



## **Thomas Ervin Burgess Collection (R0640)**

**Collection Number:** R0640

**Collection Title:** Thomas Ervin Burgess Collection

**Dates:** circa 1862

**Creator:** Burgess, Thomas E., 1838-1915

**Abstract:** The Thomas Ervin Burgess Collection contains copies of a Civil War photograph, service record, and genealogical data of Sergeant Thomas E. Burgess of Gentry County, Missouri. Burgess served in Dallmeyer's Battalion of Missouri Militia, the 10th Missouri Cavalry, and the 2nd Missouri Cavalry in the Union army, 1861-1865.

**Collection Size:** 0.01 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-rolla). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Thomas Ervin Burgess Collection* (R0640); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Loretta D. Berry on October 14, 1986 (Accession No. RA0357).

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, July 1998. Revised by Aaron Schmidt, May 2020.

**Historical Note:**

Thomas E. Burgess was born on January 3, 1838 in Gasconade County to James and Ruth *Branson* Burgess. Thomas was a farmer in Gentry County when the Civil War began. He enrolled in September 1861 in Dallmeyer's Battalion, Missouri Militia. He was in the hospital when the unit was mustered out in January 1862. In September 1862, Burgess enlisted at Rolla in the 10th Missouri Cavalry. The unit was organized at Benton Barracks in Saint Louis in October, and was sent to Memphis, Tennessee, for duty. Burgess and the 10th Missouri spent most of the war in Tennessee, Mississippi, and northern Alabama, but returned to Missouri in 1864 to participate in the campaign against Sterling Price. The regiment returned to Tennessee in December 1864. Various detachments served in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama until the regiment mustered out in June 1865. Burgess and other men in the 10th Missouri Cavalry whose enlistments had not expired were transferred to the 2nd Missouri Cavalry ("Merrill's Horse") and served until that regiment mustered out in September 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee.

Burgess returned to Gentry County following the war where he married Nancy Jane Mahoney in 1867 and together they had seven children. He died at Albany, Gentry County, Missouri in 1915.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into a single series.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of a copy of a contemporary photograph of Burgess in uniform, a copy of his service records from the Adjutant General of Missouri, and genealogical information collected by the donor.

**Container List:**

Box 001      f. 1      Thomas E. Burgess papers, circa 1862

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