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Abstract

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Creator

Yeaman, William H., d.1863

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Biographical Note

During the American Civil War, William H. Yeaman was a Confederate private in Company A led by Captain David Townes, 38th Virginia Infantry led by Colonel Isaac Carrington of Pittsylvania Court House, Armistead's Brigade, Pickett's Division, Army of Northern Virginia. He was wounded at Seven Pines and died at Gettysburg in 1863.

His brother was Thomas B. Yeaman of Ringgold, Pittsylvania County, Virginia; his father was John Yeaman of the same town.

See page 43-52 of *War Recollections of the Confederate Veterans of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1861-1865* (E605 .U5 1965 Spec Civil War) in the Rare Book Collection for an account of the experience of Yeaman's peers during the battle in which he died.

Scope and Content

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A majority of the letters are accompanied by the original envelope. Letters contain battle description and depictions of soldier life.

May 30, 1863: Thanks his brother for sending him a fish hook for both practicality and to pass the boredom of camp life.

Yeaman mentions "Cousin Jim" several times in letters, who is apparently in camp with him.

The collection also includes four photographs: one of Pearl Yeaman; two of T.B. Yeaman [likely the brother] of Keysville, VA, with one "after he shaved off long beard" and one "before he cut his beard"; and one of E.T. Yeaman "before he married." The pictures are not dated.

Keywords

Civil War

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

Existence and Location of Copies

Some of this collection has been digitized and is available online.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letters and photographs

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