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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1894-1915

Language

English

Creator

Colonna, Benjamin A. (Benjamin Azariah), 1843-1924

Creator

Wise, Henry A. (Henry Alexander), 1842-1918

Creator

Shipp, Scott, 1839-1917

Extent

1.5 cubic feet 3 document boxes and oversized materials

Physical Location

Manuscripts stacks and Oversized Case 1

Repository

Virginia Military Institute Archives

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Civil War Battle of New Market, Virginia took place on May 15, 1864. The Virginia Military Corps of Cadets participated as a unit in this engagement, and ten cadets were killed or died later as a result of their wounds. The battle was fought in response to Union General Franz Sigel's march up the Shenandoah Valley from Winchester towards Staunton, Virginia. The Confederate force then in the Valley, commanded by General John Imboden, was reinforced at Staunton by troops commanded by General John C. Breckinridge, and by the VMI cadets commanded by Major Scott Shipp. The Confederate troops marched north where the battle took place on the afternoon of May 15. At about 4 p.m., Sigel ordered a retreat and fell back to Strasburg, Pennsylvania.

The individuals largely responsible for compiling this collection had strong ties to VMI and to the battle. Henry A. Wise, the son of John Cropper Wise and Anne Finney, was born in Accomac County, Virginia in May 1842. He graduated from VMI in 1862 and served in the Confederate Army until he was captured and paroled, also in 1862. During the period of his parole, he returned to VMI as a faculty member and tactical officer. Wise was in command of Cadet Company A at the Battle of New Market and took command of the Cadet Battalion after Scott Shipp was wounded. After the War, Wise resumed his career as an educator in the Tidewater area (Virginia) and in Baltimore, Maryland. He died in Norfolk, Virginia on July 11, 1918.

Benjamin Azariah Colonna, the son of John Wilkins Colonna and Margaret Jones, was born in Accomac County, Virginia in October 1843. He graduated from VMI in 1864 and, while at VMI, took part in the Battle of New Market as Cadet Captain of Company D. Following the War, Colonna worked as a surveyor and civil engineer. He maintained a lifelong interest in the battle and was responsible for the accurate mapping of the battlefield. He died in 1924 in Washington, D.C.

Scope and Contents

The New Market collection consists primarily of reminiscences of the Battle of New Market, Virginia (May 15, 1864) written by participants and other witnesses between 1894 and 1915. Written in response to specific inquiries and questionnaires, these memoirs were collected by various groups and individuals, including the VMI Alumni Association, author/historian Edward R. Turner, Henry A. Wise (VMI Class of 1862) and Benjamin A. Colonna (VMI Class of 1864). In addition to VMI cadet participants, information was received from veterans of other Confederate units, from Union soldiers, and from a small number of eyewitnesses who were citizens of the town of New Market at the time of the battle.

Some of the responses are very detailed, while others contain little information other than the fact of participation. The accounts collected by Colonna reflect his particular interest in troop movements and positions, and in mapping the battlefield.

In addition to the memoirs, the collection also includes: Colonna's map of the battlefield and materials relating to the creation of the map Four documents (1864) related to the 34th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, one of the Union Army units at the battle Printed material

Separated Materials

Oversized items have been removed and are located in oversized case, manuscripts.

Keywords

United States. Army—Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, 34th (1862-1865)

United States. Army—Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 54th (1862-1865)
United States. Army—Ohio Infantry Regiment, 123rd (1862-1865)
United States. Army—Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 18th (1862-1865)
United States. Army—Maryland Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)
United States. Army—New York Cavalry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)
United States. Army—New York Cavalry Regiment, 15th (1863-1865)
United States. Army—New York Cavalry Regiment, 21th (1863-1866)
United States. Army—West Virginia Infantry Regiment, 12th (1862-1865)
United States. Army—West Virginia Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1864)
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry Regiment, 22nd
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 23rd
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry Regiment, 26th
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry Regiment, 62nd
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Artillery—Chapman's Battery
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 18th
New Market, Battle of, New Market, Va., 1864—Personal narratives
New Market Cadets
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864
Memoirs
Maps
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1865
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1867
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Maps
Military maps
Correspondence
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1869
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry, Regiment, 51st

Description of Subordinate Components

Memoirs and questionnaire results

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1857

Unit Date 1894-1909

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Language English

Scope and Contents

These documents were collected primarily by Henry A. Wise and by officials of VMI. They solicited details about the Battle of New Market and include replies from many New Market cadets.

Porter Johnson memoir

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4146

Unit Date 1909

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container Johnson (Folder)

Language English

Creator Johnson, Porter, 1845-1917

Biographical / Historical

Porter Johnson was born on October 19, 1845 in Pruntytown, Taylor County, West Virginia. He was living in Brownsburg, Rockbridge County, Virginia at beginning of the Civil War. He matriculated at VMI on September 1, 1863 and was a Cadet Private at the Battle of New Market on May 15, 1864. He resigned from Corps of Cadets on March 6, 1865 and joined the 8th Confederate Battalion commanded by Colonel Garnett Andrews. Johnson was captured in Salisbury, North Carolina on April 12, 1865 and imprisoned.

He was paroled on June 13, 1865. After the War he returned to Rockbridge County where he was a farmer. He died on June 9, 1917.

Scope and Contents

An account of the Battle of New Market written in 1909 by Porter Johnson. As a VMI Cadet, Johnson participated in the battle as a Private, Company B, Corps of Cadets.

Keywords

Memoirs

New Market, Battle of, New Market, Va., 1864—Personal narratives

Benjamin A. Colonna documents

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1858

Unit Date 1912-1919

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Language English

Scope and Contents

These recollections of the Battle of New Market were collected primarily by Benjamin A. Colonna as part of his efforts to create an accurate map of the battlefield.

Correspondence with VMI-affiliated battle participants

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1859

Language English

Frederick W. Claybrook

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1860

Language English

Creator Claybrook, Frederick W. (Frederick William), 1844-1914

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Charles J. Faulkner

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1861

Language English

Creator Faulkner, Charles J. (Charles James), 1847-?

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1867

Samuel H. Letcher

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1862

Language English

Creator Letcher, Samuel H. (Samuel Houston), 1848-1914

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1869

Collier H. Minge

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1863

Language English

Creator Minge, Collier H. (Collier Harrison), 1845-1915

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Andrew Pizzini

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1864

Language English

Creator Pizzini, Andrew, Jr., 1846-1913

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1865

Scott Shipp

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1865

Language English

Creator Shipp, Scott, 1839-1917

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1859

Charles B. Tate

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1866

Language English

Creator Tate, Charles B. (Charles Beverly), 1847-1925

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866

Henry A. Wise

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1919

Language English

Creator Wise, Henry A. (Henry Alexander), 1842-1918

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1862

Henry C. Whitehead

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1867

Language English

Creator Whitehead, Henry C. (Henry Colgate), 1845-1920

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866

John S. Wise

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1868

Language English

Creator Wise, John S. (John Sergeant), 1846-1913

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866

Jonathan E. Woodbridge

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1870

Language English

Creator Woodbridge, Jonathan E. (Jonathan Edwards), 1844-1935

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1865

Louis C. Wise

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1869

Language English

Creator Wise, Louis C., 1844-1911

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866

Correspondence with battle participants, Confederate Army units

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1871

Language English

D. M. Armstrong, Chapman's Battery

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1872

Language English

Julian G. Pratt, 18th Virginia Cavalry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1873

Language English

Noyes Rand, 22nd Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1874

Language English

J. K. Thompson, 22nd Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1875

Language English

Issac Hupp, 23rd Virginia Cavalry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1876

Language English

George M. Edgar, 26th Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1877

Language English

Family of Peter J. Otey, 30th Virginia Sharpshooters

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1878

Language English

G. W. Dunford, 51st Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1880

Language English

Guy S. Bralley, 51st Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1879

Language English

F. M. Lindamood, 51st Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1881

Language English

John A. Porter, 51st Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1882

Language English

D. H. Sayers, 51st Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1883

Language English

Samuel Stone, 51st Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1884

Language English

Robert E. Wolfe, 51st Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1885

Language English

George H. Smith, 62nd Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1886

Language English

Correspondence with battle participants, Union Army units

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1887

Language English

James Haggerty, 18th Connecticut Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1888

Language English

Charles H. Lynch, 18th Connecticut Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1889

Language English

C. H. Richmond, 18th Connecticut Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1890

Language English

John Service, 18th Connecticut Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1891

Language English

Henry A. Dupont, Dupont's Battery

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1892

Language English

James L. Jones, 1st Maryland Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1893

Language English

John W. Adams, 34th Massachusetts Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1894

Language English

Charles H. Berry, 1st New York Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1895

Language English

M. Auer, 15th New York Cavalry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1896

Language English

J. E. Multoon, 21st New York Cavalry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1897

Language English

A. J. Gilbert, 123rd Ohio Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1898

Language English

Abe Park, 123rd Ohio

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1899

Language English

David R. Bryan, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1900

Language English

G. W. Camp, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1901

Language English

G. W. Gageby, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1902

Language English

J. B. Kaufman, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1903

Language English

J. F. Klingaman, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1904

Language English

J. C. Yutzy, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1905

Language English

John T. Duff, 1st West Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1906

Language English

C. H. Senseney, 1st West Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1908

Language English

U. K. Sutherland, 1st West Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1909

Language English

J. N. Waddell, 12th West Virginia Infantry

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1910

Language English

Correspondence with New Market residents

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1911

Language English

Correspondence, general

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1912

Language English

New Market Battlefield map project materials

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1913

Language English

Maps

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1914

Language English

Scope and Contents

New Market related items

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1915

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Language English

34th Massachusetts Infantry documents

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1916

Unit Date 1864

Language English

Print materials

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1917

Language English

Play

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1918

Unit Date 1893

Language English

Scope and Contents

One play by John W. Sherman published as "New Market," or "The Boy Heroes of '64."