

## Colored Battery at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

A carte de visite photograph showing the men of the Independent Battery, U.S. Colored Light Artillery, positioned in front of the guard house at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. The battery was commanded by Union officer Captain H. Ford Douglas and has often been referred to as "Douglas's Battery." Captain Douglas himself was one of the few black officers in the Union Army during the war and worked tirelessly to better the conditions under which his men served.

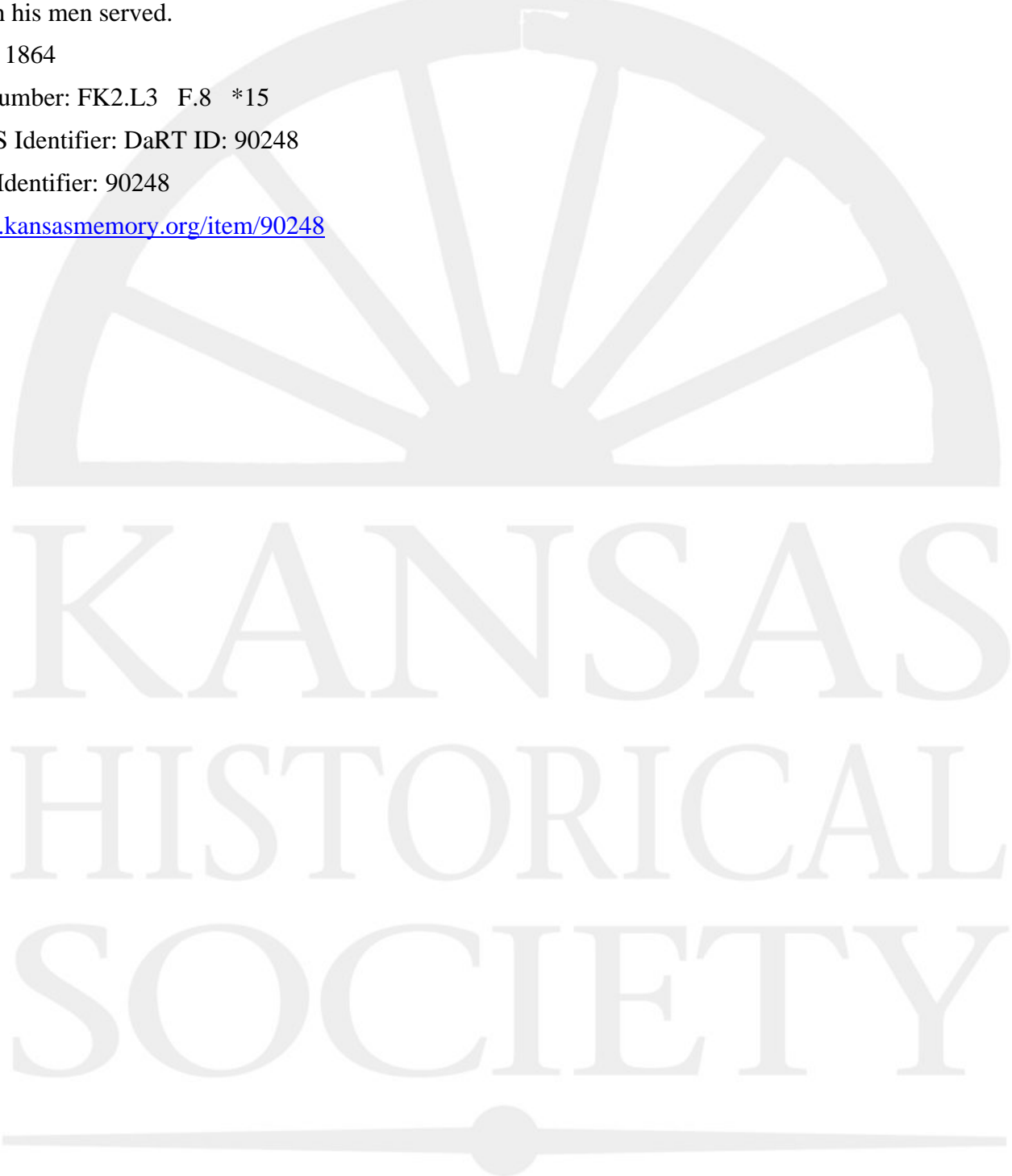
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