in the unit. Rogers and several other recruits left Corydon for Keokuk, where they enlisted in the 3rd Cavalry. They were sent to Camp McClellan at Davenport for initial training, after which they were dispatched to Benton Barracks in Saint Louis, Missouri in October 1862. Once armed, equipped, and mounted, Rogers and the other replacements joined the regiment at Lebanon, Missouri. They served for the next six months in southern and southeastern Missouri, and then moved into Arkansas, assisting in the capture of Little Rock in September 1863. Rogers re-enlisted as a veteran on January 1, 1864. He became ill soon after and was sent home for recuperation. He died at Corydon on March 10, 1864.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains photocopies of James S. Rogers Civil War diary and letters. The diary dates from August 1862 to November 1862. The letters are to his wife Emily dated from August 1862 to December 1863. There are also two letters, an undated item, and a fragment concerning the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, written by William H. H. Rogers prior to his brother's enlistment in the 3rd Iowa Cavalry. James Rogers' diary and letters overlap during his training, providing a good view of life in the camps of instruction at Davenport and Saint Louis. The diary entries ended when Rogers joined his regiment at Lebanon in November 1862, but his letters continued throughout his term of service. There are letters from Lebanon, Hartville, Houston, Pilot Knob, Arcadia, and Bloomfield in Missouri and from Little Rock and Benton in Arkansas. Of note are the letters from Houston, Pilot Knob, Arcadia, Bloomfield, and Little Rock. They contain camp news, speculations on army movements, and the position of the enemy, and Rogers' comments on the progress of the war in the Trans-Mississippi.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Correspondence, 1862-1863
	f. 2	Diary, 1862

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