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Unit Date

1860-2005

Unit Date

1862-1928

Language

English

Abstract

The Civil War Miscellaneous Collection, 1860-2005 (bulk 1862-1928), consists of Civil War records and letters from soldiers from 1860-1926, as well as twentieth-century materials including newspaper clippings, research, and writing about local Civil War battles and events.

source

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society

Extent

0.2 cubic feet 1 box

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Acquisition Information

Collection was deposited by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in April 1991. A student paper based on letters from the collection was added in 2005.

Processing Information

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 3050.**

Preferred Citation

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Bio/Historical Note

Civil War records within the collection were issued by government entities, including the Department of the Interior and the Treasury Department, along with various war offices. Notable individuals with papers represented in this collection include local Shenandoah Valley historian John W. Wayland (1872-1962 and Cassie Moncure Lyne (1875-1955) a Civil War writer and poet from Virginia.

Scope and Content

The Civil War Miscellaneous Collection, 1860-2005 (bulk 1862-1928), consists of one box of materials related to the Civil War. This is an assembled collection, and the order of materials has been imposed by the archivist from the original unordered arrangement.

Civil War records included in the collection consist of muster rolls from the years 1862-1865, certificates of discharge and pension, lists of veterans, and lists of applicants and recipients of the Southern Cross of Honor from the years 1860-1926. Most of these records pertain to Confederate companies and individuals from Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, but there are also a few records related to companies and soldiers within the Union Army. Other materials include personal letters from Civil War soldiers giving views of camp life and activities in and around Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, writings by local historian John W. Wayland, twentieth century newspaper clippings relating to the Civil War, letters and poetry by Cassie Moncure Lyne, materials relating to Harrisonburg Civil War museums and monuments, and late nineteenth

and early twentieth century bulletins and pamphlets about the Civil War. Please note that not all dates are inclusive.

Location of Originals:

The location of some original letters is unknown.

Related Material

Sons of Confederate Veterans Collection, 1896-1964, SC 0132, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

United Confederate Veterans Collection, 1893-1938, SC 0133, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Keywords

Spies -- United States -- Biography
Generals -- United States -- Biography
Presidents -- United States -- Public opinion
Soldiers -- Virginia -- Rockingham County -- Register
Soldiers -- Virginia -- Biography
Soldiers' monuments -- Virginia
Slavery -- United States -- Controversial literature
Southern Cross of Honor
Camp Chase (Ohio) -- History
Confederate States of America -- History, Military
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Regimental histories
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- African American troops
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Secret service, Confederate
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Poetry
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Prisoners and prisons
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives, Confederate
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Regimental histories
Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Registers
Virginia -- History, Local -- 19th century
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Application forms
Pamphlets
Booklets
Letters (correspondence)
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society
Boyd, Belle, 1844-1900
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
Kelly, Benjamin Franklin, 1807-1891
United States. Army. Infantry -- Subject
Foster, George A.
McNeill, John Hanson, 1815-1864
Crook, George, 1829-1890
Confederate States of America. Army. McNeill Partisan Rangers
Confederate States of America. Army -- Biography

Provenance

When the collection was received from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in 1991, the materials consisted of one box of folders, mostly labeled "Civil War," with no apparent arrangement. After

review, three collections were established from the materials: Sons of Confederate Veterans Collection, 1896-1964, SC 0132; United Confederate Veterans Collection, 1893-1938, SC 0133; and Civil War Miscellaneous Collection, 1860-2005, SC 0134.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically in four series with item level descriptions of folder contents.

- Primary Source Materials, 1862-1926, 2005
- Local Civil War History Documents, 1860-1978
- Museums and Monuments, 1879-1965
- Pamphlets and Booklets, 1909-1944

Description of Subordinate Components

Primary Source Materials

Unit ID 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1286

Unit Date 1862-1926

Unit Date 2005

Primary Source Materials

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1290

Unit Date 1862-1865

Unit Date 1926

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Four Muster Rolls: Two from Union regiments in Illinois and New Hampshire; one from a Union convalescent regiment in Virginia; and one from Captain George A. Foster's company E, 20th regiment of U.S. Colored Infantry. Notes by Shenandoah Valley historian John Wayland on the muster roll of a company of Confederate infantry in the Virginia Militia.

Primary Source Materials

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1291

Unit Date 1862-1865, undated

Unit Date 2005

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Four letters from Civil War soldiers and one letter from a veteran relating details of his service and life after the Civil War. Project report titled "Civil War Letters Collection."

Primary Source Materials

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1292

Unit Date 1863-1914, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

Civil War records including an honorable discharge from the Union Army, a pay voucher for a black aide-de-camp in the Union Army, a special orders letter granting a leave of absence, a copy of a receipt from Adams Express Company, a letter from the Treasury Department denying a veteran's claim for pay, and a pension certificate from the Bureau of Pensions.

Local Civil War History Documents

Unit ID 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1287

Unit Date 1860-1978

Local Civil War History Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1293

Unit Date 1865-1928, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

Records pertaining to Confederate Soldiers, including lists of Confederate companies organized in Rockingham County, rosters of ex-Confederate soldiers in Rockingham County, lists of applicants for the Southern Cross of Honor, records of recipients of the Southern Cross of Honor, and a list of veterans from the Linville District.

Local Civil War History Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1294

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Writings on the Civil War by historian John Wayland, including descriptions of local battles, chronological lists of Civil War events concerning Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, and a drafts of various texts about the Civil War in Rockingham County.

Local Civil War History Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1295

Unit Date 1937-1978, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Copies of twentieth-century newspaper clippings about Civil War events including an article with photos on Colonel John S. Mosby and Mosby's Rangers.

Museums and Monuments

Unit ID 3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1288

Unit Date 1879-1965

Museums and Monuments

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1296

Unit Date 1922, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Content

Letters to Cassie Moncure Lyne thanking her for sending copies of her poem "The Rockingham Confederate Flag," from various individuals as well as the Library of Virginia, and the Virginia Historical Society. Notes, sketches, and papers relating to Ms. Lyne's desire to have a Confederate Monument erected in Court Square in Harrisonburg, Virginia, along with information about existing Confederate Monuments in Winchester and Richmond, Virginia. Copies of three poems written by Ms. Lyne.

Museums and Monuments

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1297

Unit Date 1961-1965, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters and documents pertaining to the Civil War Centennial Museum of Harrisonburg, Virginia, documenting the creation of a sign for the museum and relating to the Electric Map of the Stonewall Jackson Valley Campaign housed at the museum.

Pamphlets and Booklets

Unit ID 4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1289

Unit Date 1898-1927

Pamphlets and Booklets

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1298

Unit Date 1898-1927

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Content

Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, 1927 "Two Confederate Items," includes the "Diary" of Captain H. W. Wingfield of Hanover County, Virginia and the "Reminiscences" of Judge E. C. Moncure of Caroline County, Virginia. An Address by Abraham Lincoln delivered before the R.E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, 1909. Miss Rutherford's Scrapbook, "Valuable Information About the South: History of Slavery —The South Did Not Fight to Hold Slaves," 1925. Various informational booklets about Camp Chase, Ohio, and the activities of various Civil War veterans groups.

Pamphlets and Booklets

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1299

Unit Date 1900

Unit Date 1944, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886586] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Content

"Bell Boyd: Southern Spy of the Shenandoah" by Laura Virginia Hale, undated. "Constitution and By Laws of the Stonewall Brigade Band," 1900. "Two Generals Kidnapped," An account of the capture of General George Cook and Benjamin Kelly by McNeill's Rangers, 1944. "McNeill's Last Charge," An account of Captain John H. McNeill and his Rangers, 1944.