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1861-1938



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Abstract

The collection consists of letters written mostly by Isaac White (1837-1889) to his wife, Mary Virginia "Jinnie" Day White, while he served with the Confederate Army as an assistant surgeon during the American Civil War. Many of the letters are written while encamped along the Shenandoah Valley. Other papers include literature gathered by Bess Duvall White Snead, White's grand-daughter, in her search for military information about Isaac White.

Creator

Snead, Bess Duvall White

Creator

White, Isaac, 1837-1889

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box, 1 oversize folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

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Biographical Note

Isaac White was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, on January 29, 1837. He graduated in 1859 from the Medical College of Virginia. He married Mary Virginia Day (1840-1922) on November 6, 1860. He and Mary bore two sons, John Day White (1864-1923), and George White.

During the American Civil War on May 27, 1861, White was commissioned as an assistant surgeon in the Virginia Active Volunteer Forces, with the rank of captain. He was appointed as an assistant surgeon in the Confederate Army on September 2, 1861, and served in the 31st Virginia Infantry Regiment until his resignation on December 6, 1861. On May 13, 1862, he was appointed a major in the 29th Virginia Infantry Regiment, effective until his resignation on October 18, 1862. He served as acting assistant surgeon in Montgomery White Sulphur Springs Hospital (a resort before and after the war) in Montgomery County, Virginia, from September 8, 1862, until January 8, 1863. He was appointed assistant surgeon in the 62nd Virginia Regiment Mounted Infantry on March 24, 1863. It is unknown when he ended his service with this regiment. White was captured on December 10, 1864, and taken as a prisoner of war, until he was released at Camp Hamilton, Virginia, on January 6, 1865.

After the war, White was a resident physician at Montgomery White Sulphur Springs and Allegheny Springs resorts, and wrote for the Lynchburg and Richmond newspapers describing the history and social conditions of the local resorts as they were in their glory days. Isaac White died on August 3, 1889, at his home in Shawsville, Virginia, and is buried in the family graveyard on the property.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of letters written mostly by Isaac White to his wife, Mary Virginia Day White, while he served with the Confederate Army as an assistant surgeon during the American Civil War. He refers to her as Jinnie in the letters. Many of the letters are written while encamped along the Shenandoah Valley. Other papers include literature gathered by Bess Duvall White Snead, Isaac White's grand-daughter, in her search for military information about Isaac White.

Keywords

Civil War

Folk, historical, and patent medicine

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Medicine

Medicine, Military -- History

Montgomery County (Va.)
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
White, Mary Virginia Day, 1840-1922

Existence and Location of Copies

The collection, with complete transcripts, has been digitized and is available online.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Transcript of Isaac White letters done by George Snead

Unit Date 1938

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Container 1 (folder)

Certificate to Isaac White certifying his appointment to Surgeon with the rank of Captain

Unit Date May 27, 1861

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Letter to Alfred (James A. Agee of Appomattox County, Virginia) from S.H. Mullan of Highland Co., Virginia

Unit Date June 8, 1861

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Letter to Alfred from S.H. Mullan

Unit Date February 3, 1862

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Letter to Alfred and Sarah from Mullan

Unit Date July 4, 1862

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Container 5 (folder)

Letter to Isaac White from Colonel James D. Imboden inviting White to apply as a surgeon in Imboden's regiment

Unit Date July 24, 1862

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Container 6 (folder)

Letter to Isaac White from the Assistant Secretary of War inviting him to appear before the board for his examination for the position of Assistant Surgeon

Unit Date December 22, 1862

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp Washington

Unit Date April 13, 1863

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Container 8 (folder)

Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Buckhannan Upshur Co. Virginia

Unit Date May 2, 1863

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Williamsport, Maryland

Unit Date July 9, 1863

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Harrisonburg, Virginia

Unit Date August 20, 1863

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Harrisonburg, Virginia

Unit Date September 7, 1863

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp, 10 Miles North of Harrisonburg, Virginia

Unit Date September 13, 1863

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp Near Dayton, Virginia

Unit Date September 30, 1863

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp Near Dogton

Unit Date October 6, 1863

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Container 15 (folder)

Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp 18 Miles NW of Staunton

Unit Date October 24, 1863

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Harrisonburg

Unit Date November 18, 1863

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Container 17 (folder)

Letter to Isaac from Grandma Day

Unit Date December 8, 1863

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp 5 Miles from Staunton

Unit Date December 24, 1863

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Letter from Mary Day to White(?)

Unit Date February 28, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp Near Dear Field, Virginia

Unit Date March 9, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Mt. Crawford, Virginia

Unit Date April 30, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Woodstock, Virginia

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Newmarket, Virginia

Unit Date May 16, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Hanover Junction, Virginia

Unit Date May 20, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Hanover Junction, Virginia

Unit Date May 27, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - On The Battle Field

Unit Date June 3, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Charlottesville, Virginia

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Charlottesville, Virginia

Unit Date June 12, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp 4 Miles of Salem

Unit Date June 22, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp Near Staunton

Unit Date June 27, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Strausburg, Virginia

Unit Date July 22, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp Near Jefferson Co. Virginia

Unit Date August 9, 1864

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Letter from Isaac to his Mother - Camp 8 Miles Above ?

Unit Date August 11, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Camp Lurray Valley, Virginia

Unit Date August 17, 1864

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Letter from Isaac to his Mother - Camp Lurray Valley, Virginia

Unit Date August 17, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac

Unit Date August 19, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Jefferson Co., Virginia

Unit Date August 24, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Strausburg, Virginia

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - Port Republic

Unit Date October 2, 1864

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Letter to Jinnie from Isaac - On Pickett Near Newhope, Virginia

Unit Date October 6, 1864

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Telegraph to Jinnie from Isaac - Mt. Dr (?)

Unit Date October 20, 1864

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Envelopes of letters from Isaac White

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Letter from Leslie Day to Leslie's Sister - Bluefield, West Virginia

Unit Date September 21, 1897

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Note from Bank of Christiansburg, Virginia

Unit Date November 28, 1900

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Isaac White's War Record from the Adjutant General's office of the U.S. War Department

Unit Date May 16, 1938

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Virginia State Library Certificate from Wilmer Hall, State Librarian

Unit Date December 7, 1938

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Letter to Mrs. S.C. Snead from Mr. Hall, State Librarian, showing the service of Isaac White in the Confederate Army

Unit Date December 8, 1938

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Blank Sheet of Snead Lumber Company paper

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Story of Mrs. Payne's Life - "A Brief Outline of My Life, Written for the Benefit of my Grandchildren"

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Invoice of Medicines, Instruments, Hospital Stores, Bedding, Etc. issued to Surgeon Isaac White, Camp Alaghany by Surgeon E.W. Johns, signed by E.W. Johns, Surgeon and Medical Purveyor

Unit Date August 26, 1861

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