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Abstract

A collection of two letters written by Nancy (Nannie) Figgat to her husband Private Charles Figgat, of the 1st Regiment, Virginia Cavalry, Company C.

Creator

Figgat, Nancy Godwin, 1835-1919

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

DIGITAL CONTENT

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

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Biographical Note

Private Charles Figgat, served in the 1st Regiment, Virginia Cavalry, Company C in the Civil War. He had earlier served as a clerk at Stonewall Jackson's headquarters.

Scope and Content

Two letters from Nancy (Nannie) G. Figgat addressed to her husband, Private Charles Figgat, of the 1st Regiment, Virginia Cavalry, Company C.

The first letter (8 pages), dated November 27, 1863, from Fincastle, Virginia, is written on two identical pages of captured Union patriotic stationery with an engraving of an Antietam scene. In the letter, Mrs. Figgat recounts reuniting with a 'dear bro' after 4 months of imprisonment as well as the failing health of their young son, Meade. Nannie also tells her husband "Your Pa told me to tell you to 'go to a camp of instruction before you accepted a Lieutenancy.'"

In the second letter (4 pages), dated December 5, 1863, and written on captured Union patriotic stationery with an engraving of Marshall House proprietor James Jackson shooting Col. Elmer Ellsworth, is an update of their son's worsening condition. "I cannot see that there is any hope for his recovery." The child would die two days later.

Transcriptions for both letters are included.

Related Materials

Ms2000-092, Southwest Virginia Counties Collection. A [finding aid](#) is available online. This collection includes accounting and memoranda books, receipts, correspondence, poetry, and recipes from a number of related families including the Godwins (Nancy Figgat's maiden name). At least one of the recipe books was compiled by Nancy Figgat in the late 1860s.

Keywords

Civil War

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

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