

**Southern Museum of Civil War
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**John C. Thompson Collection: John C. Smith Military Papers, 1862 - 1865
MS2003.006**

Introduction:

Provenance: John C. Thompson donated these records in 2003
(Accession MS.2003.006)

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes for a small fee.
Permission to publish materials from this collection must be obtained from the
Director of Library/Archives.

Sallie E. Loy and Mike Bearrow processed these papers in 2003

Size: 1/8th linear feet (less than one document case).

Arrangement:

John C. Smith U.S. Army Papers – 1862 -1865

Description

The John S. Thompson Collection has been organized into one series. This series contains some of Mr. Smith's military records including, Office Army Discharge papers, Muster-In and Out Rolls, Officers Commissions, Promotions, and Leave of Absence papers.

Folder List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	Official Discharge papers from the U.S. Army, dated 6 June 1865 – Document No. 581023 with handwritten statement on reverse side “Filed for Record March 6 th 1867 at 9 O'clock AM and Recorded in Book O page 298 – signed by J.H. Brown Recorder
1	2	Muster-Out Roll from the 25 th Iowa Infantry, Co. F. Company was organized by Capt. William G. Allen at Columbus City, Iowa in August 1862. This unit reported

to Camp McKean, Iowa on September 1, 1862. Muster-Out Roll was signed at Black River Bridge, Mississippi for the purpose of mustering Mr. Smith out of the service as a 2nd Lt. in preparation to his re-enlistment and receipt of his Commission as 2nd Lt. – document signed and dated 6 August 1863. Handwritten in red ink is AM 1547359 Add'l Incl. 6. Marked Ex S.

- 1 3 Muster-In Roll for enlistment in military service for three years as 1st Lt. following promotion from 2nd Lt. Promotion occurred on 1 July 1863 and was signed at Black River, Mississippi on 6 August 1863. Marked Exhibit K in pencil on reverse side of document. Handwritten in red ink is AM
- 1 4 State of Iowa Officers Commission, promotion to 2nd Lt., 25th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, dated and signed 22 January 1863. Marked Exhibit A in pencil on reverse side of document.
- 1 5 State of Iowa Officers Commission, promotion to 1st Lt., 25th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, dated and signed 1 July 1863 – Note: On the bottom left section of this document the word Iowa is crossed out and replaced by Mississippi. Marked Exhibit G
- 1 6 Muster-In Roll (handwritten document), promotion from 1st Sergeant to 2nd Lt. 25th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, document dated and signed 11 June 1863, at Walnut Hills, Mississippi. Handwritten in red ink is AM (not legible, could be AI)
- 1 7 “To all whom it may concern” Official Discharge Document, John C. Smith, 1st Sergeant, Iowa Volunteer Infantry prior to his promotion to Lt. – field discharge, 1 March 1863, signed 10 June 1863, near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Document reveals that he was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, he was age 32 in 1863, his hair was dark, and prior to the Civil War he was a farmer. Note: Handwritten notation on the front folded cover states that this was a “field promotion” received 1 March 1863.
- 1 8 Final Statement of John C. Smith, Co. F 25th Regiment of Iowa Infantry, promotion to 2nd Lt. signed 10 June 1863 at Walnut Hills, Mississippi - original Company was formed in Columbus City on 27 September 1862.

- 1 9 Special Order No. 224, Leave of Absence for 20 days, dated 17 August 1863, awarded at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Handwritten across the left hand side of the document: Paid on Muster out as 2 Lt. to include June 3 of _____ (not legible) with signature (not legible). Handwriting on the reverse side of document re: Lt. Smith's reporting to Cairo, Ill. Sept. 10 1863 signed by Capt. B.W. Marshall. Handwritten: Exhibit B in pencil.
- 1 10 Official Presentation Document, "The Commanding Officer of the 25th Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry", awarded to Smith on his appointment to 1st Sergeant, dated 22 October 1862.
- 1 11 2 ½ x 3 ½" Envelope with handwritten description: Brother of Capt. John C. Smith (my paternal Grandfather) made this Brooch with a small knife of human bone in Andersonville Prison
- 1 12 4 ¼ x 6 ½" Photograph of Lt. John C. Smith, 25th Iowa Infantry, Ca 1870 – Post-war photograph