Descriptive Summary

Creator: McKinney, Samuel B.
Title: Samuel B. McKinney papers, 1858-1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 420
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of letters of Confederate soldier and government official Samuel B. McKinney, who served in the 18th Virginia Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Samuel B. McKinney entered the Confederate States Army on April 23, 1861, at Farmville, Virginia. He served in Company F of the 18th Virginia Infantry Regiment. During the early part of his service, he was stationed in the Leesburg area. Early in 1862, he moved with his regiment to the vicinity of Richmond. On March 21, 1862, he resigned his commission owing to ill health. About one month later, he became a clerk in the quartermaster or commissary department. He took part, as a civilian, in the defense of Richmond, as part of an organization of government employees.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of 26 letters, 1858-1864, written by Samuel B. McKinney to his sweetheart, and later his wife Bettie, whom he married during the war. They contain some good information on army life early in the war and on conditions in Richmond during the latter part of the conflict. Also included are photocopies of McKinney's service records from the National Archives.

Arrangement Note
Arranged in chronological order.