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Partin, Anna Eliza Caroline

Creator

Bunkley Family

Creator

Ferrebee Family

Creator

Partin, John William

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Biographical Information:

Lived in and near Petersburg, Virginia during the Civil War. Possibly born in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, daughter of Henry W. Neville. Married to John William Partin. After the Civil War, they lived in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Scope and Contents

Handwritten memoir by Anna Eliza Caroline Partin about her experiences in Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia during the Civil War, particularly the siege of Petersburg. Biographical information on Anna Eliza Caroline Partin, John William Partin, the Bunkley Family and the Ferrebee Family. Copy of picture possibly depicting Anna Eliza Caroline Partin. The biographical and genealogy folders are photocopies of a handwritten scroll.

Keywords

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

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Appraisal Information:

The biographical and genealogy scrolls were crumbling and already fragmented when accessioned. After photocopying the original scrolls, they were discarded.

Description of Subordinate Components

Remembrances of the War Between the States by Mrs. A.E. C. Partin of Portsmouth, Virginia.

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Scope and Contents

Remembrances of the War Between the States by Mrs. A.E. C. Partin of Portsmouth, Virginia. Handwritten memoir by Anna Eliza Caroline Partin about her experiences in Petersburg and Richmond during the Civil War, particularly the siege of Petersburg.

She lived near the Confederate Hospital on Sycamore Street in Petersburg, Virginia. Her husband was a member of the Artillery which was a Petersburg Company. She had young children and six slaves. During

the Battle of Leven Pines, near Richmond, her Father, Henry W. Neville, came from Portsmouth to Richmond to help since he was too old to fight. All the available men from Norfolk and Portsmouth were sent to this battle. Her Father found W.A. Neville on the battlefield and brought him to her to nurse. While she was nursing him, he yelled "unfavorable words" against "the heads of the D--- Yankees."

During the winter of 1862 and 1863 her family became ill with smallpox because of their proximity to the Confederate Hospital. Her youngest son Harry died of this disease. They buried him February 19, 1863 at her husband's mother's plantation located about four miles away in Chesterfield County. Conditions worsened. Her father was assigned to City Defenses and her husband and his three brothers were still at war. The Hospital was shelled and she moved her family to the front of the yard, "because it was better to be killed all at one time rather than being smothered with bricks and plaster."

She remained in the city until June 30, 1864 when she went to her husband's old home in Chesterfield County. General Robert E. Lee is stationed near by and she spoke with him many times. She appealed "to Captain Granby for some of his men to protect our place at night" because the "Yankee Boys" were looking for her silver and valuables. She tells where she hides the valuables and the food and how all the horses are taken.

After General Lee evacuates, she and Uncle Isaac, a family slave, hitch up a carriage and look for her husband in the troop camps and hospitals outside Petersburg. When they find him, he is "sick, dirty and in a fearful condition" but he was not allowed to return. She later attempts to get a pass to cross enemy lines in Petersburg, "which is now under the Yankees and the Negro Soldiers." The Provost Marshall would not give her a pass unless she took an oath to "aid and help the Federal Government" which she said she would never do.

At the end of the narrative, she writes that she is leaving a "charge to my children to be ever loyal to the Ideals and Principles of our Confederacy which I have stood by and loved." Signed Anna Eliza Caroline Partin October 4, 1916. Member of Portsmouth. Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Photocopy of Daguerreotype

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Unit Date undated

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Scope and Contents

Photocopy of a colored daguerreotype or ambrotype. Probably Anna Eliza Caroline Partin, the author of the memoir, per note when accessioned.

John William Partin, Photocopies

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Scope and Contents

A biographical narrative, written by a grandchild, about Partin's life from childhood to his death in Portsmouth, Virginia. Includes genealogical information of the Partin Family through descriptions and legal transcriptions. He was born in 1834 in Amelia County, Virginia. Photocopies of a handwritten scroll.

Anna Eliza Caroline Partin and the Bunkley Family, Photocopies

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Scope and Contents

A biographical narrative, written by a grandchild, with detailed descriptions of her Grandmother's home and garden, home life, social life and hardships. The narrative appears to be taken from letters found in her Grandmother's attic. Places mentioned are Bunkley Plantation in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Norfolk,

Virginia and Petersburg, Virginia. Family names mentioned are Sarah Bunkley and David Bunkley. Her Grandmother died in 1849 and is buried at Bunkley Plantation. Photocopies of a handwritten scroll.

Ferrebee, Forby, Ferby, Fereby, Ferebe and Ferebee Family Genealogy, Photocopies

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Scope and Contents

Photocopies of handwritten notes on wills, deeds and court records from a scroll.