

WREN, GEORGE LOVICK PIERCE, 1836-1901.

George Lovick Pierce Wren diaries, 1858-1864

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Wren, George Lovick Pierce, 1836-1901.
Title: George Lovick Pierce Wren diaries, 1858-1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 249
Extent: .125 linear ft. (1 partial box)
Abstract: Diaries of Louisiana Confederate soldier and Emory College graduate George Lovick Pierce Wren.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

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Related Materials in This Repository

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Source

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Citation

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

George Lovick Pierce Wren, Confederate soldier and educator, was born in 1836 in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, and died in 1901. After moving to Putnam County, Georgia, he matriculated as a sophomore at Emory College in January 1857 and graduated in 1859. He was mustered into Company G, 8th Louisiana Infantry Regiment ("Minden Blues") on June 23, 1861, serving first as a private and later as a second lieutenant. He was captured at Port Republic on June 9, 1862, imprisoned at Fort Delaware, and exchanged on August 5, 1862. Returning to service in early 1863 after a lengthy furlough, he sprained an ankle, was hospitalized at Richmond, captured again on 10 or 12th of May, 1864, re-incarcerated at Fort Delaware, and released after taking the Oath of Allegiance on June 15, 1865. After the war, he was a teacher in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of three original diaries of George Lovick Pierce Wren, a typed copy of one diary, and a photograph.

The first diary (1858-1859) provides a narrative of student and academic life during Wren's junior and senior years at Emory College. The second diary (1861-1862) describes his initial army service; comments on serious fighting at Sharpsburg, Maryland, and in Virginia; and covers the time period of his first imprisonment. The third diary (1863-1864) mentions action in Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina; refers to hardships and religious revivals among the soldiers; and describes his injury, hospitalization, and capture, as well as conditions in prison. This diary contains personal accounts and lists of company funds loaned as well as the words to a song "The Banks of the Potomac". It also contains "autographs" (signatures and regiments) of servicemen from a variety of units, possibly men imprisoned with him in 1864-1865. Especially in the third diary, entries are infrequent and lengthy, containing narrative about many events, with some observations apparently based on information received while he was in prison. A reproduction of a photograph of Wren in uniform (1863) has been added to the collection.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Diary, Emory College, 1858-1859
1	2	Diary, Emory College, 1858-1859, transcription
1	3	Diary, 1861-1862
1	4	Photograph, 1863
1	5	Diary 1863-1865, envelope
