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Creator

Tippett, William S. , b. 1836

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Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

William Tippet was born about 1836. Family records suggest he may have been born in Baltimore, MD, while enlistment records suggest he may have been born in Bath County, VA. Prior to the Civil War, he worked as a painter. Tippet enlisted with Company I, 1st West Virginia Infantry in October 1861. He was wounded at Winchester in March 1862; promoted in November 1862; captured at Moorefield, VA, in September 1863; a POW at Belle Island until March 1864; and at parole camp in MD until May 1864.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a single letter from Sgt William S. Tippet to his wife, Maggie. Written from a parole camp in Annapolis, Maryland, the letter opens with Tippet's comments on news from home. A majority of the letter, however, details his stay in Belle Island prison (Richmond) from September 1863 until early March 1864. In particular, he describes the food (or lack of) and the poor conditions.

Related Materials

The Library of Virginia is home to six diaries kept by William S. Tippet from 1861-1864. See [website](#) for more details.

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