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Edgar, George M. (George Mathews), 1837-1913

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## Biographical / Historical

George Mathews Edgar was born in 1837 in Monroe County, West Virginia. He graduated VMI in 1856 and went on to become a Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate States of America. After the Civil War, Edgar was an educator. He died in 1913 in Paris, Kentucky.

## Scope and Contents

The George M. Edgar letters collection consists of two letters. The first letter (dated May 17, 1864) is from C. A. De Russy to Edgar. The letter commends Edgar for the assistance rendered by his battalion at the Battle of New Market on May 15, 1864.

The second letter (dated June 1, 1885) is from Edgar to James E. Blankenship's (VMI Class of 1852). In this letter, Edgar replies to Blankenship's application for a job.

## Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1856

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry Battalion, 26th

New Market, Battle of, New Market, Va., 1864

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1852

Blankenship, James E., 1831?-?

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Letter from C. A. De Russy to George M. Edgar**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5825

**Unit Date** 1864 May 17

**Scope and Contents**

Written from near Harrisonburg, Virginia. The letter commends Edgar for the assistance rendered by his battalion at the Battle of New Market on May 15, 1864.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

New Market, Battle of, New Market, Va., 1864

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry Battalion, 26th

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**Transcription**

Head Quarters Wharton's Brigade Near Harrisonburg May 17th 64

Lt. Col. Edgar Com. [Commander] of Battalion

Col. I am directed by Brigadier General Wharton to offer you his sincere thanks for the prompt and efficient assistance, which you rendered his Brigade, on the 15th inst.[Battle of New Market] He further requests you to tender his heartfelt thanks to your heroic officers and gallant men for their courageous conduct and spirited bearing on the same occasion. I am, Col., Very Respectfully, Your Obt. Svt. [Obedient Servant] C. A. De Russy

**Letter from George M. Edgar to James E. Blankenship**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5826

**Unit Date** 1885 June 1

**Creator** Edgar, George M. (George Mathews), 1837-1913

**Scope and Contents**

Written from Fayetteville, Arkansas. The letter replies to James E. Blankenship's application for a job.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

Blankenship, James E., 1831?-?

**Transcription**

Col. Geo. M. Edgar President

Arkansas Industrial University President's Office Fayetteville, Ark. June 1st, 1885

Prof. J. E. Blankenship, Dear Sir, Your letter of the 28th ult. was rec'd yesterday. Since writing to you I have been informed that the Board of Trustees will meet on the 4th. They will necessarily be in session, however, until the 11th and may be detained longer. Therefore, you still have time to forward any papers which you may desire to place before them for their consideration, and which I shall take great pleasure in presenting.

I cannot foresee what changes will be made or what persons chosen from the many applicants, but whatever the decision with regard to yourself I shall overtake great interest in your work and wish you abundant success in it.

With hearty thanks for your expressions of kindly and personal interest in me during this critical period of the history of this University, I am Very Truly Geo. M. Edgar