

James J. Akard Papers

This Civil War related collection contains items associated with James J. Akard, captain of Company A, Eighth Missouri State Militia Cavalry during the Civil War.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: James J. Akard
Title: James J. Akard papers
Dates: 1861-1917, bulk 1861-1865
Size: 11 boxes, 3 notebooks, 6 linear feet
Location: SC15-1

Administrative Information

Restriction on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: Photographs have been digitized.

Acquisition information: Unknown.

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Biographical/historical note

James J. Akard was born July 7, 1838, in Polk County, Missouri, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Akard. He was the captain of Company A, Eighth Missouri State Militia Cavalry during the Civil War. After the war he was elected to the state legislature and held other important Polk County positions including sheriff, collector and clerk of the county court. He died in Bolivar, Missouri, of pneumonia on December 31, 1919, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery on January 4, 1920. His death certificate lists his occupation as a miller.

Scope and content note

Included in this collection are official reports, general orders, court martial proceedings, photographs, correspondence, pension claims, and miscellaneous items. Much of the material in this collection relates to Company A, 8th Cavalry Regiment, Missouri State Militia under the command of Capt. J. J. Akard. This includes regimental paperwork, forms, correspondence, rosters, general orders concerning the unit, etc. Court martial proceedings held in Kansas City involved Capt. John E. Stewart and Capt. S. D. Rowell. Photographs include the family as well as Civil War era figures. Among the correspondence can be found that of Trusten Polk and Mary E. Holman.

Arrangement note

Organized into five series: (1) Bound volumes relating to the Missouri State Militia, 8th Cavalry, Company A., (2) Published general orders referencing Company A., 8th Missouri State Militia, (2a) Court Martial Proceedings, Kansas City, Missouri, (3) Photographs, (4) Correspondence, Orders, and Pension Records, (5) Civil War forms, reports, invoices, and other assorted documents

relating to Company A, 8th Cavalry Regiment, Missouri State Militia.

Collection Inventory

Series I – 2 Boxes

Contents: 5 leather bound original volumes relating to the Missouri State Militia, 8th Cavalry, Company A

Description: Two of the volumes are morning reports, one done by David D. Stockton and the other by Captain J. J. Akard. Two volumes relate to company clothing issued to the 8th Regiment and the battalion. One volume is the military roster. Significant information is contained in these volumes relating to names of those in this regiment, conditions, and types of clothing issued to the men.

Series II – 4 Pamphlet Boxes

Contents: Published general orders referencing Company A., 8th Missouri State Militia, published

- **Box 1** – Adjutant General's Office – Headquarters: Washington, D.C., Date: September 2, 1861 to December 28, 1863.
- **Box 2** – Adjutant General's Office – Headquarters: Washington, D.C., Date: January 10, 1864 to September 2, 1864.
- **Box 3** – 3 in series of General Orders – Department of the Missouri – Headquarters: St. Louis, Missouri, Date: January 7, 1862 to May 16, 1864.
- **Box 4** – V. 4 in series of General Orders District of Central Missouri – Headquarters: Jefferson City, Missouri, Date: March 24, 1862 to July 9, 1862. Department of the Mississippi – Headquarters: Corinth, Mississippi, Date: June 21, 1862 to June 29, 1862. District of Southwest Missouri – Headquarters: Springfield, Missouri, Date: March 16, 1863 to June 20, 1864.

Series II-a – 1 legal size Hollinger box, 11 folders

Contents: Court Martial Proceedings, Kansas City, Missouri, handwritten

- **Folder 1** – Court martial proceedings against accused, Captain John E. Stewart, Company C, 9th Kansas Volunteers, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Heard on November 18, 1863.
- **Folder 2** – Court martial proceedings against accused, Captain S. D. Rowell, Company F, Second Colorado Volunteers, charged with drunkenness on duty. Heard on November 20, 1863.

Series III – 1 legal size Hollinger box, 4 folders

Contents: Photographs

- **Folder 1** – Akard Family Photographs – 7 photos – Identified: G. M. L. Akard, J. J. Akard (2), J. J. Akard in his later years (2, one ca1917), J. J. Akard and family (wife and two daughters), John Akard.
- **Folder 2** – Identified non-family photographs – 12 photos – Identified: Francis P. Becker, Col. Brutsche, Lt. unknown, J. H. B. Dunnegin, Capt. Haman, Wm. Lawson, Scheirenberg (male), G. B. Shubert, Saml. Smith, D. M. V. Stuart, Chas. Wakefield, J. Morris Young.
- **Folder 3** – Carte D'Visites – 4 photos – Identified: Gen. Burnside, Gen. Sedgewick, Gen. Geo. H. Thomas, Soldiers, Orphans, and Widows Home and Hospital, St. Joseph, Missouri.
- **Folder 4** – Unidentified photographs – 4 photos – Description: two young men, tintype of four unidentified young men, and street scene.

Series IV – 3 gray notebooks**Contents:** Correspondence, Orders, and Pension Records**Description:** Civil War related: Handwritten orders, circular orders, general orders, special orders, Date: 1862-1865. Miscellaneous dated and undated correspondence including Trusten Polk correspondence, Mary E. Holman correspondence, and Civil War Pension claims.**Series V** – 3 Hollinger boxes, 116 folders**Contents:** Civil War forms, reports, invoices, and other assorted documents relating to Company A, 8th Cavalry Regiment, Missouri State Militia, under Captain J. J. Akard.• **Box 1**

- **Folders 1-5** – Akard's Correspondence With Quartermaster and Ordnance Department, Dec. 17, 1863-May 26, 1866, printed forms, handwritten
- **Folders 6-19** – Blank forms for: (1) Clothing Receipt Roll, Non-commissioned Officers, Artificers, Musicians and Privates; (2) Discharge, Certificate of Disability for Discharge; (3) Discharge, Final Statement of Volunteers; Enlistment, Volunteer Enlistment; (4) Expenditures, Abstract of Materials Expended, Form 10c; (5) Forage, Requisition for Forage, Forms 32,33; (6) Furlough; (7) Muster Roll of the Hospital Department; (8) Muster and Pay Rolls, Statement of Charges on Muster and Pay Rolls; (9) Ordnance, Invoice of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores; (10) Ordnance, Receipts for Issues of Ordnance Property, Forms 7a, 3a; (11) Ordnance, Unserviceable Ordnance Stores; (12) Quarterly Report on Condition and Quality of Ordnance Stores, Construction and Model Division; (13) Vouchers, signed.
- **Folders 20-21** – Circular Letters – Ordnance Office/War Department, 1863 (Nos. 10,13,42,58) and 1864 (Nos.9, 10, 28, 33)
- **Folders 22-26** – Descriptive List of Deserters forms, 1863, 1864
- **Folder 27** – General Affidavit – Last Horse Claim of Edmond B. Denison
- **Folder 28** – Names of Enlisted Men Belonging to Co. A, 8th Reg., MSM, whose horses have been inspected....
- **Folders 29-39** – Returns forms, December 1861 – December 1864
- **Folder 40** – Warrants of Appointment, 1863

• **Box 2**

- **Folder 1** – Akard Family Genealogy Items including account books
- **Folder 2** - Cedar County – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 3** – Cedar County/Cedar and Washington Townships – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 4** – Cedar County/Jefferson and Washington Townships – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 5** – Cedar County/Madison Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 6** – Orleans/Jackson Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 7** – Polk County/Benton Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 8** – Polk County/Greene Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 9** – Polk County/Jackson Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 10** – Polk County/Jefferson Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 11** – Polk County/Johnson Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 12** – Polk County/Looney Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 13** – Polk County/Marion Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 14** – Polk County/Mooney Township – List of men enrolled
- **Folder 15** – Akard, J.J./Probate records
- **Folder 16** – Akard, Keziah Adeline/Misc.

- **Folder 17** – Blank forms
 - **Folders 18-31** - Clothing invoices, 1862-1865
 - **Folders 32-48** - Clothing receipts/rolls, various categories, 1861-1864
 - **Folder 49** – Descriptive list of Deserters, Dec. 18, 1861
 - **Folder 50** – General Order No. 4 of W. D. Coleman..., Jan. 10, 1862
 - **Folder 51** – Inventory of Effects of Deceased Soldiers
 - **Folder 52** – List of Individuals Who Lost Property in U.S. Service Showing When, Where and How Lost
 - **Folder 53** – List of Rolls, returns and reports required from company commanders
 - **Folder 54-59** – Quarterly returns, 1862-1864
- **Box 3**
 - **Folder 1** – Affidavits for lost horses, clothing, and property
 - **Folders 2-3** – Abstract of ordnance expenditures, 1863, 1864
 - **Folder 4** – Civil Court action
 - **Folders 5-7** – Invoice of ordnance and stores 1862-1864
 - **Folders 8-11** – Invoice of quartermasters stores turned over by..., 1862-1864
 - **Folder 12** – List of stores of expenditure..., 1862
 - **Folder 13** – List of quartermasters stores transferred to Capt. J. J. Akard, 1863, 1865
 - **Folder 14** – Military Appointment/Anderson Morton, 1862
 - **Folder 15** – Monthly return of quartermasters property..., 1864, 1865
 - **Folder 16** – Received vouchers, ordnance and ordnance stores, 1862-1865
 - **Folders 17-29** – Quarterly returns, 1862-1865
 - **Folder 30** – Quartermaster's property received, 1863, 1865
 - **Folder 31** – Records relating to the District of the Border, Kansas City, Mo...., 1863
 - **Folder 32** – List of miscellaneous single file folders in order filed
 - **Folder 33** – Abstract of receipts and expenditures of Des Moines County, 1858
 - **Folder 34** – Akard, J.J., Commission as Collector of Revenue, Polk County, 1879-1880
 - **Folders 35-62** – Miscellaneous- Akard promotion to colonel, correspondence, pension claims, inventories, invoices, etc.
 - **Folder 63** – Receipt roll of clothing, camp and garrison equipage
 - **Folders 64-71** – Miscellaneous – Receipts, requisitions, legal papers, handwritten notes, etc.

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