

Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown Papers

Span Dates: 1862-1901

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1862-1865)

ID No.: MSS84731

Creator: Brown, Matthew C.

Creator: Brown, John C., d. 1863

Extent: 200 items

Extent: 1 container plus 1 oversize container

Extent: .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Officers in the 23rd Iowa Infantry Regiment. Correspondence and military records pertaining to the Browns' service during the Civil War.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Brown family--Correspondence.

Brown, Charles Matthew. U.S. Army 23rd Iowa Volunteer Infantry history. undated.

Brown, John C., -1863. Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown papers. 1862-1865.

Brown, Matthew C.

Organizations

United States. Army. Iowa Infantry Regiment, 23rd (1862-1865)

Places

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations

Army officers.

Provenance

The papers of Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown, officers in the 23rd Iowa Infantry Regiment, were given to the Library of Congress by Therese Brown in 2000.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Matthew C. and John C. Brown in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown (d. 1863) span the years 1862-1901, with the bulk of the material dating from 1862 to 1865. The papers consist of correspondence and military records. Matthew and John were two of four sons in the Brown family serving in the Union Army during the Civil War. Before entering the war, Matthew had been a carpenter in Des Moines, Iowa, and John a newspaper editor in Lewis, Iowa. Their correspondence contains primarily letters to their parents who lived in Oswego, New York. John C. Brown was killed at the Battle of Milliken's Bend, Louisiana. As a lieutenant in Company B of the 23rd Iowa Infantry Regiment, Matthew C. Brown kept records regarding clothing, camp equipment, and weapons. The collection includes a history of the regiment by Charles Matthew Brown, Jr., and transcripts of the correspondence.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1	Charges and specifications against Pvt. William Covy, 1865
BOX 1	Clothing, camp, and garrison equipage
BOX 1	Inventory and inspection reports, 1864-1865
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BOX 1	Monthly returns, 1864-1865 (2 folders)
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BOX 1	General orders, 1865
BOX 1	History of the 23rd Iowa Volunteer Infantry, undated
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1865, 1901, undated
BOX 1	Muster-in rolls, 1862-1865, undated
BOX 1	Ordnance and ordnance stores
BOX 1	Abstract of expenditures, 1864-1865
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BOX 1	Invoices for transfers, 1864-1865
BOX 1	Quarterly returns, 1864-1866
BOX 1	Receipts for issues, 1864-1865
BOX 1	Proceedings of a board of survey, 1864
BOX 1	Receipts for clothing allowance, 1863-1865 <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 1	Transcripts of correspondence, 1862-1865
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