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The materials in the collection are English.

Abstract

This collection consists of letters from Alexander Floyd Wall to Waddy Thompson James, describing conditions on his farm during the American Civil War, prices of crops, problems of getting supplies to soldiers, and the transfer of people who were enslaved. The collection also includes one letter from James to his wife Jennie, written from Camp Belcher in Richmond, Virginia, on October 4, 1861, and biographical and military information about James and his career as a soldier.

Creator

Wall, Alexander Floyd, 1826-1899

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0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

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Biographical Note

Alexander Floyd Wall was a farmer in Montgomery County, Virginia. Wall's brother-in-law Waddy Thompson James (1836-1926 or 1931) was a Captain of Company B and then Lieutenant Colonel of the 57th Virginia Infantry during the American Civil War. He organized Company B, or the "Franklin Sharpshooters," of men from Franklin County, Virginia. James was injured in the Battle of Malvern Hill (July 1862), resigned from service soon thereafter, and returned to his farm in Franklin County. After the war, James served in the Virginia House of Delegates (1864-1878) and the Virginia Senate (1879-1882) as a representative from Franklin County.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of photocopies of four letters, 1862-1865, three of which are from Wall to Waddy Thompson James. Wall's letters describe conditions on his farm during the American Civil War, prices of crops, problems of getting supplies to soldiers, and the transfer of people who were enslaved. The collection also includes one letter from James to his wife Jennie, written from Camp Belcher in Richmond, Virginia, on October 4, 1861, and biographical and military information about James and his career as a soldier. Transcripts of the letters are available.

Keywords

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Montgomery County (Va.)

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter to Jennie (wife) from W.T. James, Camp Belcher, Richmond, Virginia

Unit Date 1861-10-04

folder 1

Scope and Content

Death of two soldiers in his company due to sickness; move to Camp Belcher; unit not completely equipped; urges Jennie to visit him

Letter to "Brother Waddy" from Alexander Floyd Wall

Unit Date 1862-05-22

folder 1

Scope and Content

Purchase of a horse

Letter to "Col" from Alexander Floyd Wall, Matamoras, Montgomery County

Unit Date 1864-11-15

folder 1

Scope and Content

Corn and wheat harvest poor; difficult and expensive to buy corn and wheat; trouble with deserters

Letter to "Col" from Alexander Floyd Wall, Blacksburg, Montgomery County

Unit Date 1865-03-02

folder 1

Scope and Content

Severe winter; difficulty getting supplies; discusses transfer of people who were enslaved

Part of unit roster of 57th Virginia Infantry [from 57th Virginia Infantry by Charles W. Sublett, p. 66]

folder 1

Confederate service records, including copy of commission as Lt. Colonel [6 pages]

folder 1

Copy of obituary from unknown newspaper

Unit Date 1931

folder 1

Copy of "Report of Lieut. Col. Waddy T. James. Fifty-seventh Virginia Infantry, of the battle of Malvern Hill"

folder 1