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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

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### Physical Characteristics

The collection contains 6 items filed in one folder.

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There are no restrictions.

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The Harman Papers are available in full-text format on the VMI Archives website at:

<http://www.vmi.edu/archives/manuscripts/ms0397.html>

# Biographical/Historical Information

Michael G. Harman was born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1823. Prior to the Civil War he operated a stagecoach line and was the proprietor of a hotel. During the war years, he served as Confederate Quartermaster in Staunton, Virginia from April 1861 until January 1862; he was elected Lieutenant Colonel of the 52nd Virginia Infantry Regiment on August 19, 1861 and served in a dual capacity until resigning his commission as Quartermaster on January 8, 1862; he was elected Colonel of 52nd Virginia in May 1862; was wounded; resigned from the Army in June 1863 due to disability; and served as Quartermaster in Staunton until end of war. After 1865 he continued to operate his stage line, hotel and other businesses. He was member of the Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors, 1865-1866. Harman died in 1877 and is buried in Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, Virginia.

# Scope and Content Information

The papers consist of the Civil War letters (6 items; July-October 1861) of Lt. Col. Michael G. Harman, written from Headquarters, Staunton, Virginia, where Harman was Quartermaster. The letters were written primarily to General Henry R. Jackson, headquartered at Monterey. The correspondence concerns supplies of corn, clothing, horses and other items; transportation problems; and other Quartermaster Department problems.

# Arrangement

The papers are arranged in chronological order.

# Contents List

## **Letter to Captain Miller, McDowell Volunteers, 1861 July 11**

### **Scope and Content**

Order to reinforce General Garnett.

## **Letter to General Henry R. Jackson, commanding at Monterey. 1861 September 3**

### **Scope and Content**

Wagons and teams sent; corn & clothing needs; has 100 Yankee prisoners.

## **Letter to General Henry R. Jackson, commanding at Monterey, 1861 September 4**

### **Scope and Content**

Regarding troop movements -- 52nd Virginia Infantry Regiment; Captain Otey's Company (Bedford

County); Captain Morrison's Company (Rockbridge County).

## **Letter to General Henry R. Jackson, commanding at Monterey, 1861 September 17**

### **Scope and Content**

Corn purchased; wagons & teams impressed from local farmers; transportation problems.

## **Letter to General Henry R. Jackson, commanding at Monterey, 1861 October 10**

### **Scope and Content**

Sending teams; complains about organizational problems within QM Dept & asks for help; Harman will join his (52nd VA) Regiment soon.

## **Letter to General Henry R. Jackson, commanding at Monterey, 1861 October 20**

### **Scope and Content**

Problem with horses unfit for service; too many men in hospital in Staunton, wants to use Rockbridge Baths to accommodate sick.