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## Descriptive Summary

**Collection number**

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**Language**

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**Physical Characteristics**

The collection contains two items filed in one folder.

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**Access**

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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## Biographical/Historical Information

James Jameson, from Culpeper County, Virginia, was born circa 1820 and graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1842. Prior to the Civil War he worked as a teacher, lawyer and farmer. He married Mary Mildred Bowen of Fauquier Co., Virginia in May 1845. They had four children: Alwyn, Harriet (Hallie, to whom the letters are addressed), Ella, and Henry. In 1861 he was elected Captain of Company I, 11th Virginia Infantry Regiment, and was wounded in action at Dranesville in December 1861. He resigned from his unit in April 1863 and was hospitalized as late as September 1863. Jameson was arrested by Federal troops at Culpeper Court House, Virginia on March 26, 1864, as "formerly a Captain in the C. S. A." and was sent to prison at Point Lookout, Maryland. Although he was ultimately exchanged, he did not survive the trip home. He became ill from the effects of his wound and imprisonment while traveling on a flag-of-truce boat to Richmond, and died September 30, 1864--approximately a month after writing the final letter to his daughter. He is buried at his wife's family home, "Belle Coil," Fauquier Co., Virginia.

## Scope and Content Information

The collection consists of two letters written in August 1864 by James H. Jameson to his daughter, Hallie. Both letters were composed while he was a Confederate prisoner of war at Point Lookout Prison. Jameson discusses his failing health and his need for food.

## Contents List

### **Letter to Hallie Jameson, 1864 August 8**

**Scope and Content**

Written from Point Lookout Prison Hospital. Regarding his poor health.

### **Letter to Hallie Jameson, 1864 August 28**

**Scope and Content**

"Since I wrote I have been exceedingly feeble sometimes not able to walk. If I could get good Blackberry or Port wine the Physician says it would be very good for me. The best thing I could have. Your letter stating that you had sent me ten dollars came safely. The one containing the money I expect is in the hands of the Provost Marshall as we do not receive the money but get a book crediting us with the amount and can thus purchase things of the sutler. I feel a little better this morning but am exceedingly feeble."