

# 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.

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### Administrative Information

#### Restrictions on access

Unrestricted access.

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Emory College diary is also available as a typed copy. Original diaries and typed copy of Emory College diary are also available on microfilm.

#### Related Materials in This Repository

Henry Morton Bullock papers

#### Source

Gift, 1970.

#### 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.

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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
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

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