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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains a letter, dated June 15, 1864, from James M. Wysor to his mother. While stationed at Kennesaw Mountain, Wysor, a soldier in the 54th Virginia Infantry writes about picket and military activities and actions, rations, and deserters.

Creator

Wysor, James M., Sr. (James Miller), 1845-1929

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Biographical Note

James Miller Wysor or Weiser was born on August 17, 1845, to George Washington and Margaret Ann Wysor of Dublin, Pulaski County, Virginia. He had several siblings, including Henry C. and John C. Wysor.

During the American Civil War, Wysor enlisted on August 8, 1863, at Belle's Bridge, Tennessee, as a private in the Confederate Army. There he joined the "F" Company of the Virginia 54th Infantry. On March 19, 1865, Wysor was taken prisoner at Bentonville, North Carolina, where he was sent and confined to Point Lookout, Maryland.

After the war, Wysor starting spelling his surname as Weiser and became a farm laborer in Minnesota. He married Laura Adams Ware (1857-1937) around 1878. They had several children, including Hannah M., James M., Jr., Mary W., and Raymond W. They returned to Virginia in the 1870s.

Wysor died on Nov. 27, 1929, and is buried alongside his family in the New Dublin Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia.

Sources:

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Scope and Content

The collections contains a letter, dated June 15, 1864, from James M. Wysor to his mother. While stationed at Kennesaw Mountain, he writes about picket and military activities and actions, rations, and deserters. He discusses the health of an uncle in the army with him, an encounter with old friends on the march, and of cannon fire he hears while writing the letter.

Related Archival Materials

Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives maintains several related Wysor family papers:

Rufus J. Wysor Papers, Ms1968-008

Henry Wysor Family Papers, Ms2015-026

Henry C. Wysor Family Papers, Ms2023-012

Samuel D. Jones Letter to Henry C. Wysor, Ms2024-051

F. P. Miles Letter to Henry C. Wysor, Ms2024-052

John C. Wysor Letter, Ms2024-056

Robert E. Wysor Account Book, Ms2024-057

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