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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1860-1864

Language

English .

Abstract

The collection contains seven letters written to and from members of the Barnes family between 1861 and 1864 and two handwritten poems.

Creator

Perrpoint, J.(?) H. , Jr.

Creator

Barnes, Uz, abt. 1807-1879

Creator

Barnes, Thomas Rufus, b. abt. 1842-1864

Creator

Barnes family

Creator

Barnes, James H.

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Barnes Family Correspondence must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The Barnes Family Correspondence was purchased by Special Collections in October 2009.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Uz Barnes was born about 1807 and died in November of 1879. Between 1840 and 1870, the family lived in and around Monongalia and Marion, Virginia (later West Virginia). Uz Barnes enlisted in November of 1862 and was discharged with his regiment in May 1865. He and his wife, Mary, had at least four children: Thomas Rufus, Benjamin, John S., and Asa, and probably James H. Uz Barnes and Thomas R. Barnes both fought within the 10th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry as Privates. Thomas Rufus Barnes was born about 1842. He mustered in with the 10th Regiment in April 1862 and died from wounds received at Winchester, Virginia, in September 1864. No information was found about James H. Barnes' service during the war.

Scope and Content

The collection contains seven letters written to and from members of the Barnes family between 1861 and 1864. Also included are two handwritten poems. The correspondence documents the lives of Uz and Thomas Rufus and James H. Barnes (father and sons, respectively) while serving during the Civil War. Letters including rumors of troop movement and Thomas Rufus's wounding at Winchester in September of 1864.

Of the manuscript poems, Thomas Rufus Barnes dated both with two versions of his signature on March 12, 1860. The first poem, labelled "Hollow," seems to have appeared in a number of newspapers during the mid-19th century under the title "All Hollow, Hollow, Hollow." The second poem, "The Banks of--" seems to be a copy of "The Banks of the Schuylkill."

Keywords

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

Civil War

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Barnes, James H.

Barnes, Uz, abt. 1807-1879

Barnes, Thomas Rufus, b. abt. 1842-1864

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

"Hollow" and "On the Banks of --" Poems

Unit Date March 12, 1860

folder 1

Letter to Thomas Rufus Barnes from J.(?) H. Perrpoint, Jr.

Unit Date December 22, 1861

folder 1

Letter to Mary Barnes from Thomas Rufus Barnes

Unit Date April 17, 1862

folder 1

Letter to James H. Barnes from Thomas Rufus Barnes

Unit Date November 24, 1862

folder 1

Letter from Uz Barnes to unknown (possibly Mary Barnes)

Unit Date April 8 and 13, 1863

folder 1

Letter to Mary Barnes from Thomas Rufus

Unit Date May 4, 1863

folder 1

Letter to Thomas Rufus and Uz Barnes from James H. Barnes

Unit Date July 25, 1863

folder 1

Letter from Uz Barnes to Mary Barnes(?)

Unit Date August 1, 1863 (?)

folder 1