

James A. Rozell Collection

Guide to the James A. Rozell Archival Collection, 21st Regiment of Volunteers, Wisconsin  
Infantry

## DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

### Repository

Civil War Museum, Resource Center Kenosha, Wisconsin

Language of Material

Material in English

### Abstract

This collection consists of 2 documents detailing James A. Rozell's service in the 21st Regiment of Volunteers, Wisconsin Infantry and his capture by the Confederacy during the Battle of Perryville or Chaplin Hills, Kentucky on October 9th, 1862. It is a written story and an "imperfect history" of his encounter.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Use Restrictions

No photocopying, please

### Preferred Citation

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Kenosha, Wisconsin

### Provenance

The James A. Rozell Collection was copied, as written, from the originals.

## Processing Information

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## Biographical note:

James A. Rozell was born on September 22nd, 1838 in New York. His family then moved to Pennsylvania. When he was 21 years old, he moved to Wisconsin and called it home. Previous to his war service, he worked for a farmer, for he took the place of his cousin Freedus Bacon who went into the 8th Regiment of Volunteers, Wisconsin Infantry. His cousin had been killed, which prompted him to go into the service as well, enlisting on August 13th, 1862 out of Lind, Wisconsin. He was detailed to an ambulance guard during the Battle of Perryville or Chaplin Hills, Kentucky on October 8th, 1862. The next morning, Rozell and another man were taken prisoner by Rebel cavalry. He was later liberated and exchanged. He mustered out of the army on June 30, 1865.

## COLLECTION OVERVIEW

### Doc.#1 of 2:

This is the roster of the 21st Regiment Infantry, Company G of the Wisconsin Volunteers. It lists James A. Rozell- Residency: Lind; Date: Aug 13, 1862; Remarks: Pris. Chaplin Hills: M. O. June 30, '65

### Doc.#2 of 2:

This is his account of his service and capture. It is five pages long and details his feelings throughout the process. He begins with his prewar life, what got him into service, and the early days of his enlistment. He writes about who he encountered along the way, where he went, and how he was released.

The last page has a section of "Notes." This has some opinionated comments on Rozell, along with notes on the infantries referenced throughout.

**A note on the 21st Wisconsin Infantry Regiment:**

They were organized out of Camp Bragg, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and were mustered into service of the United States on September 5th, 1862. They were under Colonel B. F. Sweet. They took the train to Cincinnati, and then made their way to Covington, Kentucky. They went back to Cincinnati and then later arrived in Louisville, Kentucky. It was at Perryville, Kentucky where they met the Confederate army and fought. The 21st Infantry later served in the same brigade as First Wisconsin Infantry Regiment until the conclusion of the Atlanta Campaign. They served in Kentucky, Tennessee, and northern Alabama, and later joined Sherman's Army. They participated in the Grand Review in Washington in 1865, and were officially disbanded in Milwaukee on June 17th, 1865.