

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG1225.AM: Meinhold, Charles, 1812-1877

Military records: 1862-1877

Size: 1 folder

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

It is unclear when Charles Meinhold came to the United States, but he was born in Berlin, Germany (Prussia) in 1812. He joined the U.S. Army in 1851 and served until his death in 1877. He was a captain in the 3rd Cavalry and commanded Troop B out of Fort McPherson, Nebraska, in 1872. He also served out of Camp Sheridan and North Platte, Nebraska, through 1876. In December of 1876 Meinhold received a leave of absence due to health reasons. From January to March or April Meinhold was recuperating at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Meinhold transferred to the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs, New York, later in the year. Charles Meinhold died at Clifton Springs, New York, on December 14, 1877. He is buried at Clifton Springs Village Cemetery, Clifton Springs, New York.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of ten pages (typescript copies) of letters and military papers relating to Charles Meinhold's military service. The typescript was compiled by researcher Susan Martin in 1966 from copies held at the National Archives. In a transcribed letter from Capt. Meinhold dated April 27, 1872, Meinhold describes leading a group of men to overtake a "marauding party of Indians who had stolen seven horses from parties at McPherson station on the 24th." William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody served as their guide.

INVENTORY

Transcribed military papers, 1862-1877

Subject headings:

Cody, William Fredrick, 1846-1917
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Meinhold, Charles, 1812-1877
Military service
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United States. Army. Cavalry regiment, 3rd