

FRANCIS MOORE DIARY TRANSCRIPTION EXCERPT
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SUMMARY

Size	4 pages
Geographic Locations	South Texas along the Rio Grande from Brownsville to Eagle Pass.
Inclusive Dates	1993 [1874-1875]
Languages	English
Summary	The collection consists of four pages of excerpted transcripts of a diary written by Francis Moore in 1874 and 1875 while stationed at various forts along the Rio Grande in South Texas.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Francis Moore spent over 45 years in the U.S. Army Cavalry. Thirteen of those years he was with the U.S. Army, 9th Cavalry, which became known as the Buffalo Soldiers.

During the Civil War in Louisiana, Moore helped establish regiments of black soldiers called colored regiments. After the war Moore became a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, 9th Cavalry and was stationed in South Texas to patrol the Rio Grande from Fort Brown in Brownsville to Fort Ringgold in Rio Grande City. In late 1875 the 9th Cavalry was sent to New Mexico and took part in the Indian fighting.

Moore was born in 1841 in Scotland and died in 1928 in San Antonio, Texas. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His wife was Agnes T. Moore.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of four pages of excerpted transcripts of a diary written by Francis Moore in 1874 and 1875 while stationed at various forts along the Rio Grande in South Texas. The entries are sketchy descriptions of his activities while in the Rio Grande area and mention some of the officers with whom he served. Several times he makes reference to Edinburgh, a Texas town on the Rio Grande which later changed its name to Hidalgo. He also relates two steamboat trips on the Rio Grande.

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United States. Army. Cavalry, 9th
Wade, James Franklin, 1843-1921

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