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Biographical / Historical

William Galt was born circa 1841 and was the youngest son of William Galt of "Glenvaron," Fluvanna County, Virginia. He resigned his cadetship at VMI to join the Confederate Army, serving as Adjutant with the 52nd Virginia Infantry. Galt died on October 6, 1864 in the hospital in Winchester, Virginia from a wound received in battle.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one notebook, (1862-1863) compiled by Cadet William "Willie" Galt, VMI Class of 1864. The manuscript reflects the concerns and interests of a wartime cadet and thus contains many verses and songs inspired by the ongoing conflict. A few of the entries toward the end of the volume were made by an unknown family member, probably circa 1865-1866.

The notebook contains approximately 30 pages of entries, including some original cadet poetry as well as popular wartime verses (e.g., Bonnie Blue Flag; Oh Weep Not Mother). Two pieces concern the death of Stonewall Jackson.

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