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Abstract

Letter from William L. Scott, a private in Company B, 15th North Carolina Infantry, during the American Civil War.

Creator

Scott, W. L. (William L.)

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Biographical Note

William L. Scott appears in the 1850 census as a six-year-old child living in the Caswell County, North Carolina, residence of Azariah and Deborah Scott, together with Martha F. Scott, five, and two other Scott children. The 1860 census shows a 16-year-old W. L. Scott living in the Caswell County home of Jno. and Lucy Manly. William L. Scott enlisted in the 15th North Carolina Infantry at Raleigh on July 15, 1862.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single letter written by William L. Scott, a private in Company B, 15th North Carolina Infantry, during the American Civil War. Writing to his sister Martha from Richmond, Virginia, on July 11, 1863, Scott describes a recent skirmish (probably the action at South Anna River on July 4, 1863) in which Confederates defended a bridge from destruction by Union forces. He refers to several war-related rumors, including word that Lee is in Maryland.

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