

**Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown**

**A Register of Their Papers in the Library of  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown Papers

**Span Dates:** 1862-1901

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1862-1865)

**ID No.:** MSS84731

**Creator:** Brown, Matthew C.

**Creator:** Brown, John C., d. 1863

**Extent:** 200 items; 1 container plus 1 oversize container; .4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** Officers in the 23rd Iowa Infantry Regiment. Correspondence and military records pertaining to the Browns' service during the Civil War.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Personal Names

Brown family--Correspondence.

Brown, Matthew C.

### Organizations

United States. Army. Iowa Infantry Regiment, 23rd (1862-1865)

### Locations

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

### Related Names

Brown, Charles Matthew. History of the 23rd Iowa Volunteer Infantry (undated)

Brown, John C., d. 1863. Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown papers (1862-1865)

### Occupations

Army officers.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown, officers in the 23rd Iowa Infantry Regiment, were given to the Library of Congress by Therese Brown in 2000.

### Copyright Status:

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Matthew C. and John C. Brown in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

### Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Matthew C. Brown and John C. Brown (d. 1863) span the years 1862-1901, with the bulk of the material dating from 1862 to 1865. The papers consist of correspondence and military records. Matthew and John were two of four sons in the Brown family serving in the Union Army during the Civil War. Before entering the war, Matthew had been a carpenter in Des Moines, Iowa, and John a newspaper editor in Lewis, Iowa. Their correspondence contains primarily letters to their parents who lived in Oswego, New York. John C. Brown was killed at the Battle of Milliken's Bend, Louisiana. As a lieutenant in Company B of the 23rd Iowa Infantry Regiment, Matthew C. Brown kept records regarding clothing, camp equipment, and weapons. The collection includes a history of the regiment by Charles Matthew Brown, Jr., and transcripts of the correspondence.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

# Container List

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BOX 1	Charges and specifications against Pvt. William Covy, 1865
BOX 1	Clothing, camp, and garrison equipage
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BOX 1	General orders, 1865
BOX 1	History of the 23rd Iowa Volunteer Infantry, n.d.
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1865, 1901, n.d.
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BOX 1	Ordnance and ordnance stores
BOX 1	Abstract of expenditures, 1864-1865
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BOX 1	Transcripts of correspondence, 1862-1865
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