HARRIS FAMILY.
Harris family papers, 1857-1863

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Harris family.
Title: Harris family papers, 1857-1863
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 405
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box) and 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Papers of Confederate soldiers John R. Harris (1st Georgia Infantry Regiment (Ramsey's)), Charles Robert Harris (6th Georgia Infantry Regiment), and William G. Harris (36th Georgia Infantry Regiment), of Fancy Hill, Georgia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
John R. Harris, Charles Robert Harris, and William G. Harris, sons of John N. Harris of Fancy Hill, Georgia, were all soldiers in the Confederate Army. John served as a private in the 1st Georgia Infantry Regiment (Ramsey's); Charles served with the 6th Georgia Infantry Regiment; and William served with the 36th Georgia Infantry Regiment. They served in Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the letters (1857; 1861-1863) of the Harris brothers to their family from camps in Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi, and document their activities in camp, movements of their companies, illness, William's capture and parole, and William's concern for his family. The Harris brothers wrote from Camp Bartow, Greenbrier River, Virginia (telling of action on October 3, 1861); from Camp Skidway, near Savannah, Georgia; from Chickamauga, and near Knoxville, Tennessee; and from Meridian and Vicksburg, Mississippi. A calendar with fuller descriptions is copied with the film.

There is also a letter (1857) from "Til" (a girl at Southern Female College, LaGrange, Georgia) written to "Jennie"; one from Confederate soldier Tom Carter to his sister Jennie (Mrs. William G. Harris); and from Tennessee. Snooks to an unidentified female. A parole and an oath of allegiance is William's; another oath of allegiance is his father's. A roll of Company H, 36th Georgia Infantry Regiment may have been compiled by William Harris. There is a drawing of Cicero H. Furr's tombstone; he was with the 13th Georgia Infantry Regiment.

A collection also includes an original small diary with a few entries from January 1-June 28, 1862 belonging to Union soldier, H.A. Low, of the 10th or 11th Regiment, McCall's Division) and was apparently picked up by one of the Harris brothers.
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