

NEAL, ANDREW JACKSON, 1837-1864.
Andrew Jackson Neal papers, 1856-1881 (bulk 1861-1864)

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Neal, Andrew Jackson, 1837-1864.
Title: Andrew Jackson Neal papers, 1856-1881 (bulk 1861-1864)
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 218
Extent: .5 linear ft. (2 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of Confederate soldier and lawyer, Andrew Jackson Neal of the Marion Light Artillery (Florida).
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Lieutenant Andrew Jackson Neal, son of John and Mary Jane Campbell Neal, was born at Zebulon, Pike County, Georgia, in 1837. He graduated in the class of 1856 from the University of Georgia and spent a year at the University of Virginia. A. J. Neal then studied law at the Law School in Lebanon, Tennessee. Upon completion of his law course he entered into law practice in Micanopy, Florida.

In 1861, Andrew Jackson Neal enlisted as a private in the Marion Light Artillery and was later promoted to lieutenant. He served with this unit until his death, August 10, 1864, after being shot during the Battle of Peachtree Creek. Lieutenant Neal was buried near his home in Zebulon. Later he was reinterred, along with his brother, James H. Neal, who was killed near Kingston, North Carolina March 8, 1865, at Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta.

The Neal family moved from Pike County to a newly built home at the southwest corner of Washington and Mitchell Streets in Atlanta circa 1856. On the approach of the Federal Army to Atlanta, the family fled to Zebulon. General Sherman maintained his headquarters in their Atlanta home throughout his occupation of Atlanta.

Scope and Content Note

The Andrew Jackson Neal papers mainly consist of letters written by Andrew Jackson Neal to various members of his family from 1856-1881. These letters were written from various points in East Tennessee and the vicinity of Atlanta and Dalton, Georgia, while Lieutenant Neal served with the Marion Light Artillery, 1861-1864. Topics discussed in his letters include an eyewitness account of the battle of Lookout Mountain, discussions of troop movements between Chattanooga and Atlanta, available provisions, skirmishes, and an account of the damage done to Atlanta.

Additional materials in this collection include a transcription of the obituary for A. J. Neal and a brief typed biographical sketch of Neal and his mother, both unsigned, but probably written by Miss Ella May Thornton, a niece of A. J. Neal and Librarian Emerita of the Georgia State Library. Along with these items are two typed copies of a letter sent by John Neal in 1881 to Colonel John M. Martin at Ocala, Florida, accompanying the flag of the Marion Light Artillery which the Neal family was returning. This letter and a list of officers of the company were copied from Mary E. Dickinson's *Dickinson and His Men* by Miss Ella May Thornton. A sketch of the Neal family home in Atlanta is also a part of this collection along with a brief, handwritten note about the house.

Container List

Correspondence-Use copies

| Box | Folder | Content |
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| 1 | 1 | 1861, 1863 |
| 1 | 2 | 1864 January-May |
| 1 | 3 | 1864 June-August |

Typed Transcripts-Use copies

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| 1 | 4 | 1861, 1863 |
| 1 | 5 | 1864 February-May |
| 1 | 6 | 1864 June-August |
| 1 | 7 | Additional correspondence: No original letters November 24, 1856, May 18, 1864 |
| 1 | 8 | Neal home: Sketch |
| 1 | 9 | Obituary and posthumous material |
