

SHORE, AUGUSTIN E.
Augustin E. Shore correspondence,
1849-1877 (bulk 1849-1865)

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Abstract: Correspondence between Confederate soldier Augustin E. Shore, who served in the 33rd North Carolina Infantry Regiment during the Civil War, and his relatives and his friends.
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Biographical Note

Augustin E. Shore, Confederate soldier, served with Company I of the 33rd North Carolina Infantry Regiment, Lane's Brigade. During the Civil War, his wife Anna lived in Bethania, North Carolina; other relatives lived in North Carolina and Tennessee. Shore's brother, Edward H. Shore, and friends Ed and Sam Kiger, also served in the same regiment.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of photocopies of 36 letters of Augustin E. Shore, relatives, and friends from 1849-1877. Eleven pre-war letters tell of farm life in West Tennessee in the 1850s, including crops grown, prices, railroad routes, wages for work on railroads being built in the region, courtships, log rollings, etc. There is some information on stage routes in North Carolina.

Twenty letters deal with the war service of Augustin E. Shore, his brother, Edward H. Shore, and family friends Ed and Sam Kiger, who all served in the 33rd North Carolina Infantry Regiment. Fourteen of these letters are from Augustin Shore to his wife Anna E. Shore, covering the period 1862-1865. He describes hard marches and poor rations under Stonewall Jackson and other generals. While hospitalized at Fairview Hospital in Lexington, Virginia and Pratt Hospital in Lynchburg, Virginia from about July, 1863 to about May 1864, he describes the hardships of hospital life. After returning to active duty in May or June of 1864, he describes heavy fighting near Petersburg, Virginia in June and July 1864, and operations near Richmond, Virginia. Some of the originals are written in pencil, on poor paper, and are barely decipherable; a few are torn to the extent of loss of some of the content.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Letters, Pre-war; 1849-1860

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Sally Hauser to Mrs. Troudel Carney. Obion County, Tennessee, January 9, 1849. "Dear Sister." Informs her of the death of her husband; cholera in area.
1	1	[?] Obion County, Tennessee to Augustin Shores. Forsyth County, Bethania, North Carolina, April 29, 1849. "Dear Brother." Reports railroad costing \$25,000 will be built. Reports on wheat crop, hogs.
1	1	E. Hauser to Dear Brother. Greensboro, North Carolina, June 6, 1853. Drives coach from Greensboro to Graham, 23 miles, for \$20 per month.
1	1	Mother, Bethania, North Carolina, to Augustin Shore. McDonald, Wilkinson County, Georgia, November 27, 1853. "Dear Son" and "Dear Brother." 2 parts. Describes farm work and crops.
1	1	Augustin Shore to Dear Uncle. Obion County, Tennessee, May 7, 1853. Humor of girls. Disjointed section. Speaks of railroad from Mobile to mouth of Ohio (to Obion line).
1	1	[?] to [?] April 8, 1855. Disjointed - a poem [?].
1	1	S. B. Shores and Polly Shores to Augustin Shore. Obion County, Tennessee, May 27, 1855. Dear brother. Talks of crops - corn, wheat; fruits - apples, peaches. Talks of building of railroad - to begin in 2 years. Price of produce.
1	1	Augustin Shore. July 4, 1855. Love poem.
1	1	John Hauser to Dear Uncle. Salem, North Carolina, August 13, 1856. "Father is now driving from Salisbury-Statesville."
1	1	Leander E. Shore to Edward H. Shore. Obion County, Tennessee, December 22, 1859. Snow. Has been working on railroad. Prices of produce. Can make a "heap of money" making "wiskey."
1	1	C. E. Shore to Dear Father and Mother. Obion County, Tennessee, October 20, 1859. Potatoes. Wheat and corn sowing. Parents are in North Carolina.
1	1	S. B. Shore and P. W. Shore to Wm. Kapp and Permilia Kapp. Obion County, Tennessee, June 24, 1860. "Dear brother and sister." Crops and growth - corn, grass; fruit trees; hogs; prices of crops. Calvin Shore - oldest son of S. B. Shore. Railroad from Memphis to Troy to Mound City on Ohio River. "I remain your sincere brother and sister . . ." "Polly wants (scratched out) - my wife wants. . . ."

Augustin E. Shore, Letters, 1862-1863

1	2	A. E. Shore to Anna E. Shore. Winchester Camp near Bunker Hill, Virginia, October 25, 1862. Dear Wife and Family. Brigade was at Hedgeensville - went to Harper's Ferry.
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- 1 2 A. E. Shore to A. E. Shore. Camp Gregg, Virginia, February 27, 1863. General Lane says no substitutes are accepted (thought he would be home by now). Rations are poor.
- 1 2 A. E. Shore, to Wife and Family. Camp Gregg, Virginia, March 18, 1863, 1 letter, 4 p. (sections undecipherable). Describes dress parade in which all of the troops do not have guns and receive penalty drill.
- 1 2 A. E. Shore to A. E. Shore. Camp Gregg, Virginia, March 29, 1863. Under orders to march ("Gen. Lee & Jackson can't rest much longer"). Writes that he sees no chance of getting out of the service - Gen. Lane has control over Brigade. "Tell John L. & Wm. W. Kapp me and Ed haven forgotten them."
- 1 2 A. E. Shore to Mrs. Anna E. Shore Bethania, North Carolina Camp Gregg, Virginia, March 29, 1863. Answers wife's letters - "you stated in your letter something about a substitute" - need not try because Lieut. Goslin will try to get one "for 2.60 galons of Brandy & Whiskey."
- 1 2 A. E. Shore to A. E. Shore. Fairview Hospital, Virginia, August 7, 186[?]. About 200 at hospital. "General Lee has ordered all soldiers from the Hospital to their Redgeinents that is able to bear armes." Does not feel he is well enough to go back.
- 1 2 E. H. Shore to Cristena Shore. Virginia Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia, August 16, 1863. He was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, July 3. Taken to Fort Delaware til Aug. 1, then paroled. Regiment was badly beaten by Yankees. A few words from: [?] Tuttle [?] to his mother: he is in the hospital with Edwin - been prisoner and sick.
- 1 2 A. E. Shore to A. E. Shore. Fairview Hospital, Lexington, Virginia, November 24, 1863. Been in hospital nearly 6 months. "I dont blame nobody to keep out if they can unless they would exempt noone what is able for Duty up to a certain age."

Augustin E. Shore, Letters 1864-1865

- 1 3 A. E. Shore to A. E. Shore. Fairview Hospital, Lexington, Virginia, January 10, 1864. Suffers in hospital - it is cold.
- 1 3 Augustin E. Shore to Anna E. Shore. Fairview Hospital, Lexington, Virginia, January 30, 1864. "People are mity frustrated in this country...."
- 1 3 E. H. Shore and E. D. Kiger to "My Dear old Mother and Sister." Liberty Mills, Virginia, February 24, 1864. All is quiet along the lines.
- 1 3 A. E. Shore to Anna E. Shore. Fairview Hospital, Lexington, Virginia, February 26, 1864. Some are re-enlisting for the war. Order given to send all men not under medical treatment back to commands.
- 1 3 E. H. Shore and E. D. Kiger to Mother & Sister. Liberty Mills, Virginia, March 12, 1864. "Dear Mother and Sister." Duty in camp is heavy- rations are short; fasting. "Remain son and brother."
- 1 3 A. Shore to A. E. Shore. Lynchburg, Virginia, Pratt Hospital. April 2, 1864. "Dear wife." Incomplete letter. Has pain in back and hips. Has had small pox.

- 1 3 E. Shore to Anne E. Shore. Richmond, Virginia, June 16, 1864. Writes of hardships. Writes of friends in service.
- 1 3 [?] to [?]. On Picket near Richmond, Virginia, July 17, 1864. Dear Brother. Reports a great deal of sickness. Hard times in the Regiment. Fought near Petersburg.
- 1 3 A. E. Shore to [?]. On Picket near Chafins Bluff on James River, July 19, 1864. Not in good health.
- 1 3 A. E. Shore to E. H. and [?] Shore. Chafins Bluff, August 2, 1864. Describes fight of Lane's Brigade, July 28. "We had our asses whipped off us." Also: Sam Kriger to Dear Friend. - hit but not seriously wounded.
- 1 3 A. E. Shore to Wife. The lines near Petersburg, February 8, 1865. Describes fighting near Petersburg.

Augustin E. Shore, Letters 1865-1877

- 1 4 A. E. Shore to A. E. Shore. Petersburg, Virginia, February 15, 1865. Encounters with Yankees in last few days.
- 1 4 James M. Smith to Mr. Shore. Joliet, Ind., 2 December 3, 1865. "...times are getting more peacably here than they have been since the first shot was fired in this rebellion." "I am in hopes that Congress will make some provisions where by the negroes will not be permitted to trouble their old masters much longer." Segments: Undated:
- 1 4 E. H. Shore to Mother and Sister. Send letters to Co. I, 33 Regt, North Carolina Troops, Lane's Brigade.
- 1 4 E. D. Kiger to Dear mother and sister. Describes train trip. Cold weather; "Cook and McRay suffered a great deal in the battel."
- 1 4 S. A. Smith to Mr. Augustine Shore. Jolietville, Indiana, November 4, 1877. Tells of death of her husband 5 years earlier. Describes what children are doing. "we built east of where we lived when you stayed with us."