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Biographical Information:

Daniel Harvey Hill (1821-1889) was a Confederate general during the American Civil War and a Southern scholar. He was known as an aggressive leader, and as an austere, deeply religious man, with a dry, sarcastic humor. He was brother-in-law to Stonewall Jackson, a close friend to both James Longstreet and Joseph E. Johnston, but disagreements with both Robert E. Lee and Braxton Bragg cost him favor with Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Although his military ability was well respected, he was underutilized by the end of the Civil War. Daniel Harvey Hill is usually referred to as D. H. Hill in historical writing, in part to distinguish him from A. P. Hill, who served with him in the Army of Northern Virginia. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Daniel_Harvey_Hill.

Scope and Contents

Letters, 28 May 1861 and 15 April and 11 May 1862, written by Daniel Harvey Hill to his wife Isabella (Morrison) Hill, describing preparations for battle at Yorktown, Va. and building fortifications over Lord Cornwallis' earthworks; the Peninsular Campaign; morale of his soldiers; and his children. Includes a printed circular, 19 April 1865, to Hill, urging soldiers not to desert during truce negotiations.

Related Materials:

See also; D. H. Hill Papers, D. H. Hill Diary (#882); Charles W. Dabney Papers (#1412) in the Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and the D. H. Hill Papers, Duke University Library.

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28 May 1861. Daniel Harvey Hill, Yorktown, Va., to his wife, Isabella (Morrison) Hill. His men reacted well to a false alarm (that 5,000 men were within three miles); probably will be no attack on this place; they have opened up the old lines of Lord Cornwallis and have "one of the strongest places in the world. It would be madness in a force of less than 10,000 men to approach us"; comments on kindness of officers and men. 2 pp. 15 April 1862. Daniel Harvey Hill, Yorktown, Va., to his wife, Isabella (Morrison) Hill, n.p. Melancholy letter reminiscing about the past year; describes the fighting around Yorktown and the heartlessness of the "Yankees"; mentions his new rank of Major General. 2 pp. 11 May 1862. Daniel Harvey Hill, Quartermaster's Office, Chickahominy, Va., to his wife, Isabella (Morrison) Hill, n.p. Has been waiting for the enemy for two days so that "we may offer him battle"; also comments that the upcoming struggle will "be on the grandest scale and of the most desperate character in the [Civil] War"; details the poor condition of the soldiers after the [Battle of] Yorktown, stating that "thousands fell down exhausted by the wayside and were captured by the enemy," and that many cursed him on the way home from Williamsburg, saying that they did not care if the "Yankees" captured them; the Army has fallen apart, with almost 5,000 soldiers throwing away their guns and fleeing to Richmond to avoid another battle; expresses the wish to retire to "some mountain home where I would see no more mankind in large and vicious collections"; has been ill, and the "rain and mud and hunger at Williamsburg all combined to make me worse"; advises her to buy W[illia]m Park's land, as he wishes the children to be raised in the country, as he would "prefer them to be in the middle walks of life; let there be taught humility ..." and take a great deal of bodily exercise as they will not find a "true friend and a true man" in the upper classes. 4 pp. 19 April 1865. Archer Anderson, Assistant Adjutant General, for General Joseph E. Johnston, Head Quarters, Army of Tennessee, near Greensboro, N.C., to Maj. Gen. D. H. Hill, Commanding Division. Circular urging Army soldiers not to desert due to recent truce conference rumors. 1 p.