

# GILLIS FAMILY.

## Gillis family papers, 1859-1865

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Gillis family.  
**Title:** Gillis family papers, 1859-1865  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 300  
**Extent:** 1 microfilm reel (MF)  
**Abstract:** Microfilm copy of the papers relating to the Confederate Civil War service of the Gillis family of Jamestown, Georgia.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Collection Description

#### Biographical Note

The Gillis family was apparently from Jamestown, Georgia. Four Gillis brothers served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. The unit rank of W.S. Gillis is unknown, though he apparently had attended (1859) Emory and Henry College, in Virginia. His three brothers were lieutenants; M. Gillis served in Company G, 46th Georgia Infantry Regiment; Neil Gillis and Daniel Gillis served with the 39th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Neil was captured in Nashville, Tennessee. Among them, the brothers served in Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama and participated in the battles of Nashville and Franklin, Tennessee.

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**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of letters relating to the Gillis family of Jamestown, Georgia from 1859-1865. Most letters are from the four Gillis brothers to each other or to their father and sister. One letter is written by another Confederate soldier (W.J.M. Graham). Their experiences in the Confederate Army are described including opinions of persons in command, African American Union troops, and hardships endured.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
MF1	1	1859, August 17: W.S. Gillis to Neil, Emory, VA (Emory and Henry College)
MF1	2	1862, March 21: W.J.M. Graham to Dan Gillis, Camp Philips, Beaudiew, Georgia [This letter appears last on the microfilm]
MF1	3	1862, April 7: W.S. Gillis to Dan, Camp Calhoun, near McTearsonville, South Carolina
MF1	4	1862, [May 6]: Lieut. M. Gillis to Capt. Dillard, Company G., 46th Georgia Infantry Regiment
MF1	5	1862, May 9: M. Gillis to J.M. Cleveland, Charleston, South Carolina
MF1	6	1862, [May]: M. Gillis to Neil, Charleston, South Carolina
MF1	7	1863, February 16: M. Gillis to Neil, Charleston, South Carolina
MF1	8	1864, March 4: Neil to Mary, Camp, 39th Alabama Regiment, near Dalton, Georgia
MF1	9	1864, September 8: Neil to Mary, Camp, 39th Alabama Regiment, Lovejoy Station, 6 mi. below Jonesboro, Georgia
MF1	10	1864, September 27: W.S. Gillis to Mary, Cairns Hospital, Ward D., Columbus, Georgia
MF1	11	1864, October 22: Neil to Mary, Camp, 39th Alabama Regiment, Gadsden, Alabama
MF1	12	1865, January 1: Daniel Gillis to Pa, Tupelo, Mississippi
MF1	13	1865, January 2: M. Gillis to Paw, Corinth, Mississippi
MF1	14	1865, January 11: Daniel to (addressee not named-an added note) n.p.
MF1	15	1865, January 19: Daniel to Mary, Camp, 39th Alabama Regiment, near Tupelo, Mississippi
MF1	16	1865, January 22: M. Gillis to Sister, Tupelo, Mississippi

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