



## Edwin R. Havens Papers 00016

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
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## Biographical Note

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Edwin R. Havens was born at Stafford, Genesee County, New York on May 25, 1842. His family later moved to Michigan in 1851, settling in Niles Township. As a young man, Havens taught in the district schools of Berrien County.

On September 1, 21862, Havens enlisted at Buchanan, Berrien County, Michigan in Company A of the Seventh Michigan Cavalry Regiment (Custer's Brigade) as a Sergeant. Havens was promoted to First Sergeant on October 25, 1863; and to Second Lieutenant on May 25, 1865.

After the war, Haven was transferred to the West where he was stationed at Virginia Dale, Colorado Territory.

On December 15, 1865 the regiment was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Havens' final muster out and honorable discharge occurred in Detroit on December 28, 1865.

In 1888, he became an employee of the State Lands Division and retired in 1929 as the chief of the department. He died in Lansing on August 25, 1931 following a lingering illness.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Edwin Havens papers consist of letters and diaries written by Havens while serving in the Seventh Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. The letters of 1862 concern the training period of the regiment at Camp Kellogg, Grand Rapids, Michigan. In February of 1863, the regiment was sent to Washington, D.C., and was later involved in campaigns at Gettysburg, Richmond, Petersburg, and the Shenandoah Valley.

Havens' letters contain details of important battles, as well as the day-to-day life of the Civil War soldier. Descriptions of such notables as Ulysses S. Grant, George Meade, George Armstrong Custer, John Mosby, and Jubal Early are especially interesting.

Civil War related materials (Box 1 Folders 3-26, Box 2 Folders 1-16, Volumes 1-8) have been transcribed, scanned and placed online at <http://civilwar.archives.msu.edu/collection/7-1C-17/havens-papers/>.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials

See also the Irenus McGowan papers (c.00160).

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Folk songs, American
- Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863
- Richmond (Va.) -- History -- Siege, 1864-1865
- Winchester, 3rd Battle of, Winchester, Va., 1864
- Camp Kellogg (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
- Fort Leavenworth (Kan.)
- Grand Rapids (Mich.)
- Petersburg (Va.) -- History -- Siege, 1864-1865
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Regimental histories
- Virginia Dale (Colo.)
- Account books

- Diaries -- Diaries
- Letters (correspondence)
- Custer, George A. (George Armstrong), 1839-1876
- Early, Jubal Anderson, 1816-1894
- Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885
- Kilpatrick, Judson, 1836-1881
- Meade, George Gordon, 1815-1872
- Mosby, John Singleton, 1833-1916
- United States. Army. Michigan Cavalry Regiment, 7th (1862-1865)
- United States. Army -- Military life -- History

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## Collection Inventory

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Papers		
Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence	box 1	
1838	box 1	folder 1
1853	box 1	folder 2
March-October 1862	box 1	folder 3
November 1862	box 1	folder 4
December 1862	box 1	folder 5
January 1863	box 1	folder 6
February 1863	box 1	folder 7
March 1863	box 1	folder 8
April 1863	box 1	folder 9
May 1863	box 1	folder 10
June 1863	box 1	folder 11
July 1863	box 1	folder 12
August 1863	box 1	folder 13
September 1863	box 1	folder 14
October 1863	box 1	folder 15
November 1863	box 1	folder 16
December 1863	box 1	folder 17
January 1864	box 1	folder 18
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March 1864	box 1	folder 20
April 1864	box 1	folder 21
May 1864	box 1	folder 22
June 1864	box 1	folder 23
July 1864	box 1	folder 24
August 1864	box 1	folder 25
September 1864	box 1	folder 26
October 1864	box 2	folder 1
November 1864	box 2	folder 2
December 1864	box 2	folder 3
January 1865	box 2	folder 4
February 1865	box 2	folder 5
March 1865	box 2	folder 6
April 1865	box 2	folder 7
May 1865	box 2	folder 8
June 1865	box 2	folder 9
July 1865	box 2	folder 10
August 1865	box 2	folder 11
September 1865	box 2	folder 12
October - December 1865	box 2	folder 13
1866-1867	box 2	folder 14
undated	box 2	folder 15
Envelopes	box 1	folder 27
Civil War Record of Edwin R. Havens, undated	box 2	folder 16
Provision Return For 29th Indiana Regiment, November 1861	box 2	folder 17
Song "Peter Butternut", circa 1861-1865	box 2	folder 18
Newspaper clippings, 1892-1926, undated	box 2	folder 19

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**Volumes**

box 2

Title/Description	Instances
Volume 1: Diary, October 18, 1862 - February 20, 1863	
Volume 2: Diary, February 27, 1863 - May 6, 1863	
Volume 3: Diary, July 7, 1863 - (August or September) 1863	
Volume 4: Diary, May 7, 1864 - July 20, 1864	
Volume 5: Diary, July 28, 1864 - October 31, 1864	
Volume 6: Diary, January 1, 1865 - December 1865	
Volume 7: Account Book for Regiment, February 1, 1864-1865	
Volume 8: Regimental Accounts and Diary, June 24, 1865 - December 6, 1865	

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## Electronic Resources

Title/Description	Instances
Digitized Photographs and Service Related Documents, undated	

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