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Biographical / Historical

James D. Saunders was born in 1824 in Lynchburg, Virginia. He graduated VMI in 1845 and went on to become a merchant. He died in a duel in Lynchburg in 1851.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one letter (dated November 24, 1842) from Cadet James D. Saunders to his cousin John Mitchell. Saunders describes the hardships of cadet life, the dullness of Lexington, Virginia, VMI's 3rd anniversary (Founders Day) celebration, a storm damaging the North wall of barracks, and mentions Edward C. Carrington, Jr. (VMI Class of 1844). This is one of the earliest extant cadet personal letters.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1845
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Correspondence
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Letter to John Mitchell

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