



Souvenir of the Holland Co. Home Guards and "Phelps" Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry (C1160)

Collection Number: C1160

Collection Title: Souvenir of the Holland Co. Home Guards and "Phelps" Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry

Dates: c. 1890

Creator: Matthews, Robert Pinckney, 1837-1891

Abstract: Robert Pinckney Matthews' "souvenir" is a memoir of his time in the Home Guards and "Phelps" regiment, 1861-1862.

Collection Size: 0.04 cubic feet
(1 volume)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Robert Pinckney Matthews was born in Maury County, Tennessee, on October 22, 1837, the son of Andrew B. and Martha C. (Murphy) Matthews. He moved to Greene County, Missouri, when he was eighteen and was a student at "Christian College" in Springfield, Missouri, in the spring of 1861. The sentiments of the teachers at the school were pro-Southern and when Matthews spoke up in support of the Union, "school was made decidedly unpleasant for" him and other Union supporters. They withdrew from the school.

In June Matthews joined a home guard. The Home Guards were not yet officially organized; each company was an independent organization. Eventually the home guards came under federal control and became part of the Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

Matthews' memoir recounts events around Springfield, including the Battle of Wilson's Creek and the Battle of Pea Ridge. He was wounded at the Battle of Pea Ridge and mustered out of the Home Guards in 1862. He later joined the 8th Missouri Cavalry and mustered out in 1864.

He returned to Greene County, married Mary Jane Rainey, and engaged in farming and teaching. He died on 18 December 1891.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

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Scope and Content Note:

Memoir

This series includes Robert Pinckney Matthews' memoir of his time in the Home Guards and "Phelps" regiment, 1861-1862.

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