

**COLLIER, JAMES MARSHALL.**  
**James Marshall Collier papers, 1858-1865**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Collier, James Marshall.  
**Title:** James Marshall Collier papers, 1858-1865  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 316  
**Extent:** 1 microfilm reel (MF)  
**Abstract:** Microfilm copy of the papers of Confederate soldier and physician James Marshall Collier, of Norfolk, Virginia, who served in the 9th Virginia Infantry Regiment. Also includes letters of Confederate soldier John P. Shaffer who served in 14th Alabama Infantry Regiment.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on access**

Unrestricted access.

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#### **Source**

Loaned for microfilming, 1957.

#### **Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], James Marshall Collier papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

James Marshall Collier, Confederate soldier and physician, was born ca. 1840. He was from the Norfolk, Virginia, area but his date of death is unknown. He fought with the 9th Virginia

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Infantry Regiment, Armistead's Brigade, Hugar's Division during the Civil War, and was appointed to the Surgical Corps in 1864. Apparently he was a prisoner sometime in 1864-1865.

John P. Shaffer was born March 13, 1841 and died May 10, 1909. His family were natives of South Carolina. He lost part of his foot while he was a lieutenant in the 14th Alabama Infantry Regiment. He married Margaret (Steed) Bell, widow of Capt. John Bell, December 26, 1862. He was ordained as a minister in 1863 and organized Roanoke College in 1875.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the papers of James Marshall Collier from 1858-1865. The papers include correspondence, a bill, military documents, and envelopes. Letters are recommendation for Collier as a "gentleman" and druggist; from Collier to his mother (1862-1863); and from John P. Shaffer (possibly a Collier relative) to his fiancée (1862). In Collier's letters to his mother, he discusses clothing being made or mail sent and received by him from friends and relatives. Very little reference is made of battle details during the war. The account or bill (1859) is Shaffer's; he served with the 14th Alabama Infantry and married Margaret Steed Bell, a widow. Shaffer became a minister and organizer of Roanoke College. Military documents are Collier's and include orders and a parole. Typed copies of selected items are available.

### **Finding Aid Note**

Chronological analysis available for the collection.

