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### Civil War Journal of William B. Tibbits

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#### Collection Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Civil War Journal of William B. Tibbits
<b>Call Number:</b>	MS 2017-07
<b>Size:</b>	0.25 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Acquisition:</b>	Purchased from Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, 4-1985
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#### Content Note

This collection consists of an autograph copy and typed transcription of Brevet Major General William B. Tibbits's 1875 journal, which recounts his service in the Union Army as an infantry and cavalry officer during the Civil War. Also present is a daguerreotype of Tibbits.

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#### Biography

William Badger Tibbits was born March 31, 1837, in Hoosac (now Hoosick), New York, the son of George Mortimer Tibbits and Sarah (Bleecker) Tibbits. He graduated from Union College in 1859 and then worked as a secretary in a scale business. On April 23, 1861, shortly after the Civil War began, Tibbits joined the 2nd New York Volunteer Infantry, based in Troy, New York. He was initially granted the rank of Captain and saw action in battles such as Big Bethel, the Second Battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, before being mustered out as a Major in May 1863.

In February 1864 Tibbits rejoined the service with the rank of Colonel of the 21st New York Cavalry. His unit was involved in many battles, including New Market, Piedmont, and Lynchburg. After being

mustered out of service in January 1866 with the brevetted rank of Major General, Tibbits served for three years as vice-president of a mowing and reaping machine business before disabilities suffered during the war ended his career. He died on February 10, 1880, in Troy, New York

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## Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1	Journal. This series consists of Tibbits's handwritten manuscript detailing his service, which was composed at the request of the Bureau of Military Statistics. Also included is a typed transcription of the journal by WSU alumna Jennifer Dominick.
Series 2	Box 1	Daguerreotype. Undated image of Tibbits in uniform.

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## Box and Folder Listing

### Series 1 – Journal

Box 1	FF 1	Manuscript, 1875
Box 1	FF 2	Transcription of manuscript, 2011

### Series 2 – Daguerreotype

Box 1	FF 3	Daguerreotype of Tibbits, n.d.
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