

Royal Augustus Bensell diary and scrapbook, 1862-1864

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Bensell, Royal Augustus, 1838-1921
Title	Royal Augustus Bensell diary and scrapbook
Dates	1862-1864 (inclusive) 1862 1864
Quantity	0.5 linear feet, (1 container)
Collection Number	Ax 118
Summary	Royal Augustus Bensell (1838-1921) served as a corporal in the California Infantry during the American Civil War, was assigned to Ft. Yamhill, Oregon for three years, and later moved to Yaquina Bay, Oregon. The collection (1862-1864) contains a diary kept during his service, and scrapbook.
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Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections & University Archives Reading Room.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

Historical Note

Royal Augustus Bensell (1838-1921) was born in Cassville, Wisconsin, and traveled to California with his father in 1849.

Bensell was a resident of Volcano, California at the time of the American Civil War and enlisted in Company D, 4th California Infantry. The company was assigned to Ft. Yamhill, Oregon, where Bensell, a corporal, spent the next three years soldiering and keeping a diary.

He later moved to Yaquina Bay, and was an early settler of Newport, Oregon.

Content Description

The collection (1862-1864) contains a diary kept during the American Civil War, and a scrapbook.

The diary consists of four volumes, from 1862 to 1864.

The diary was later edited by Gunter Barth. It was published by University of Oregon Books, in 1959, under the title, *All Quiet on the Yamhill*.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

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Processing Note

Collection processed by staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

This collection received a basic level of processing including minimal organization and rehousing.

Description information is drawn in part from information supplied with the collection and initial surveys of the contents.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Military—Civil War

Soldiers--United States--Diaries

Personal Names :

Bensell, Royal Augustus, 1838-1921

Geographical Names :

Oregon--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Form or Genre Terms :

Scrapbooks

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