

Conway, Catlett Correspondence

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Descriptive Summary

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1892-1920

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English .

Abstract

The collection consists of 65 letters written between Catlett Conway and family members during the years 1892-1920.

Creator

Conway, John C.

Creator

Conway, Catlett, 1840-1920

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Catlett Conway Correspondence must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to Special Collections in June 2012.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Catlett Conway was born to Battaile Fitzhugh Taliaferro Conway and his first wife Mary Ann Wallace on January 5, 1840. Dr. William Buchanan Conway was born to Battaile's second wife Cornelia Sapphira Buchanan on January 3, 1845. Both men grew up on the family homestead, Ellerslie, in Madison County, VA before joining the Confederate Army in the Civil War. After the war, Catlett lived in Richmond, VA where he worked for Richmond Granite Company, and later a Richmond based coal company. In 1871, William became the Physician and Surgeon for Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (later known as Virginia Tech), but moved to Athens, GA in 1891 for medical reasons.

For more information on Catlett and William see: *The Brothers Conway of Madison County, Virginia, Autobiographies of Catlett Conway and William Buchanan Conway*, Compiled and edited by Anne H. (Price) Yates. The book is available for use in Special Collections: CT275 C767 A3 1998 Spec Large.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of 65 letters written between Catlett Conway and family members during the years 1892-1920. The majority of the letters are written by Catlett to his half-brother, Dr. William Buchanan Conway, but he also wrote to other siblings and his children. One letter is written by John C. Conway and addressed to Catlett. In addition to contemporary content (family news, employment, social critiques, politics, and literature), Catlett also writes of his Civil War experiences and discussions with other Civil War veterans.

Related Materials

Conway, Catlett, William Buchanan Conway, and Anne Hayden Price Yates. *The Brothers Conway of Madison County, Virginia: Autobiographies of Catlett Conway and William Buchanan Conway*. Ridgecrest, CA (P.O. Box 2047, Ridgecrest 93556): A.H. Yates, 1998.

Conway, Catlett, and Anne Hayden Price Yates. *Letters Written by Catlett Conway (1840-1929), CSA Veteran*. 2012.

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W. B. Conway and Julia Thomas Conway Correspondence (Ms2019-018). Finding aid available online.

Dr. W. B. Conway and Julia Ellen Thomas Correspondence (Ms2014-015). Finding aid available online.

Julia Thomas Conway and Mary Black Thomas Luster Correspondence (Ms2019-019). Finding aid available online.

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Conway, Mary Wallace
Conway, Battaile Fitzhugh Taliaferro

Existence and Location of Copies

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

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically by date.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence, 1892-1895

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Container 1 (folder)

Correspondence, 1896-1899

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Container 2 (folder)

Correspondence, 1900-1901

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Correspondence, 1902-1903

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence, 1904, 1907-1908

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Correspondence, 1912-1913, 1918-1920

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