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**John C. Lipscomb
Papers,
1862-1865**

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:

Lipscomb, John C., 1842-1917

Inclusive Dates:

1862-1865

Scope & Content:

The collection consists of twenty documents related to Capt. John C. Lipscomb's service in the 27th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, C. S. A., during the Civil War. The majority of the documents are military records, but there are also one clipping, one letter, and one invitation to a dance (held at the courthouse in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, two weeks before the Battle of Stones River).

Physical Description/Extent:

0.25 cubic feet

Accession/Record Group Number:

Mf. No. 2007

Language:

English

Permanent Location:

Available only on microfilm, Mf. No. 2007.

Repository:

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243-0312

Administrative/Biographical History

John C. Lipscomb (1842-1917) enlisted as a private in Company D, 27th Tennessee Infantry Regiment on August 27, 1861, at Camp Trenton in Gibson County, Tennessee. After mustering at Trenton, the regiment moved to Henderson, where it stayed until November 1861. It then moved to Columbus, Kentucky, where it was armed and equipped. The commanding officer, Col. Christopher H. Williams, and 100 men from the regiment were selected to escort Gen. Felix Zollicoffer's body back to Nashville after he was killed in the Battle of Mill Springs on January 19, 1862. The regiment moved to Nashville in February 1862, and then on to Corinth, Mississippi as part of Brig. Gen. Sterling A. M. Wood's Brigade.

As part of Wood's Brigade, the regiment fought at the Battle of Shiloh on April 6-7, 1862. Its total casualties from the battle were 148 killed and wounded and another 48 missing, which amounted to more than half the regiment's strength at the start of the battle. Among those killed were Col. Williams, Lt. Col. B. H. Brown, and Maj. Samuel T. Love (the top three officers in the regiment).

After the Battle of Shiloh, the regiment was reorganized in May 1862. New officers were elected as part of the reorganization, and Lipscomb became a lieutenant in Company D on May 12, 1862. He was elected captain of Company D on June 18, 1862.

The regiment then participated in Gen. Braxton Bragg's invasion of Kentucky later in 1862. Because of the further losses sustained during its engagements in Kentucky, the 27th Tennessee was consolidated with the 1st Tennessee Infantry Regiment, forming the 1st/27th Consolidated Tennessee Infantry Regiment.

The consolidation of the two regiments effectively left Lipscomb without a command. Special Order No. 118 (in Folder 6), dated December 26, 1862, ordered Lipscomb to report to Col. A. W. Caldwell for recruiting service. It is not known if Lipscomb was still with his regiment when it fought at the Battle of Stones River five days the order was issued. From the documents in the collection, although he officially remained the captain of Company D, it appears Lipscomb served as a recruiting officer for the rest of the war. In August 1864, he sent a letter (in Folder 5) to Secretary of War James A. Seddon seeking to resign from the 27th Tennessee Infantry and join Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's Cavalry. The back of the letter notes that Lipscomb's request was approved up the chain of command until it got to Gen. John Bell Hood, who disapproved it.

After the war, Lipscomb lived near Greenfield in Weakley County, Tennessee. On the 1880, 1900, and 1910 federal censuses, he listed his occupation as a farmer, but according to his death notice in the February 9, 1917 issue of *Dresden Enterprise and Sharon Tribune*, he was also a lawyer and county court judge.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Items are cataloged alphabetically by subject.

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Index Terms

Personal Names:

Lipscomb, John C., 1842-1917

Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:

Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Infantry Regiment, 27th

Subjects:

Confederate States of America. Army -- Officers.
Confederate States of America -- History.
Confederate States of America -- History, Military.
Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862.
Soldiers -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.

Document Types:

Clippings (information artifacts)
Invitations
Military records
Personal correspondence

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:

Loaned for microfilming by Charlotte Reynolds at the "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee" event in Cookeville, TN in September 2011.

Processing and Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:

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Processing Information:

Processing completed by William M. Thomas, December 2011.

Existence and Location of Originals:

Originals are in the possession of Charlotte Reynolds, Cookeville, Tennessee.

Related Archival Materials:

Digital reproduction of Lipscomb's letter of resignation from the 27th Tennessee Infantry Regiment is available electronically in the Cookeville, Putnam County unit of "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee." The link is: <http://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm4-p15138coll6/index.php>

Electronic Location and Access:

<http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/findingaids/mf2007.pdf>

DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

CONTAINER LIST

Contents/Item Title	Date	Box	Folder
Clippings	ca. 1865	1	1
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Military records -- Furloughs	1864-1865	1	4
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Military records -- Orders	1862-1865	1	6
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Military records -- Pay voucher	1863	1	8
Military records -- Promotion history		1	9
Military records -- Receipts	1862-1864	1	10