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Civil War Unit: 3rd Indiana Cavalry Regiment

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The regiment organized at Madison, Indiana, during summer & autumn of 1861. Unlike most Civil War regiments, it did not fight as one cohesive unit. Rather, two separate “half-regiments” bore the same designation, but operated independently of one another throughout the war. The so-called Right Wing, consisting of Companies A through F, fought primarily in the eastern theater of operations. The Left Wing, Companies G through M, remained in the western theater.

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The Institute's Photographic Archive includes images of the unit.

The following personal papers are in the Institute's Manuscript Archive:

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Right Wing:

Hinch, Lowry - HinchColl (Letter of Corporal Samuel F.M. Lamb, Mar 11, 1862; Letter
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Left Wing:

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Chapman, George H. - Brake Coll (Colonel's diary, Jun 28-Jul 5, 1863)
Featherstone Coll - CWTIColl (Enlisted Man, Robert Young's, letter, May 10, 1864)
Gamble, William - MOLLUS MASSColl Vol. 6 (Memo from Colonel, May 9, 1863)
Weaver, Augustus C. - Brake Coll (Enlisted man's account of Gettysburg written
Feb 22, 1919)