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Unit Date

1862-1866

Mixed Materials

1 (box)

Language

English

Creator

Adams, Richard H., Jr. (Richard Henry), 1841-1896

Creator

Adams, Lottie P. (Lottie Putnam)

Extent

0.25 cubic feet approximately 80 items

Physical Location

Manuscripts stacks

Repository

Virginia Military Institute Archives

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Biographical / Historical

Richard Henry Adams, Jr. was born in 1841 at "Altwood," Marengo County, Alabama. During the Civil War he served as officer with the 5th Alabama Infantry Regiment and in the Engineer Corps on General Wheeler's staff. He was captured near Nashville, Tennessee and was a prisoner of war from September 1863 to June 1865 (one of "immortal 600"). After the War, Adams was an engineer. He died in 1896 in Radford, Virginia.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the Civil War papers (approximately 80 items) of Captain Richard H. Adams, Jr, including: A manuscript diary kept while serving with the 5th Alabama Regiment in Virginia (April-June 1862), with an accompanying typewritten transcription Transcriptions of two additional diary volumes (September 1862-March 1863; and prison diary, 1864-1865) Forty seven letters (November 1863-September 1866) to Lottie Putnam Adams, most written before their marriage while Adams was a prisoner of war Twenty three letters from Lottie to Richard (March 1864-January 1865) A typescript titled "Account of Wheeler's Raids," which was written after the Civil War "Friendship book" (March 1865) that contains inscriptions by fellow prisoners Two photographs of Adams Documents and clippings The letters reflect ongoing courtship and generally concern personal and family matters with some references to war and prison life. Diaries contain information about camp life, battles, and prison life.

Keywords

Johnson Island Prison

Confederate States of America. Army—Alabama Infantry Regiment, 5th

Confederate States of America. Army—Cavalry

Wheeler's Cavalry Corps (C.S.A.)

Peninsular Campaign (1862)

Fair Oaks (Henrico County, Va.), Battle of, 1862

Soldiers -- Alabama -- Diaries

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Prisoners and prisons

Point Lookout Prison Camp (Md.)

Fort Delaware (Del.)
Morris Island (S.C.)
Marengo County (Ala.) -- History
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Women
Prisoners of war
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865
Correspondence

Online Access

Major portions of this collection are available online.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence from Richard H. Adams, Jr. to Lottie Putnam Adams

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Container 1 (Folder)

Language English

Extent 47 items

Correspondence from Lottie Putnam Adams to Richard H. Adams, Jr.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3087

Unit Date 1864-1865

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English

Extent 27 items

Civil War diary

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3088

Unit Date 1862 April-June

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Diary details the activities of Company D, 5th Alabama Infantry Regiment.

Keywords

Confederate States of America. Army—Alabama Infantry Regiment, 5th

Peninsular Campaign (1862)

Fair Oaks (Henrico County, Va.), Battle of, 1862

Soldiers -- Alabama -- Diaries

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Friendship book

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/3100

Unit Date 1865

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

This leather bound notebook contains inscriptions and letters of esteem written from the United States Military Prison at Hilton Head, South Carolina, by fellow prisoners near the end of the Civil War.

Keywords

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Prisoners and prisons
Confederate States of America. Army—Alabama Infantry Regiment, 5th

Civil War oath of allegiance

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Unit Date 1865 June 12

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English

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Scope and Contents

The oath of allegiance sworn by Richard H. Adams, Jr. at Fort Delaware.

Keywords

Fort Delaware (Del.)

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Prisoners and prisons

Oaths

Military records

Diaries and correspondence transcriptions

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Unit Date 1863-1865

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7-10 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

The original papers were accompanied by these transcriptions, created by an unknown person. They have not been reviewed or checked for accuracy by the VMI Archives staff. They include transcriptions of additional diaries for which we do not own the original manuscript, including the "Prison Diary."

Wheeler's Raid, typescript account

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Unit Date 1862

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