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1856-1984



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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Edwin Houston Harman Papers consists of letters written in various camps in southwest Virginia to and from Harman and his wife, Jennie. The letters date from 1856 to 1864. There is also a folder of genealogy materials relating to the Harman family.

Creator

Harman, Nancy Virginia "Jennie" King , 1838-1910

Creator

Harman, Edwin Houston

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The majority of the collection was purchased in May 1990. Additional materials were donated in July 1990.

Processing Information

Some arrangement and description was completed prior to 2009. Additional processing, arrangement, and description of the Edwin Houston Harman Papers was completed in September 2013.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Edwin Houston Harman was born February 13, 1835 in Tazewell County. He attended Emory and Henry College. He married Nancy Virginia "Jennie" King of Pulaski County, Virginia on April 2, 1861. He was a Lieutenant colonel in Company H, 45th Virginia Infantry, in the Civil War. He had two children, Charles William Harman (1862-1944) and King Edwin Harman (1863-1939). He was wounded in battle at Cloyd's Mountain, and died two days later on May 11, 1864.

Scope and Content

The Edwin Houston Harman Papers consists of letters written in various camps in southwest Virginia to and from Harman and his wife, Jennie. The letters date from 1856 to 1864. Most of the letters are written to Jennie from Edwin Harman. The letters before 1861 are written before their marriage and are addressed to "Cousin Jennie". The majority of the letters come during the Civil War, and Edwin describes his experiences in the war and the different camps he is staying in. The letters from during the war do include letters from Jennie to Edwin, but the majority of the letters are written to her. After his death in 1864, there are some condolence letters written to Jennie. Included throughout the collection are letters written to Jennie from various family members and close friends.

Also included in the collection are transcripts of some letters that came with the purchase of the material. There is also genealogical material about the Hartman family including biographies, newspaper clippings, letters, and photo slides.

Keywords

Civil War

Cloyds Mountain, Battle of, Va., 1864

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Pulaski County (Va.)

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Harman family

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type. Within each material type, the collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letters

Unit Date 1856-1864, n.d.

Unit Date 1856-1858

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1859-1860

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date January-July 1861

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date August-September 1861

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Unit Date October-December 1861

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Unit Date January-July 1862

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Unit Date August-December 1862

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date January-June 1863

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Unit Date July-November 1863

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Unit Date January-May 1864

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Unit Date undated

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Transcripts of Letters

Unit Date 1857-1862

Unit Date August 1857-July 1861

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Unit Date August 1861-December 1861

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Unit Date January 1862-September 1862

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Genealogical Material of the Harman Family

Unit Date 1856-1984

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)