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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains a number of letters written by Samuel A. Creelman to family and friends during the Civil War. It also contains obituaries about Creelman, a copy of his publication *Collections of a Coffee Cooler*, and an essay written by Creelman to be read at his funeral.

Creator

Creelman, Samuel A., d.1906

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Samuel A. Creelman was a native of Pennsylvania. He served as a Union soldier during the American Civil War in Company A of the 101st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was captured and taken prisoner at Plymouth, North Carolina, on April 20, 1864. He spent the months of May through September of 1864 at the prison camp in Andersonville, Georgia. In September of 1864 he was then moved to the prison camp at Florence, South Carolina.

After the war, Creelman settled in Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania. He became the president of the Wilkesburg Building and Loan Association, a justice of the peace, and an active member in the Western Pennsylvania Audubon Society. He died in 1906 in his home in Wilkesburg from heart failure.

Scope and Content

Samuel A. Creelman, a native of Pennsylvania, served as Union soldier in the American Civil War in Company A of the 101st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. This collection consists of letters written by Creelman to his family and friends from various camps in Virginia during 1861 and 1862. In the letters, Creelman details the day to day details of camp life, inquires about people on the homefront, and discusses friends who died. After the Civil War, Creelman renounced Christianity and marked over certain passages of a religious nature from the letters.

The collection includes an address written by Creelman titled "Origin and Destiny, or My View of Life and Death," with the instructions, "To be read at my funeral instead of sermon," which expresses some of Creelman's views on life and death. The collection contains obituaries and a copy of *Collections of Coffee Cooler*, published in 1890 and written by Creelman about his war experiences, especially his capture at Plymouth, North Carolina, and his subsequent imprisonment at Andersonville, Georgia, and Florence, South Carolina.

Keywords

Civil War

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

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Description of Subordinate Components

Papers

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