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Morrison , Henry Ruffner, 1840-1879

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Biographical Note

Henry Ruffner Morrison graduated from Washington College in 1858. In June of 1861, he enlisted in the Washington College (Va.) infantry company known as the "Liberty Hall Volunteers." The unit would become Company "I" of the 4th Virginia Infantry of the Stonewall Brigade, Confederate States Army. He transferred to Company C, 1st Virginia Cavalry, in 1863 to join his brother Robert C. Morrison. After being wounded in early 1864, he transferred to the 26th Battalion of Virginia Infantry as a staff officer until the war ended.

Content Description

This collection is composed of letters to and from Rockbridge County, Virginia native Henry Ruffner "Ruff" Morrison before and during the American Civil War. Correspondents include his brother Luther, his father Robert, family member and neighbor Sarah H. Crawford, associate Thomas Perry Gwynn, and fellow Washington College (Va.) alumni and soldiers John W. Reilly and Thomas W. Read. Highlights include a December 2, 1860 letter from Morrison while he was living in Macon, Georgia written to his father regarding sectionalism and disunion.

Keywords

Virginia -- Rockbridge County
Fisher's Hill, Battle of, Va., 1864
Spotsylvania Court House, Battle of (Virginia : 1864)
Sectionalism (United States)
Morrison, Robert Culton, 1845-1890
Morrison, James Luther, 1833-1891
Morrison, Robert , 1802-1861
Reilly, John W. (John William)
Confederate States of America. Army. Stonewall Brigade
Confederate States of America. Army. Liberty Hall Volunteers
Confederate States of America. Army. Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 1st
Confederate States of America. Army. Virginia Infantry Battalion, 26th

Description of Subordinate Components

Letters sent to Henry Ruffner Morrison from his brother Luther

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Letters sent to Henry Ruffner Morrison from his father Robert

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Unit Date 1860 May 10, 1861 January 7

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Letters sent to Henry Ruffner Morrison from Various Correspondents

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Unit Date 1861, undated

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Letters sent by Henry Ruffner Morrison

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Unit Date 1860-1862

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Letters sent by Henry Ruffner Morrison

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Unit Date 1864-1865

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Documents

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Unit Date 1861 November 14, 1862 August 18-19

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Scope and Contents

Medical note for Matthew Kahle (a private in Morrison's College Company) written by James R. Jordan of Lexington dated November 14, 1861 and two documents regarding John Fleming as a substitute for Luther Morrison dated August 18-19, 1862

Transcriptions

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