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**COLLECTION GUIDE**  
**MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE**

**P. Jennings Diary**  
**Collection Number: 1181 WFCHS MMF**

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS:** Collection is open to all researchers.

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Processed by Doug Gleason. Last updated August 26, 2023.

**EXTENT:** 2 folders

**CREATOR:** Jennings, P. d. 1864

**DATE:** 1864

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This collection contains a diary and typed transcripts.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Petrie (var. spelling Patrie) Jennings enlisted at Lewisburg (now West Virginia) on March 27, 1862. He was a member of Bryan's Battery, Fourth Brigade, Breckenridge's Division. In his diary, Jennings gives a detailed account of troop movements leading to his participation in the battles of Cloyd's Mountain, Piedmont, Lynchburg and Buford's Gap. He records news and rumors of other battles and their outcomes and as well as casualties, deaths and new appointments among the leadership of various Confederate military units. He recounts the execution of a fellow soldier who was apprehended after he had deserted and joined a Union regiment. His diary includes details of camp life and time spent in the hospital recovering from sore feet. Jennings was killed in action on July 24, 1864 at the Battle of Kernstown, one day after his final diary entry.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of Elizabeth Crawford.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**Folder 1**

Jennings, P. – Diary transcript (2 copies)

**Folder 2**

Jennings, P. – Diary, 1864