

# A Guide to the Charles P. Deyerle Papers, 1842-1855

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

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### Language

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### Physical Characteristics

The papers consist of 12 items.

## Repository

Archives, Preston Library, Virginia Military Institute

# Administrative Information

## Access

There are no restrictions.

## Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

The Deyerle Papers were donated to the Virginia Military Institute in two parts. Four items were received from Frank H. Hammond, Jr. in 1957. Additional items were donated by Howard R. Hammond in 1992.

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# Additional Descriptive Dada

## Separated Material

A daguerreotype of Charles P. Deyerle has been catalogued separately and is located in the VMI Archives Photograph Collection.

# Biographical/Historical Information

Charles Peter Deyerle was born on November 8, 1820 in Roanoke County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Deyerle and Anne Crawford. Deyerle was a member of the first graduating class of the Virginia Military Institute, receiving his diploma in July 1842. He subsequently studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and received a commission in the United States Army. As an army surgeon, he served in the Mexican War and was afterwards assigned to Benicia Barracks in California. He died in California on October 30, 1853; in 1855 his body was returned to Salem, Virginia and is buried in East Hill Cemetery.

# Scope and Content Information

The papers contain 12 items from the career of Charles P. Deyerle. Included are documents dating from his medical studies and his service in the United States Army. Also included are miscellaneous clippings.

## Contents List

### **Drawing, VMI. 1842**

#### **Scope and Content**

Pencil sketch depicting the Virginia Military Institute as it was during Deyerle's cadetship.

### **Bible verse, holograph. circa 1842**

#### **Scope and Content**

VMI Superintendent Francis H. Smith to Charles P. Deyerle: Bible verse in Smith's hand given as "a token of affection...."

### **Notebook. 1844-1845**

#### **Scope and Content**

Containing notes from medical school lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as misc. clippings.

### **Letter of Recommendation. 1846 April 3**

#### **Scope and Content**

Signed by the medical faculty of the University of Pennsylvania.

## **University of Pennsylvania Medical School Diploma. 1846**

### **War Department Form Letter. 1846 June 3**

#### **Scope and Content**

Informing Deyerle of the examination for appointment as an army surgeon.

### **U. S. Army Commission Document. 1847 February**

#### **Scope and Content**

Deyerle's commission as assistant surgeon.

### **Notebook. 1849 March**

#### **Scope and Content**

Travel notes written at Rio de Janeiro and at sea off coast of South America.

### **Newspaper, Daily American Star(Mexico). 1848 January 6**

#### **Scope and Content**

Single issue.

### **Newspaper, Salem Weekly Register(Salem, VA). 1855 April 19.**

#### **Scope and Content**

Single issue. Top bears signature of "Miss Susan P. Deyerle."

### **Clippings, Misc.**

### **Book, Poland under the Dominion of Russia.1834**

#### **Scope and Content**

Bears signature of C. P. Deyerle.

### **Book, Fresh Gleanings; or a New Sheaf from the Old Fields. 1851**

#### **Scope and Content**

From the library of C. P. Deyerle.