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Descriptive Summary

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Materials in this collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains materials from Civil War General Gabriel C. Wharton. The materials are largely concerned with financial records of the Richmond and Louisville and the Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio Railroad Companies. Materials also include correspondence, maps, and ephemera.

Creator

Wharton, Gabriel C. (Gabriel Colvin), 1824-1906

Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet One box, one oversize folder.

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Biographical Note

Gabriel Colvin Wharton was born in Culpeper County, Virginia on July 23, 1824. After graduating from Virginia Military Institute in 1847, Wharton became a civil engineer, working in Arizona and elsewhere. At the outbreak of the American Civil War, Wharton was appointed a major within the 45th Virginia Infantry. Soon after, he was promoted to colonel, commanding the 51st Virginia Infantry. In July 1863, Wharton was promoted to brigadier general, commanding a brigade guarding southwestern Virginia railroads and participating in the battles of New Market and Cold Harbor, among others.

Wharton married Nannie Radford in 1863; following the war, the couple made their home in Radford, Virginia. Wharton resumed his civil engineering career and was instrumental in building a railroad in the New River Valley. He was a member on the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College's Board of Visitors from 1874 through 1877, serving as the Rector from 1875-1877. Gabriel Wharton died in Radford in 1906.

Scope and Content

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in folders according to topic.

Description of Subordinate Components

General Gabriel C. Wharton Correspondence

Unit Date 1881-1888

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William R. Wharton Correspondence

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Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio Railroad Correspondence

Unit Date 1881-1882

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Unit Date undated

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Radford Publishing Company Share Certificate

Unit Date 1891

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Richmond and Louisville Railroad Financial Records

Unit Date 1881-1882

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Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio Railroad Financial Records

Unit Date 1881-1882

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Gabriel C. Wharton Financial Records

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Railroad Pay-Rolls and Accounts

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Pocahontas Coal Field Map

Unit Date 1892

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Norfolk & Western Ohio Extension Map

Unit Date 1893

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Civil War Morning Report Sheet (blank)

Unit Date undated

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