

MARTIN, WILLIAM T., D. 1862.
William T. Martin papers, 1861-1865

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Martin, William T., d. 1862.
Title: William T. Martin papers, 1861-1865
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 466
Extent: 1 microfilm reel(MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the papers of Confederate soldier William T. Martin who served in Company F, Orr's 1st Regiment of Rifles, South Carolina Vols during the Civil War. The collection mainly consists of family correspondence and Civil War documents including notes, receipts, memos, postal cards, and fragments.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

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Source

Loaned for microfilming, 1966.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], William T. Martin papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing

Processed by MRD, 1965.

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Biographical Note

William T. Martin, Confederate soldier, was born circa 1842, lived in Pickens County, South Carolina, and died August 5, 1862, in a hospital near Richmond, Virginia. He was a member of Orr's 1st South Carolina Regiment of Rifles and left Camp Pickens for Sullivan's Island, South Carolina (September 1861) where his regiment helped build the gunboat *Palmetto State*. He went to Virginia and was engaged in the Seven Days' Battles (July 1862) before he became ill and died at Chickahominy Hospital near Richmond. His father, Oliver Martin (b. 1817), was in service January 1864, in Barnett's 2nd Battalion of the South Carolina Reserves.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the papers of William T. Martin from 1861-1865. The papers contain approximately 300 pieces including 155 letters, 110 of which were written during the Civil War: 52 by William, 26 to him, 23 by or to Oliver Martin, and 9 by other members of the family. Included also are 32 Civil War documents, and a number of other items, including notes, receipts, memos, postcards, and fragments. Other correspondents were Elizabeth Martin, W. T. Holland, M. A. and Jackson Dalton, M. A. Phillips, H. F. Reeder, N. C. Hunt, and John Glenn, the majority of whom were relatives of the Martins. Many of these letters reveal the social, religious, and economic conditions of the people of the hill country of northwestern South Carolina.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Content |
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| MF1 | 1 | 1816-1850 |
| MF1 | 2 | 1851-March 1861 |
| MF1 | 3 | 1861 September 11-April 1862, William T. Martin's letters from Sullivan's Island |
| MF1 | 4 | May 10, 1862-July 21, 1862, William T. Martin's Letters from Virginia |
| MF1 | 5 | April 8, 1860-January 10, 1862, Letters to William T. Martin |
| MF1 | 6 | October 5, 1861-September 28, 1891, Letters by or to Oliver Martin |
| MF1 | 7 | January 1862-December 25, 1864, Civil War Letters by or to various other members of the family |
| MF1 | 8 | Other Civil War documents |
| MF1 | 9 | Post-war letters and other papers |
| MF1 | 10 | Miscellaneous papers |
