

**LEE, JAMES H.**  
**James H. Lee letters, 1862-1864**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Lee, James H.  
**Title:** James H. Lee letters, 1862-1864  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 69  
**Extent:** .25 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Letters of Confederate soldier James H. Lee of Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama, who served in the 43rd Alabama Infantry Regiment.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

James H. Lee, Confederate soldier, lived in the Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama, area before his enlistment. He served as a private with the 43rd Alabama Infantry Regiment but saw little

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fighting until 1864, when the regiment went to Petersburg, Virginia. It is unknown whether he died there or surrendered with the regiment at Appomattox.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of 39 letters written primarily by James H. Lee to his wife, Joanne A. Lee and other family members from January 20, 1862 and July 27, 1864. They were written from Confederate military camps in Mobile and Montgomery, Alabama; Pensacola, Florida; Dalton and Augusta, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; Chattanooga, Cumberland Gap, and Strawberry Plains, Tennessee; and Coffins Farm and Petersburg, Virginia. James H. Lee wrote all but one of the letters--that having been written by W. D. Ingram to James H. Lee from Pensacola, Florida on January 20, 1862. Thirty-two of Lee's letters are to his wife and children, five to his father, and one to his sister. The letters in this collection are quite similar and primarily describe the monotony of daily life in an army camp and the deprivations endured by the common soldier. With the exception of some description of conditions in the trenches at Petersburg, Lee gives no account of battles or military maneuvers.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

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## Container List

| Box | Folder | Content   |
|-----|--------|---|
| 1   | 1      | Pensacola, Florida, January 20, 1862                    |
| 1   | 1      | Camp College [near Mobile, Alabama], May 29, 1862       |
| 1   | 1      | Camp College [near Mobile, Alabama], June 1, 1862       |
| 1   | 1      | Camp College [near Mobile, Alabama], June 9, 1862       |
| 1   | 1      | Camp College [near Mobile, Alabama], June 14, 1862      |
| 1   | 1      | State of Tennessee [near Chattanooga], July 9, 1862     |
| 1   | 1      | Camp Ledbetter, July 3, 1862                            |
| 1   | 1      | Camp Gracy, Jackson County, Alabama, July 25, 1862      |
| 1   | 1      | State of Georgia, Dalton, Georgia, July 12 and 15, 1862 |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, July or August, 1862                   |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, August 26, 1862                        |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, August 28, 1862                        |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, August 30, 1862                        |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, September 3, 1862                      |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, September 14, 1862                     |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, September 21, 1862                     |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, October 8, 1862                        |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, October 25, 1862                       |
| 1   | 1      | Dalton, Georgia, November 8, 1862                       |
| 1   | 1      | Cumberland Gap, December 22, 1862                       |
| 1   | 1      | Cumberland Gap, December 25, 1862                       |
| 1   | 1      | Cumberland Gap, December 28, 1862                       |
| 1   | 2      | Cumberland Gap, January 25, 1863                        |
| 1   | 2      | Cumberland Gap, February 24, 1863                       |
| 1   | 2      | Cumberland Gap, March 4, 1863                           |
| 1   | 2      | Cumberland Gap, March 25, 1863                          |
| 1   | 2      | Strawberry Plain, Tennessee, April 9, 1863              |
| 1   | 2      | Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 12, 1863                |
| 1   | 2      | Montgomery, Alabama, May 8, 1864                        |
| 1   | 2      | Augusta, Georgia, May 10, 1864                          |
| 1   | 2      | Columbia, South Carolina, May 12, 1864                  |
| 1   | 2      | Charlotte, North Carolina, May 13, 1864                 |
| 1   | 2      | North Carolina, May 16, 1864                            |
| 1   | 2      | Coffins Farm, Virginia, May 28, 1864                    |
| 1   | 2      | Near Petersburg, Virginia, July 24, 1864                |
| 1   | 2      | Petersburg, Virginia, July 27, 1864                     |

1      2      Near Morristown, Tennessee, no date

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