Biographical

William H. Brown was a Major in the U.S. 5th Cavalry (1865-1875) and later became Acting Inspector General of Arizona (1872) under General George Crook. He committed suicide in New York in 1875.

Scope and Content

The collection contains photocopies of documents pertaining to Brown’s military service to the U.S. 5th Cavalry (1865-75). The copies originated from the National Archives and other sources unknown.

Inventory

1862—Envelope addressed to Brown from Washington, DC
1862—Letter from Brown to Brig. General Thomas
1863—First Lieutenant’s Commission
1864—Promotion letter to Brig. Gen. Thomas re: Brown
    War Dept. Report of Promotion of Brown to Major
    War Dept. Report of Brown’s Promotion to Major
    Letter regarding Brown’s promotion—Franklin Repository Office
    Envelope re: funds Brown never accounted for
1865—Memorandum re: Brown’s promotion to captain
    Letter from Asst. Gen. to War Dept. re: mustering Brown out of service
    Notes re: sparing Brown from regimental duty
1866—Receipt of commission acknowledgement
    Letter to Col. Morgan re: Brown’s military history
    Brown’s sworn oath of office
    Letter accompanying oath to Brig. Gen Morgan
    Letter recommending Brown to Brig Gen Morgan
    Letter Acknowledging commission—from Brown to Thomas
1867—Notes for papers in case of Wm. H. Brown
1870—Complaints for non-payment of private debts against Brown (40 pgs)
1871—War Dept. memo-returning Brown to his post
    Treasury Dept. Letters—auditors office
    Letter from office commissary Gen of Subsistence
1872—Letter to Gen. Townsend directed by Brown to Grant
    Letter from Treasury Dept. Returning Brown to his post
    Note explaining Brown’s order to explain his accounts and return to his post
    Letter appointing Brown Acting Asst. Inspector General from Gen Crook
    Letter concurring Crook’s appointment of Brown to Insp. Gen
1873—Letter from doctor certifying Brown’s need for rest and cessation of duties
   Letter from Brown applying for leave of absence
   Notes approving Brown’s leave of absence
1874—Letter from Brown to Adjt. Gen re: his address
1875—Newspaper articles re: Browns suicide
   Letters from Brown’s father re: forwarding Brown’s mail
   Death Report from Dr. Hoff
   Army Medical Board Death Report
   Letter from military Div Hdqts of Atlantic re: death of Brown
   Letter administering Browns effects
   Memos regarding administration of Brown’s effects
   Chronology of Brown’s Service
   Telegram re: Browns Death
1887—Letter to Adct. Gen about a commission found in dead letter files