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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

MS 219

### Language

English

### Creator

Bailey, J. Harvey; Bailey, Wilber D.; Bailey, Robert S.; Davis, Joseph H.; Davis, Wilbur Fisk--b. 1839

### Extent

1 folder.

### Location

Archive Room File Cabinet

### Repository

Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

**Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Acquisition Information**

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## Scope and Content

From UVA MSS 7396 description:

Memoirs of Wilbur Fisk Davis recount his childhood and education primarily in Richmond and Fredericksburg, Va., his family's move to Charlottesville during the Civil War, the raising of volunteer companies, his service as member of home guard checking on African Americans and anti-secessionists.

They also recount his service with the Charlottesville Artillery, with a list of officers and some company members, the wounded from 1st Bull Run at the University of Virginia, the battle of Cross Keys (1862), generals Stonewall Jackson and Jubal Early, the battle of Malvern Hill, detailed description of his slave, Thornton, at the front and Thornton's friend Jim, the battle of Chancellorsville, the battle of Second Winchester, and the Gettysburg campaign and battle.

The memoirs also include a description of a Virginia family living in Gettysburg, a description of the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House and Davis' capture at the "Bloody Angle," with a sketch of the company's gun emplacements there, and his subsequent march to and imprisonment at Fort Delaware.

There is also a diary, 1861-1864, of his father, Joseph H. Davis, concerning Methodist Church affairs, life in Charlottesville, family news, and weather observations.

NOTES: This is a typescript of original material in the University of Virginia Special Collections, MSS 7396.

## Index Terms

**Persons:**

Thornton (enslaved by Davis family)

Davis, Joseph H.

Davis, Wilbur Fisk--b. 1839

**Family Names:**

Davis family

**Subjects:**

Virginia--Social life and customs--19th century

Charlottesville (Va.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Methodists--Virginia--History

University of Virginia--History

Enslaved persons--Virginia

Memoirs