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Descriptive Summary

Title:	William Decatur Howell Collection
Dates:	1863-1864
Collector:	Howell, William D. (William Decatur)
Physical Extent:	1 box (.417 linear feet)
Repository:	University of Mississippi. Department of Archives and Special Collections. University, MS 38677, USA
Identification:	MUM00235
Language of Material:	English
Abstract:	Diary, letters and passes from William Decatur Howell, private Company I, 3rd. Mississippi Cavalry. Also includes typescripts of the diary and letters from Maud Morrow Brown entitled : "William Decatur Howell 1846-1864: A Soldier's Journal Letters". Nearly all items written between William Decatur Howell and his mother, Nancy Keyes Merriam Howell.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives & Special Collections staff.

Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

Alternative Formats

Civil War related materials in this collection have been digitized and made available in the [University of Mississippi Civil War Archive](#).

Subject Terms

Confederate States of America. Army. Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, 3rd. Company I
Soldiers -- Mississippi -- Diaries
Mississippi -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives, Confederate
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives, Confederate

Formats

diaries
correspondence
typescripts

Biographical Note

In Summer 1863, William Decatur Howell of Oxford, MS enlisted for the Confederate Army as a member of the home guards, later Company I, 3rd. Mississippi Cavalry; he was seventeen upon enlistment. On 28 July 1864, Howell was mortally wounded near Atlanta and died two days later. He was buried on a hillside with a cedar tree planted to mark the grave.

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Related Material

Resources at the University of Mississippi

Brown, Maud Marrow. *William Decatur Howell, 1846-1864. A soldier's journal and letters.* (Typescript).
Cataloged : [E467.1.H84 B7](#)

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- 1.4 Apply for a horse. Panola, 24 March
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