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Abstract

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Creator

Martin, Thomas R., b. abt. 1848?

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Repository

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

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Biographical Note

Thomas R. Martin enlisted as a private at North Garden, Virginia, in April 1861 and reenlisted at Richmond the following year. Prior to January of 1863, he was promoted to First Corporal. He was promoted again, this time to Third Sergeant, prior to November 1863. Close to the end of war, Martin was wounded at the Battle of Five Forks, in April 1865.

External source:

Murphy, Terrence V. 1989. 10th Virginia Infantry. Lynchburgh, Va: H.E. Howard.

Scope and Content

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