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Biographical/Historical Note

Americus V. Rieff was born in Nashville, Tennessee, July 1, 1830, and moved with his parents to Fayetteville, Arkansas, in 1836. He enlisted as a private in Captain Stephen B. Enyart's Independent Mounted Volunteer Company in the Mexican War at Fayetteville on June 9, 1847. He was discharged on June 23, 1848. After the Mexican War, he studied architecture at the Ozark Institute. On December 19, 1854, he married Mary Jane Spencer at Cane Hill, Arkansas. Prior to the Civil War, Rieff was a contractor and builder. He enlisted May 1, 1861, at the rank of captain and organized a company of 100 cavalrmen to expel Union forces from Cassville, Missouri. He also served at the Battle of Oak Hills, also known as the Battle of Wilson's Creek. Americus V. Rieff died in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 24, 1914. He was survived by his wife, Mary Jane, and seven children. He had been in business with his son, Hiram F. Rieff, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains material related to Americus Rieff's service in the Mexican and Civil Wars. Reminiscences include accounts of Rieff's service under General Benjamin McCulloch in the Battle of Oak Hills, also known as the Battle of Wilson's Creek, which is considered the first battle west of the Mississippi during the Civil War. H.F. Rieff owned land in partnership with his father, Americus V. Rieff.

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1. 1848 June 23: Statement that Americus Rieff fought in the Mexican War, signed by Colonel L.B. Enyart

2. 1866 March 1: Relinquishment of property, Americus V. Rieff of Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas

3. 1903 April 15: Department of Interior, Bureau of Pensions, certificate number 19956

4. 1905 February 5: Biography of Americus V. Rieff (through the Mexican War)

5. Undated: Reminiscences of the Battle of Oak Hills, (Wilson's Creek), notes

6. Undated: Reminiscences of the Battle of Oak Hills, (Wilson's Creek), transcript

7. 1915 July 21: G.E. Plum, Blue Mountain, to H.F. Rieff

8. 1915 July 31: G.E. Plum, Blue Mountain, to H.F. Rieff

9. Undated: Letter from Mary