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INTRODUCTION

The journals on this microfilm were loaned to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Tanya Sandlin. After filming, the books were returned to Ms. Sandlin.

The journals, dated 1848-1907, contain daily entries regarding the life and times of H. R. A. McCorkle of Newbern, Dyer County, Tennessee. The journal entries begin in 1848, when Mr. McCorkle is 21 years old, and continue until the day after his death in 1907. The last journal entry is made by someone else who writes, "H. R. A. McCorkle died last night at 12 ¼ o'clock - aged 79 years, 6 months and 25 days". The journal dated 1849-1865 contains an entry, dated February 8, 1862, in which Mr. McCorkle lists the militia officers elected in District No. 9. Mr. McCorkle lists himself as captain, J. W. Elks as first lieutenant, Finis A. McCorkle as second lieutenant and J. A. White as colonel. Also included in the journal dated 1849-1865 is an account of the Battle of Shiloh (entries of April 6 and 7, 1862). In his account of the Battle of Shiloh, Mr. McCorkle reports, "Battle still raging Federals retook their camps and Confederates retired to Corinth". On April 6, 1862, Mr. McCorkle reports that W. F. Cowan was killed. It is interesting to note that Mr. McCorkle recycled books for use as journals. The journals dated 1852-1876 and 1857-1872 originally belonged to W. F. Cowan and were used as ciphering books. The journals dated 1851-1885 and 1853-1893 appear to have been some type of account books for a general mercantile store prior to their use by Mr. McCorkle. Please note that accession number 34 (location II-H-2, Box 1) at the Tennessee State Library and Archives contains a newspaper article (dated October 15, 1940) by Thekla Smith regarding these journals.

Hiram Robert Andrew McCorkle was the son of Edwin Alexander McCorkle (d. January 10, 1853) and Jane Maxwell Thomas (February 11, 1802-January 30, 1855). He was born on November 6, 1827. In 1849, he married Margaret A. Cowan (January 3, 1833-October 20, 1870). They had several children. After Margaret Cowan's death, he married Jennett C. Menzies (October 14, 1836-December 5, 1903). He died on July 1, 1907. He is buried in the McCorkle Cemetery in Dyer County, Tennessee.

Source: The biographical information on H. R. A. McCorkle was gleaned from information contained within the journals and from the following sources:

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=evrybodydance&id=I03714>

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