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COLLECTION GUIDE
MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE

Rittenhouse, Benjamin Franklin - Diary
Collection Number: 566 THL/WFCHS MMF

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Doug Gleason. Last updated September 23, 2023.

EXTENT: 2 folders.

CREATOR: Rittenhouse, Benjamin Franklin, 1839-1915

DATE: 1864

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This folder contains the diary of Major Benjamin Franklin Rittenhouse as well as a photocopy of his obituary.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: As a 2nd Lieutenant in Battery D of the 5th United States Artillery, Rittenhouse assumed command of his unit in the face of Pickett's charge at the Battle of Gettysburg. Rittenhouse retired a U.S. Army major in 1905. He committed suicide in 1915.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Robert H. Neitz.

CONTAINER LIST:

Folder 1

Benjamin Franklin Rittenhouse, Diary, March 26, 1864 to June 30, 1864,

Obituary, Benjamin Franklin Rittenhouse, *Winchester Evening Star*, March 10, 1915

Folder 2

Articles concerning Rittenhouse and Military Order, Loyal Legion, United States record