

# Conway, Dr. W. B. and Julia Ellen Thomas Correspondence

Dr. W. B. Conway and Julia Ellen Thomas Correspondence,  
1869-1870



## Title Statement

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1869-1870

### Language

English .

### Abstract

The Dr. W. B. Conway and Julia Ellen Thomas Correspondence contains letters exchanged between the couple from 1869 to 1870 before they were married.

### Creator

Conway, William Buchanan, 1845-1920

### Creator

Conway, Julia Ellen Thomas, 1848-1916

### Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

## Repository

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# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

## Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Dr. W. B. Conway and Julia Ellen Thomas Correspondence must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

## Acquisition Information

The Dr. W. B. Conway and Julia Ellen Thomas Correspondence was donated to Special Collections in 2014.

## Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Dr. W. B. Conway and Julia Ellen Thomas Correspondence was completed in December 2014.

## Preferred Citation

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# Biographical Note: William B. Conway

Dr. William B. Conway was born in Ellerslie, Virginia, in 1845. Conway studied at Virginia Military Institute for a year, but left school to enlist as a private in Company C, 4th Virginia Cavalry. He served through the war, and afterwards studied medicine under the tutelage of Dr. Alfred Taliaferro at Culpeper Courthouse. He then studied at Washington University in Baltimore and graduated in 1869. Upon graduation, he left Baltimore to practice medicine at Mount Vernon Iron Works in Rockingham County, Virginia.

# Biographical Note: Julia Ellen Thomas Conway

Julia Ellen Thomas was born in 1848 in Blacksburg Virginia the daughter of Col. William Thomas. Julia and William were married in 1870 and settled for a time in Blacksburg where William became a surgeon for the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Virginia Tech). They had five children: Daisy, Alfred, William, Archie, and Mary, all of which, except William, reached adulthood. Julia died in 1916. William died in College Park, Georgia, in 1920.

# Scope and Content

This collection contains approximately sixty letters exchanged between Dr. William B. Conway and Julia Ellen Thomas (later Conway) during their courtship in 1869-1870. The letters discuss a number of topics including the couple's relationship, their families, mutual friends, and local and national events.

# Related Materials

W. B. Conway and Julia Thomas Conway Correspondence (Ms2019-018). Finding aid available online.

Julia Thomas Conway and Mary Black Thomas Luster Correspondence (Ms2019-019). Finding aid available online.

Catlett Conway Correspondence (Ms2012-039). Finding aid available online.

# Keywords

Montgomery County (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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# Arrangement

The letters in the collection are arranged chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Letters

**Unit Date** 1869-1870

#### **November 1869**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **December 1869**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **January 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **April 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **May 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### **June 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

#### **July 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

#### **August 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

#### **September 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

#### **October 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

#### **November 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**December 1870**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Ephemera**

**Unit Date** 1869-1870

**Envelopes**

**Unit Date** 1869-1870

**box-folder** 1 (box)

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