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Jeremy,

My children and I enjoyed our visit to the Stone's River Battlefield park yesterday. Attached is the 1862 transcription of my great-great grandfather's Civil War diary. Please let me know if you receive it.

I'm currently working on the 1863 transcription. I have it about half way complete. I can send you what is done so far, or if you can wait a couple of weeks, I'll have the entire year done. Let me know your preference.

The Ranger who provided the 11:00 Ranger talk yesterday also expressed an interest in the diaries (I'm sorry, I don't remember his name). If you would also forward the attached to him.

Finally, I have already completed the transcription of Addison's 1864 and 1865 diaries and am willing to share them if desired.

Regards,

Jeff Stockham  
Somerset, KY

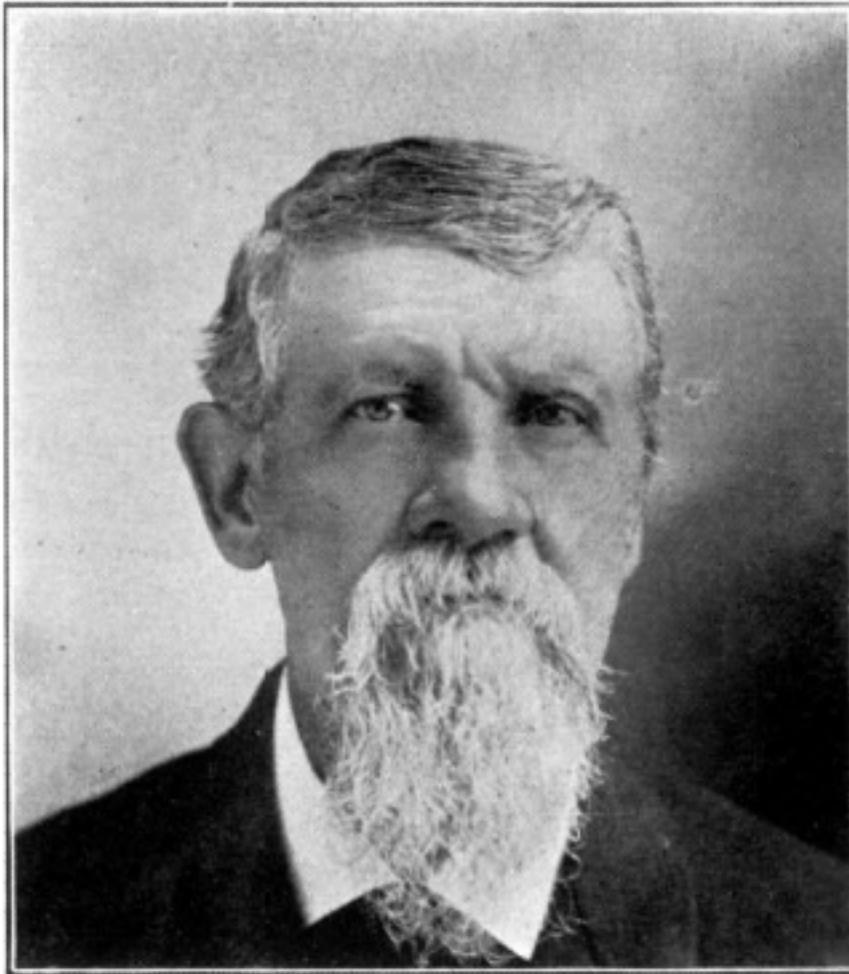
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Addison Stockham 1862 Civil War Diary.docx

*Addison Stockham 1862 Civil War Diary*

*Addison Stockham was a blacksmith serving in Battery G of the First Ohio Light Artillery. Also serving in this unit was his younger brother, George Stockham.*



A. STOCKHAM, Blacksmith,  
Justice of the Peace, Hambden Tp.

*The above photo was taken in approximately 1900*

*In transcribing Addison's diaries, I have done my best to do so word-for-word. I have not attempted to correct spelling or grammatical errors. Items followed by (?) are a best guess. Blanks represent content that can't be read. Comments in italic are my own.*

*Passed down in my Stockham family are the 1864 and 1865 Civil War pocket diaries of Addison Stockham. Housed in the library of Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland Ohio are Addison's 1862-1865 pocket diaries. It appears that the library's 1864 and 1865 diaries were transcribed from the originals passed down in my family. Both sets of diaries contain the same information. However, the family copy is weathered and written in pencil. The library copy is pristine and written in ink. Below is a transcription of the 1862 diary.*

*Jeff Stockham, September 2012*

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1862**

We left here today at six PM. Went on the Louisville and Lexington Pike. Went through Middletown. Camped ten.

**Sunday, October 5th 1862**

Night very cold. Got up at six. We started for Shelbyville at 8:00 AM. Roads very dusty. Got to Shelbyville at noon. Had very bad weather for cooking.

**Monday, October 6th 1862**

Got up at two this morning. Did not move until sunrise. Was a little frost. Went through Clayville and roads very \_\_\_\_\_. Went through Hartville. Got to Frankfort at seven. Drove the rebs from the town. Evening pleasant.

**Tuesday, October 7th 1862**

Morning we got up at six and we did not move. Boys were very busy working and writing. I was \_\_\_\_ of the. Received a letter from \_\_\_\_\_.

**Wednesday, October 8th 1862**

The weather is fair and pleasant. Got up at one. Ready to move at three. Started, did not cross the river. Roads very dusty and \_\_\_\_\_. I had a horse to ride.

*Likely the Kentucky River*

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1862**

We got up at four, moved at six. The road was very rough and hilly. Marched through woods the most of the way. Went to camp at eight. Our grub is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Friday, October 10, 1862**

Morning rainy and it was hard marching. Roads was quite muddy. We moved very late. Very hard cooking our grub.

**Saturday, October 11th, 1862**

We got up at four and marched for Perryville. Went through Mackville. There we saw some wounded. Camped on Chaplin Hill in the battlefield. The dead was not all buried.

*The Battle of Perryville took place on October 8th*

**Monday, October 12th, 1862**

Was windy and cloudy and quite cold. Did not start very early in the morning. We went to \_\_\_\_\_, three miles from the battlefield. Camped in town at seven.

**Monday, October 13th, 1862**

We did not get up very early for the boys were all very tired. The day was taken up in writing and reading. The weather was very good.

**Tuesday, October 14th, 1862**

Was clear and warm. Not much news in camp. I quit cooking and worked at my \_\_\_\_ shoeing the mules and horses.

**Wednesday, October 15th, 1862**

Was cloudy and rained a little. Is very pleasant, but did not rain very much. I wrote a letter home. One to Hambden.

*Hambden is near Addison's home of Chardon Ohio (near Cleveland).*

**Thursday, October 16th, 1862**

It was quite cool and frosty. I was at work shoeing. Some of the boys was not very well.

**Friday, October 17th, 1862**

The morning was cool. The camp is close to a hospital and the wounded are dying every day. I worked today shoeing the most of the \_\_\_\_.

**Saturday, October 18th, 1862**

It was warm and pleasant. We had to bring our water about one mile. We had plenty of hogs to kill for fresh meat. I worked at shoeing.

**Sunday, October 19th, 1862**

Morning was very cool and windy. Boys at work picking up fragments of cannon on the battlefield. I write home to father.

**Monday, October 20th, 1862**

Morning cool and frosty and very windy through the day. Not much news in camp. We went on picket at night. It was frosty.

**Tuesday, October 21st, 1862**

Morning we was quite sleepy and cold. We ever was on picket. Boys did not feel very well for want of sleep.

**Wednesday, October 22nd, 1862**

Was very pleasant weather. It was not very warm. I was very busy shoeing. Had orders to go to Lebanon.

*Lebanon Kentucky*

**Thursday, October 23rd, 1862**

Morning was fair. Got ready to move. Marched at eight for Lebanon. Got there at four. Roads was very good. It is 20 miles.

**Friday, October 24th, 1862**

Got up at six. It was very windy. We turned over our forge and battery wagons. Some horses. We telegraphed to Louisville for letters, but got no information of any.

**Saturday, October 25th, 1862**

Was rainy and cold. We joined the cavalry and started for Rolling Fork. Got there at three. It is very cold. We was put in the \_\_\_\_\_. Colonel Bennet

**Sunday, October 26th, 1862**

We got up in the morning and found six inched of snow on the ground. It was cold. The camp was in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Monday, October 27th, 1862**

Was continued to be cold and cloudy and the snow did not go off. The boys kept close to the fire all day and a part of the night.

**Tuesday, October 28th, 1862**

The sun rose very bright and the snow soon disappeared. The day was taken up in writing and \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_.

**Wednesday, October 29th, 1862**

We started for Munfordville at seven. Which is sixty miles from this place. Road was very hilly and rough. Camped. Fair night and rather cold.

**Thursday, October 30th, 1862**

Got up at four, started at seven. Morning frosty. We crossed Green River in the fore noon and Little Barren in the afternoon. 42 towns. Saloma (?) and Summersville. Camped at five.

**Friday, October 31st, 1862**

We did not get up very early. Got to Munfordville at noon. Went to camp. Boys felt very tired for it was warm. I \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, November 1st, 1862**

We started for Bowling Green at nine. Roads very good but dusty. Weather warm. Went through a town Horse Cave and Cave City by Belltown. Camped at five. Water scarce.

**Sunday, November 2nd, 1862**

Morning got up at four, started at seven. The wind blew very hard and the dust made perfect smoke. Weather grew cold. Went into camp at noon. At night got some horses.

**Monday, November 3rd, 1862**

We got up at six. Morning clear. Did not march. The day was \_\_\_\_\_ and writing. I had horses in the evening.

**Tuesday, November 4th, 1862**

Morning got up at four. Started for Bowling Green at seven. Got there at noon. Crossed Green River. Went through very fast. Camped at eight by a spring.

**Wednesday, November 5th, 1862**

We started toward Nashville at seven. Roads good until we left the Pike. Then it was very rough. Went through Jacks and Adairville. Crossed the river, camped at five. Weather good. We drew rations in the evening.

*Adairville is West of Franklin Kentucky*

**Thursday, November 6th, 1862**

Got up at five, started at seven. Morning very cold. Some snow. Cross into Tennessee. Went to the town Springfield. Turned north. Camped at nine at night. Took \_\_\_\_.

**Friday, November 7th, 1862**

Morning started at seven. Weather cold. A little snow. Roads dusty. Went through S\_\_\_\_\_. Camped at four.

**Saturday, November 8th, 1862**

Got up at five, did not move in the fore noon. Had plenty of time to rest and sleep. Moved at noon. About seven miles. Camped at five. Evening clear and cool.

**Sunday, November 9th, 1862**

Got up at four, started at six. Weather frosty and cold. We marched very fast until noon. Halted two hours. Camped at Gallatin.

**Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1862**

Got up at four, started at six. Weather cold in the morning. The day quite warm. Went to Hartsville double quick. Drove Morgan out. Shoed horses till eight. Went into camp at eleven PM.

**Tuesday, November 11th, 1862**

Shoed horses all day. Weather warm and dry. Camped one mile from Hartsville in the woods. It is a pleasant place on the bank of the Cumberland River.

**Wednesday, November 12th, 1862**

I shoed horses and \_\_ rained most of the day. Roads got rather muddy here. We got one darky cook. Fine looking fellow. Was all t\_\_\_\_\_.

**Thursday, November 13th, 1862**

It was a very pleasant morning. Sun shone clear and bright. Shod horses as usual. Got very tired. In the evening, warm and pleasant.

**Friday, November 14th, 1862**

Still warm. We started for Lebanon. Went across the Cumberland River. Advanced about five miles. Found the enemy too strong and then we fell back to our camp three PM.

**Saturday, November 15th, 1862**

The day was pleasant, but our rations was getting better for we kill some hogs. Our wagons was left behind fear of a fight.

**Sunday, November 16th, 1862**

Was very pleasant and warm. Rained in the evening. Drawed rations. It rains quite hard. Orders to move in the morning.

**Monday, November 17th, 1862**

In the morning, got up at four, moved at six. Weather warm but rainy. Went towards Gallatin again. Crossed the Cumberland River. It was very deep. Camped at three, one mile from the river.

**Tuesday, November 18th, 1862**

Got up at four, started at six. Roads very rough. Weather cloudy but warm. Went on the Nashville Pike. Camped at one PM. \_\_\_\_ was very wet, cold.

**Wednesday, November 19th, 1862**

We got up at four. Got ready to march, but did not go for the infantry was fanning (?) and we put our tarpaulin for the night.

**Thursday, November 20th, 1862**

Got up at four, marched at seven, crossed the river bridge. Burnt \_\_\_\_ a little town, Spring Place. Weather was cold. Camped at three two miles from Nashville.

**Friday, November 21st, 1862**

Was very pleasant, did not move. Our camp is in front of Mount Olivet Cemetery. We have a pretty camp. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Saturday, November 22nd, 1862**

We was ordered on scout. Went seven miles south of Nashville and saw nothing. Got back to camp at three. It was very pleasant.

**Sunday, November 23rd, 1862**

Was in the \_\_\_\_ and writing. Weather was very fine. We had a very good rest. I wrote two letters. One to H.

*'H' is Addison's girlfriend, Lucy Shattuck. Only after the end of the war does he refer to her by Lucy in his diaries.*

**Monday, November 24th, 1862**

Still in camp. Weather is fine. Teams went after corn. I wrote a letter to Warner.

**Tuesday, November 25th, 1862**

We went out in a scout. Weather rather cold but pleasant. Went on the Franklin Pike. We had a fight. Drove the rebs back at seven.

**Wednesday, November 26th, 1862**

Was very pleasant, clear and warm. Still in the old camp. Shod horses most of the day.

**Thursday, November 27th, 1862**

I went down town. The weather was cool and dry. The town looked rather rough. Plenty of soldiers there.

**Friday, November 28th, 1862**

I went to the battery OGS down town. At night went out on a scout. Had a skirmish. Got back at three in the morning.

**Saturday, November 29th, 1862**

Morning pleasant and warm, but cloudy. Rained in the afternoon. The boys very busy in writing letters.

**Sunday, November 30th, 1862**

Sunday I was busy writing and reading. It is very cold. Snowed in the evening. I wrote one letter to H

**Monday, December 1st, 1862**

Morning very wet. Rained very hard all night. Still in our old camp. I wrote one letter. \_\_\_ was very \_\_\_\_.

**Tuesday, December 2nd, 1862**

Was a very dull day, weather same. \_\_\_\_ day was taken up in around fire our big kitchen and that is very \_\_\_\_.

**Wednesday, December 3rd, 1862**

Was pleasant, warm, and clear. Our wagons went after forage and was attacked by the rebs, but did not take them.

**Thursday, December 4th, 1862**

Very clear and warm. I worked at blacksmithing most of the day. Not much news in camp today.

**Friday, December 5th, 1862**

Was cold, snowed the most of the day. It was very unpleasant weather for soldiers. Evening was very cold and frosty.

**Saturday, December 6th, 1862**

This morning was very frosty and frozen. Snow did not go off. The wagons went after forage and it was very cold.

**Sunday, December 7th, 1862**

Morning clear and cold. Snow did not go off. The day was taken up in writing. I wrote one to H.

**Monday, December 8th, 1862**

In the morning it was very cold. Snow still stays on. Some signs of a move. I write a letter to Mrs. Claez (z)?.

**Tuesday, December 9th, 1862**

Was very pleasant. Snow went off. I wrote one letter and worked at shoeing.

**Wednesday, December 10th, 1862**

Morning clear and warm through the day. I shod horses in the afternoon. Still in the old camp.

**Thursday, December 11th, 1862**

The morning was very frosty. The day was quite warm. Drew three day's rations. Started on a scout. Went to \_\_\_\_\_ wood. Left the Pike. Did not camp at all.

**Friday, December 12th, 1862**

The morning was not very cold but had a little frost. Started for Franklin at five. Roads very rough. Went on double quick into town. Had a skirmish. Rebs lost seven killed and seven prisoners. One \_\_\_\_\_ not any. Got to Nashville at six.

**Saturday, December 13th, 1862**

Morning clear and warm. I worked at shoeing horses. Boys felt very tired after their scout for want of sleep.

**Sunday, December 14th, 1862**

Morning was very cloudy and warm but did not rain. Had dress parade. I did not go out, stayed in the camp and cooked dinner for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thursday, December 18th, 1862**

Was pleasant and warm in camp. Boys was very busy writing. I wrote one to H.

**Friday, December 19th, 1862**

Morning frosty. Day warm and pleasant. I worked at shoeing horses and mules. Evening cold.

**Saturday, December 20th, 1862**

Was very dull. Not much going on in camp. Weather quite \_\_\_\_\_. Heard cannoning in the evening.

**Sunday, December 21st, 1862**

Was as warm as summer. It was as pleasant as spring. I wrote one letter. Boys generally well. Not much news in camp.

**Monday, December 22nd, 1862**

Was warm. Some indication of rain. I worked at my trench. Still in the old camp. Boys having a very easy time.

**Tuesday, December 23rd, 1862**

Fair weather warm and cloudy. I worked at my trade. Not much news in camp today.

**Wednesday, December 24th, 1862**

The weather was warm and rained the most of the day. Ordered on scout, but did not go. I wrote one letter.

**Thursday, December 25th, 1862**

Today is Christmas. Boys all felt well. Weather warm. Ordered on a search or scout(?), but did not go. I wrote one letter to H.

**Friday, December 26th, 1862**

Moved camped and advanced on the Murfreesboro Pike. Rained all day. Had a hard fight at LaVergne, five miles from Nashville. One man killed. His name Cavin. Fought till dark. Rained all the time. Boys very tired.

**Saturday, December, 27th, 1862**

Got up at four. Got ready to move. Rained all day. Moved at twelve. Went through LaVergne. Was ordered back to camp. Ordered to the front. Went four PM. Camped at eight in a cedar grove.

**Sunday, December 28th, 1862**

Morning clear and warm. Did not move. Boys was very busy drying their blankets and coats. Their was no fighting done. Evening pleasant. Received two letters.

**Monday, December 29th, 1862**

Morning pleasant. \_\_\_\_ begin to move. We was kept back with the wagons. On the advance seven miles. We started at two PM. Camped at eight. Evening rainy.

**Tuesday, December 30th, 1862**

Morning rainy. Got up at five at got ready to move, but did not go. Hard fighting on the right. Heavy losses on both sides.

**Wednesday, December 31st, 1862**

We was ordered back with wagons to guard them. Heavy fighting on the right. Our men drove back in the morning. Gained their ground the evening. We lost fifteen guns. We was an \_\_\_\_ at night.

*The Battle of Stone's River began on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1862*