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Yager, William O. (William Overall), 1833-1904

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## **Biographical / Historical**

William Overall Yager was born in 1833 in Luray, Virginia. He graduated from VMI in 1852. During the Civil War he was a Colonel with the 1st Texas Cavalry, Confederate States of America. After the War he was a school superintendent and banker. Yager died in 1904 in Luray.

## **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of a diary fragment (approximately 25 pages) kept by William O. Yager from 1849 to 1852. The bulk of the diary concerns a dispute between his classmates John A. Thompson and William M. Gordon that led to a court of inquiry and court martial. The diary also contains lists of roommates and poetry.

## **Keywords**

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Diaries

Thompson, John A. (John Addy), 1832-1867

Gordon, William M. (William Milburn), 1830-1907