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Biographical / Historical Description

Born in Leesburg, Virginia, on August 6, 1836, Smith enrolled at the University of Virginia in the 1855-1856 session and graduated in 1858. Smith enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861. He served in the 1st Regiment, Confederate Engineer Troops, Company I, and rose to the rank of Captain in 1863. Almost a year after his appointment as Captain, in early 1864, Smith was taken to the University of Virginia Hospital, where he died of typhoid fever on March 2, 1864. He was interred at the University of Virginia Cemetery and Columbarium.

Content Description

This collection contains the autograph album of Summerfield Smith (1836-1864), compiled while he was a student at the University of Virginia. Smith collected fifty-eight autographs of peers and professors at the University between 1856 and 1858. The red leather-bound autograph book contains entries that list a student's name, the date of entry, their location, where they lived away from the University, the "session" (i.e. 1857-58), and a personal note to Summerfield (referred to as "Summerfield", "S", or "Smith" throughout). Inscriptions include well-wishes for careers and family life, references to jokes between Summerfield and his friends, and descriptions of student life at the University of Virginia in the middle nineteenth century. Some entries did not include personal notes. Alongside the autographs of five men is their date of death during the Civil War, written in pencil.

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