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### Abstract

The F. P. Miles Letter to Henry C. Wysor was a letter written by Miles in Blacksburg, Virginia, on July 18, 1889, to Wysor in Dublin, Virginia. The letter details an insurance payment to Wysor and is written on Virginia Agriculture and Mechanical College (now Virginia Tech) letterhead. Miles (1860-1890) was a professor of chemistry and geology at the college, while Wysor (1847-1927) was an agent for the New-York Life Insurance Company.

### Creator

Miles, Fielding P. (Fielding Peery), 1860-1890

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# Biographical Note - F. P. Miles

Fielding Peery Miles was born to George W. and Rebecca A. Miles on October 27, 1860. He was a resident of Sullivan, Tennessee; Glade Spring, Virginia; and Blacksburg. He married Eleanor Annabel Smith (1855-1941) on December 23, 1886, at the University of Virginia Chapel. He graduated from the University of Virginia as a professor of chemistry and geology at Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Virginia Tech) from 1886 to until his death of typhoid fever on May 3, 1890.

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# Biographical Note - Henry C. Wysor

Henry C. Wysor was born to George Washington and Margaret Ann Wysor in October 21, 1847, in Washington County, Virginia. During the American Civil War, Henry enlisted with the Confederacy at the age of 16 in 1864 with the 45th Infantry and later transferred to Company F of the 54th Infantry. He married Mary

Elizabeth Shipp (1846-1922) in 1873, and the couple had six children, Mary S., William W., Henry, Cora R., Rufus J., and Davidson C.

Wysor primarily worked as a Life Insurance Agent who ran his own branch of the New-York Life Insurance Company in southwestern Virginia. He also owned an apple orchard and sold apples to people throughout southwestern Virginia and West Virginia. He died on August 7, 1927, in Dublin, Pulaski County, Virginia.

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## Scope and Content

The F. P. Miles Letter to Henry C. Wysor was a letter written by Miles in Blacksburg, Virginia, on July 18, 1889, to Wysor, in Dublin, Virginia. The letter details an insurance payment to Wysor and is written on Virginia Agriculture and Mechanical College letterhead.

## Related Archival Materials

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

Rufus J. Wysor Papers, Ms1968-008

James M. Wysor Letter, Ms2013-035

Henry Wysor Family Papers, Ms2015-026

Henry C. Wysor Family Papers, Ms2023-012

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

John C. Wysor Letter, Ms2024-056

Robert E. Wysor Account Book, Ms2024-057

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