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Materials in the Henry Clay Deshields Collection are in English.

Abstract

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Creator

Deshields, Henry Clay, 1832-1884

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Deshields, Sarah Furlong Wheelwright, 1833-1901

Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Henry Clay Deshields Collection must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The Henry Clay Deshields Collection was donated to Special Collections in 2017.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Henry Clay Deshields was born on April 11, 1832 in Northumberland County, VA. Henry married Sarah Furlong Wheelwright (September 3, 1833-July 6, 1901) on October 18, 1853 in Northumberland County, VA. Together they had 8 children. Henry attended law school at the University of Virginia, then worked as a lawyer and insurance agent. He practiced in Baltimore, MD until the Civil War began. He returned to Virginia and enlisted with the 40th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, Company G, at the rank of Second Lieutenant in May of 1861. He served as a quartermaster and eventually rose to the rank of Captain. On April 9, 1865, Deshields was among those who surrendered on the staff of Field at Appomattox, VA. Henry died on October 16, 1884.

Scope and Content

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There is some variation in the spelling of Deshields' last name, which is reflected in the associated agent (name) record.

Keywords

Civil War

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

Correspondence

Rights Statements for Archival Description

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Arrangement Note

This collection is organized by material type. The majority of the collection consists of correspondence, which is in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Correspondence**Unit Date** 1861-02-26-1865-08-27**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1861-02-26-1861-12-19**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1862-01-06-1862-06-30**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1862-07-03-1862-09-24**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1862-10-09-1862-12-31**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1863-01-04-1863-02-26**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1863-03-01-1863-05-22**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1863-06-11-1863-07-31**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1863-08-05-1863-08-30**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1863-09-06-1863-09-27**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)

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"Civil War Echoes: Voices from Virginia 1860-1891"

Unit Date 2016

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

CSA Military Service Appointment Document

Unit Date 1861-05

box 2