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Descriptive Summary

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1897-1924

Language

English

Extent

0.25 Cubic Feet 1 half-width document box

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Provenance

Purchased, 25 and 30 July 2018.

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Biographical Note

Jonathan "Al" Bishop, 1866-1914, was Quartermaster Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia Volunteers and a member of Company D of the Monticello Guard during the Spanish-American War. He wrote letters to his wife, Florence Collier Bishop from 1898-1899 when his regiment was mustered into service at Richmond, Va. between May 13 and 26. After the war he returned home to his wife and residence, 1303 West Main Street, Charlottesville, Va. where he served as a policeman for the University of Virginia. He died on May 18, 1914 at age 48 from blood poisoning after a medical procedure. He was buried at the Arlington National Cemetery. Bishop was the son of Robert Bishop and a nephew of Jonathan Bishop who also died circa 1914.

Source based on obituary found in the Daily Progress digitized microfilm:

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Scope and Contents

The Jonathan A. Bishop papers (1897-1924; 0.25 cubic feet) consist of his letters to his wife, Florence Collier Bishop, during his service as a Quartermaster Sergeant in the Spanish-American War (1898-1899) and government documents regarding a pension for his wife (1897-1924), totaling over 80 items. There is also one letter from his wife describing a lynching of an African American man named John Henry James on July 12, 1898 at Wood's Crossing, Charlottesville, Va. Also included is a letter dated August 19, [1898] in which Sergeant Bishop describes the reactions of the soldiers to African American officers in the camp.

Keywords

letters (correspondence)

Lynching -- Virginia

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series: Series 1. Letters, and Series 2. Government documents and letters.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173931

Unit Date 1898-1899

Language English

Scope and Contents

Sergeant Bishop mostly describes routine soldier life, his confidence in defeating Spain, and his desire to return home. His unit had 46 officers, 955 enlisted men and did not go overseas. Sergeant Bishop served first at Camp Lee in Richmond, Virginia, and then at Camp Russell A. Alger, just west of Fairfax, Virginia. In one letter dated August 19, he writes about the soldiers not wanting to salute Black officers in the camp.

Florence Bishop letter about a lynching at Wood's Crossing, VA

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173932

Unit Date 14 July 1898

Manuscripts [X030899320] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Florence Bishop describes the July 12, 1898 lynching of an African-American man, named John Henry James, at Wood's Crossing, (part of Farmington Country Club today) Charlottesville, Va.

Jonathan Bishop letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173933

Unit Date 1898-1899

Manuscripts [X030899320] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Government documents and letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173935

Unit Date 1897-1924

Language English

Scope and Contents

Government documents and letters related to claiming a pension for Florence Bishop.

Government documents and letters regarding pension

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173937

Unit Date 1897-1924

Manuscripts [X030899320] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Includes certificates and requests for passes for Jonathan Bishop.

Government documents and letters regarding pension

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173938

Unit Date 1899-1922

Manuscripts [X030899320] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Government documents and letters regarding pension

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173939

Unit Date 1923

Manuscripts [X030899320] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Government documents and letters regarding pension

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/173940

Unit Date 1924

Manuscripts [X030899320] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

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