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### **Keywords**

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### **Disciplines**

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**Guide to  
John B. Young, Company H,  
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**Provenance:** Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum Rare Books and Manuscripts in 2003.

### **Biography:**

John B. Young, from Rochester, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, enlisted for a one year term as a private with "Batty F" Co. of the Pennsylvania 204<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 5<sup>th</sup> Heavy Artillery Regiment on 5 September 1864 [official records say the 2<sup>nd</sup>] at Camp Reynolds in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The regiment was led by Colonel George S. Gallupe. Private Young served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade of Harding's 3<sup>rd</sup> Division in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Corps. He was posted with his regiment at Prospect Hill in Vienna and then outside of Fairfax Courthouse during the winter for picket and guard duty and the building of stockades and block-houses. Private Young was mustered out with his unit on 30 June 1865 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Source:** *The Union Army, Vol. I*, on the Civil War Research and Genealogy Database and diary entries.

### **Scope and Content:**

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Also included are three pages printed from the Civil War Research and Genealogy Database (CWRGD) regarding John Young, the 5<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and the Pennsylvania 204<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.

**Diary Description:** Black Leather, 4cm x 6.5cm, 88 pages (some ripped), written in pencil.

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- Finding Aid
- Diary of John B. Young
- CWRGD Printouts