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## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

1842-1863

**Language**

English

**Abstract**

This collection contains one 1861 letter from M.H. Flook, one 1863 certificate of discharge for W. Christian Flook, and one 1842 letter from Caswell Freeman. Collection contains both transcriptions and originals.

**Creator**

Flook family

**source**

Breen, Virginia Wise

**Extent**

0.08 cubic feet 1 folder

**Repository**

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

## Administrative Information

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**Acquisition Information**

Donated to JMU Special Collections by Mrs. Virginia Wise Breen in January 1990.

**Processing Information**

The September 3, 1861 letter and the January 24, 1863 discharge certificate were previously laminated. In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 2084.**

**Preferred Citation**

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## Bio/Historical

Both letters were written by members of the Flook family, and the donor is a relative. The first letter, dated 1842, was written by David Flook and concerns the price of cattle in Tennessee. The 1861 letter between brothers Michael Harvey Flook and William Christian Flook, discusses the selection of substitute soldiers and describes action involving Confederate Generals Wise and Floyd in the Kanawha Valley. The home of both brothers was in Rockingham County, Virginia.

## Scope and Content

This collection contains three items. There are two letters: one dated 1842 to David Flook from Caswell Freeman in Jacksborough, Tennessee, concerning the price of cattle; and one dated September 3, 1861 from M. H. Flook at Camp Guin to his brother. This letter discusses the selection of substitute soldiers and describes action involving Confederate generals Wise and Floyd in the Kanawha Valley. Attached to the 1861 letter is an 1863 certificate from Rockingham County exempting William Christian Flook from military duty for having furnished Jos. B. Breen as a substitute in 1861. Both letters have been transcribed.

## Keywords

Kanawha Valley Campaign, 1861-1862

Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

West Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Rockingham County (Va.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Letters (correspondence)

Family papers

Breen family

Flook family

Wise, John S. (John Sergeant), 1846-1913

Breen, Joseph B.

Flook, W. Christian

Floyd, John B. (John Buchanan), 1806-1863

Breen, Virginia Wise

Confederate States of America. Army (General subdivision: Recruiting, enlistment, etc..)

Freeman, Caswell -- Correspondence

Flook, M. H. -- Correspondence

## Other Formats Available

Transcriptions of both letters are included in the collection.

## Provenance

Donor was given original documents of the Civil War period concerning her grandfather and his brother, her great-uncle.

## Arrangement

The documents are arranged chronologically in one folder.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Virginia Wise Breen Collection of Flook Family Papers**

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**Mixed Materials [1000886559]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)