Descriptive Summary

Creator: Manson, Charles A.
Title: Charles A. Manson papers, 1861-1918 (bulk 1861-1865)
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 454
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the papers of Union soldier Charles A. Manson of Bradford, Vermont who served first in the 4th or 6th Vermont Infantry Regiment, and then 17th Vermont Infantry Regiment.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access
Unrestricted access.

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Source
Loaned for microfilming, 1965.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], Charles A. Manson papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing
Processed by MRD, 1965.

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Biographical Note
Charles A. Manson (1844-?) of Bradford, Vermont first enlisted in 1861 as a private in the 4th Vermont Infantry Regiment, but possibly the 6th Vermont Infantry Regiment. In July 1864, he enlisted as a 3rd Corporal in the 17th Vermont Infantry Regiment. In October, 1864, he commanded his company for about 2 weeks, owing to heavy casualties among the officers. He was wounded in the right leg at Petersburg, Virginia about April 1, 1865 and spent the last weeks of his service in the hospital.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the papers of Charles A. Manson from 1861-1918, bulk 1861-1865. The papers include correspondence, genealogical information, military reunion badges, and photographs and pictures. The correspondence is of Manson and his relatives; the bulk written during the war and concerning his war experiences. Manson's letters mention some fighting but are primarily concerned with army life, food and cooking, his health, clothing, shelter, and his opinion of the South and Southern people. Pre and post-war letters are by his relatives except for one letter written by F.M. Weller, Ordnance Technical Board, A.E.F. (1918). The collection also contains military reunion badges, genealogical materials, and photographs and pictures which depict army life.