

LONG, NIMROD WILLIAM EZEKIAL, 1834-1923.

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Title: Nimrod William Ezekial Long papers, 1860-1865
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Extent: .25 linear feet (1 box), 1 oversized papers box (OP), and 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Correspondence of planter, legislator, and Confederate soldier Nimrod W. E. Long of Pike County, Alabama and his family, during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Nimrod William Ezekial Long (1834-1923) was a resident of Perote, Pike County, Alabama when, in May 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate Army. He served in Company B of the 51st Alabama Cavalry Regiment, Wheeler's Corps.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists mainly of correspondence written by Nimrod William Ezekial Long to his wife; as well as several that were written by and to various relatives--several of these being addressed to Mrs. N. W. E. Long. Much of the correspondence is concerned with advice about planting, harvesting, care of crops and livestock and farm tools and the discipline of Negroes. His letters also are concerned with camp life, food, clothing, morale, discipline, officers and civilians, and contain little about fighting. Typed copies of the letters follow the originals on the microfilm. The collection also contains photocopies of additional letters from Long to his wife that were donated to the Alabama Department of Archives and History; some genealogical information, and a Princeton University thesis about Long.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Microfilm: Letters from N. W. E. Long to his wife

Box	Folder	Content
MF1	1	1862 May ? - 30. 3 letters from Camp Stone and Camp Calhoun, both in Alabama.
MF1	2	1862 June 14 - August 22. 10 letters from Camp Beulah, near Mobile, Alabama. He writes that he expected the Negroes "to be idle," his officers had the privilege of choosing whether their company would be a cavalry or an artillery unit.
MF1	3	1862 September 25 - October 5. 4 letters from Rome, Georgia, (where they became part of Col. J. T. Morgan's Regt. of Cavalry) and Camps near Guntersville and Huntsville, Alabama. On September 25 he writes that Haynes was "trying to get the position of Chaplain" and reports were circulated about his immorality in camp."
MF1	4	1862 October 10 - January 22, 1863. 6 letters from camp sites south of Nashville – Franklin, Murfreesboro. He finds "Wheeler is very rigid in his discipline; much more so than Forrest and about like Bragg." He prefers scouting as more dangerous but easier than picketing.
MF1	5	1863 January 29 - May 31. 16 letters from camps in or near Fosterville, Tennessee. He is surprised at his ability to undergo hardships. She is to "use her own judgment about taking \$1300 for Ellen." He will not agree to his wife's request that he hire a substitute. He advises his wife to take an orphan, "this poor little girl had to be raised by someone, we had just as well shoulder the trouble and expense as any person teach her to respect herself and make the negroes respect her. I am afraid she is too old to eradicate her early training which is not apt to be good. Send her to school."
MF1	6	1863 July 8 - November 8. 8 letters from various camps in north Georgia and Alabama. From Alexandria, (Benton County, Alabama), where his wife and baby, George, visited him, he writes, "It is a great thing to get out of reach of the army." On September 12 he criticizes General Hindman for "not attacking them in the morning," apparently at "Pigeon? Mountain."
MF1	7	1863 November 15 - December 30. 3 letters from points in Tennessee - Madisonville, Bank of the Holston and near Morristown.
MF1	8	1864 June 1. 1 letter from "Right of Johnson's Army, "probably somewhere in north Georgia." He says that he writes letters frequently "for different ones of the Company who cannot write."

Miscellaneous letters

MF1	9	Miscellaneous letters: January 19, 1859. Edward Clark (Austin, Texas) to his cousin, N. W. E. Long. Apparently the answer to a letter inquiring about railroads in Texas, perhaps with the idea of seeking employment.
MF1	10	1863-1865. The other 6 letters were written during the war by various relatives.

Civil War letters [originals]

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| 1 | 1 | Long to wife, 1862 [microfilmed] |
| 1 | 2 | Long to wife, 1863 January - March 30 [microfilmed] |
| OP1 | 1 | Long to wife, 1863 February 1 |
| OP2 | | Long to wife, 1863 March 20 |
| 1 | 3 | Long to wife, 1863 April - 1864 January [microfilmed] |
| 1 | 4 | Family/friends, 1861, 1863 [not microfilmed] |

Civil War letters [not microfilmed; photocopies]

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| 1 | 5 | Long to wife, 1862-1864 [not on microfilm; photocopies of letters given to Alabama Dept. of Archives and History] |
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Other papers

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| 1 | 6 | Genealogical information |
| 1 | 7 | McGhee, Martha Long, "Native to the Soil: The Life and Times of Nimrod William Ezekiel Long of Alabama," thesis, Princeton University, 1977 |
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