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INTRODUCTION

Papers of Captain Richard M. Box, a Union veteran of the American civil war who served in the Seventh Cavalry regiment of the Missouri State Militia from 1862 to 1865.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Richard M. Box, Papers were transferred from the Pittsburg State University Department of History to Special Collections, Leonard Axe Library, on June 22, 2011.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Richard M[erriweather] Box was born in 1837 and died August 5, 1902. Box enlisted in Pettis County, Missouri, in the Seventh Cavalry, Company G, of the Missouri State Militia, as a private on April 1, 1862. By April 25, 1862, Box was commissioned as a First Lieutenant for Company B of the same regiment. On September 19, 1863, Box was promoted to Captain of Company H and he remained in that rank until he was discharged on April 20, 1865. Some information about Captain Box's military service can be found in reports published in The War of the Rebellion and in The History of Pettis County, Missouri by I. MacDonald Demuth. Information about Box's life before and after the war was not located.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Richard M. Box Papers primarily concern his military service and his application for a military pension. The papers include a photograph of Box in his Union uniform, a post card from the Bureau of Pensions with a note at the bottom from Senator Francis Marion Cockrell of Missouri, and a printed statement from the law office of Charles and William B. King that gave instructions on how veterans were to file pension claims. On the reserve side of the statement are notes made by Box about his military career. Also included is a letter from Senator Cockrell who was trying to help Box obtain his military pension, a copy of Box's certificate of discharge, a muster-in roll detailing Box's promotions, and a resolution issued on the death of Richard Box in 1902 by survivors of the Seventh Regiment of the Missouri State Militia and the Twenty-Seventh Missouri Volunteers. Also included in the papers is a postcard from Gerrie Roggeveen of Iantha, Missouri, to G. Snip, dated 5 August 1905. The items in this collection are arranged chronologically.

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