

WATTERS, RICHARD P., D. 1862.
Richard P. Watters correspondence, 1861-1862

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Watters, Richard P., d. 1862.
Title: Richard P. Watters correspondence, 1861-1862
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 299
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the letters of Confederate soldier Richard P. Watters, who served in the 8th Georgia Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Source

Loaned for microfilming by Julian Q. Watters, 1956.

Custodial History

Julian Q. Watters was the great-nephew of Richard P. Watters.

Citation

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Appraisal Note

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Processing

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Biographical Note

Richard P. Watters (d. 1862) was the son of Joseph Watters and his wife, a Miss Aycock, both of Oglethorpe County, Georgia. Joseph Watters was a member of the Georgia State Legislature, a member of the committee on Indian affairs, and an ardent admirer of Andrew Jackson. He named his own plantation "Hermitage" after Jackson's home in Tennessee. A small settlement still exists there under the same name. Joseph and his wife were the parents of 10 boys, nine of whom served in the Confederate Army. The other son lost an arm firing a cannon at the Atlanta Military School in celebration of the election of Joseph E. Brown as Governor of Georgia. Richard served in the Rome Light Guards, 8th Georgia Infantry Regiment. He died of wounds received at the Battle of Sharpsburg in the fall of 1862.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the correspondence of Richard P. Watters from 1861-1862. The 22 letters in this collection were written from Confederate military camps in Virginia between June 18, 1861 and October 3, 1862. All but three were written by Richard P. Watters, 10 to his unmarried sister, Nettie, seven to his brother, Will, one to his father, Joseph Watters, and one, apparently a fragment, has no date, place or addressee. Three of the letters (September 22, 23, and October 3, 1862) were written by George L. Aycock, first cousin of Richard P. Watters, one each to Joseph, Nettie and Will Watters. In these letters Aycock tells of Richard's having been wounded at the battle of Sharpsburg, of several reports that he was sent to a hospital at Winchester, Virginia, and of his sending a friend to Winchester to see him, being too ill to go himself. The friend, Dan Miller, was unable to find Richard at any of the hospitals at Winchester.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
MF1	1	1861 June 18, R. P. Watters to Nettie, Camp Defiance, Virginia
MF1	2	1861 June 29, R. P. Watters to Will, Winchester, Virginia
MF1	3	1861 July 4, R. P. Watters to Will, Camp Washington
MF1	4	1861 July 11, R. P. Watters to father
MF1	5	1861 July 29, R. P. Watters to sister, Manassas Junction
MF1	6	1861 July 31, R. P. Watters to brother, Camp near Bull Run
MF1	7	1861 August 24, R. P. Watters to sister, Camp Bartow, near Manassas
MF1	8	1861 August 28, R. P. Watters to sister, Camp Bartow, near Manassas
MF1	9	1861 September 3, R. P. Watters to brother, "Camp without a name," Virginia
MF1	10	1861 September 7, R. P. Watters to brother, Camp Bartow
MF1	11	1861 September 13, R. P. Watters to brother, "Camp I don't know what"
MF1	12	1861 September 18, R. P. Watters to brother, Mason's Hill, Virginia
MF1	13	1861 October 9, R. P. Watters to sister, Gordonsville, Virginia
MF1	14	1861 October 12, R. P. Watters to sister
MF1	15	1861 December 8, R. P. Watters to sister, Centerville, Virginia
MF1	16	1861 December 31, R. P. Watters to sister
MF1	17	1862 January 22, R. P. Watters to Nettie
MF1	18	1862 March 1, R. P. Watters to sister, Camp Sam Jones
MF1	19	1862 undated, R. P. Watters to [?] (two-page note)
MF1	20	1862 September 22, George L. Aycock to Uncle Joe, Martinsburg, Virginia
MF1	21	1862 September 23, George L. Aycock to Nettie, Near Martinsburg, Virginia
MF1	22	1862 October 3, George L. Aycock to Cousin Will, 6 miles from Winchester, Virginia
