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Biographical Note:

A. J. Grayson, who wrote under the pseudonym Phelix Adair, was born in Decatur County, Indiana on December 26, 1838, the son of John Wren and Permelia (Cummins) Grayson. He began working for the Madison Courier at the age of twelve and would eventually become a compositor and foreman. During the Civil War, he served with the 6th
Indiana Infantry, companies D and E. Grayson was married to Mathilda Laurence, with whom he would have six children. He died in Franklin, Indiana on July 22, 1913.

Citation: Thompson, Donald Eugene. *Indiana Authors and Their Books.* Crawfordsville, IN: Wabash College, 1974.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains newspaper articles (typed copies) written by Phelix Adair about the Civil War and his life. In the first article, he talk about the Old Madison Band, and how they encouraged Union soldiers by playing "Yankee Doodle" at the battle of Shiloh. In the second he discusses Madison and the industries along the Crooked Creek Valley and how they had changed since his childhood. The third tells a tale of Billie Rahe, a little boy who traded with soldiers and amassed a large collection of gunpowder and mini-balls.

Item Listing:

Folder 1.

9 May 1883	Newspaper article (typed copy) from the Madison Courier, "Old Yankee Band," by Phelix Adair
23 May 1910	Newspaper article (typed copy) from the Madison paper, by Phelix Adair
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