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**Unit ID**

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English .

**Creator**

Radford, William N. (William Norvell), 1846-1872

**Creator**

Chalmers, William M. (William Murray), 1845-1895

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## Biographical / Historical

William Norvell Radford was born in 1846 in Lynchburg, Virginia. He graduated from VMI in 1867 and was a New Market cadet. He went on to become a farmer. Radford died in 1872 in Bedford County, Virginia.

William Murray Chalmers was born in 1845 in Halifax County, Virginia. He graduated from VMI in 1867 and was a New Market cadet. He went on to become a teacher. Chalmers died in 1895 in Danville, Virginia.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of two items of correspondence, including a telegram (dated May 16, 1864) sent by Cadet William N. Radford to his father Edmund W. Radford after the Battle of New Market, Virginia. The collection also includes a holograph note (dated May 15, 1864) from Cadet William M. Chalmers to his mother Sarah E. Coleman.

## Keywords

Virginia Military Institute -- Cadet life -- 1861-1865

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New Market Cadets

Telegrams

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

Correspondence

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## Description of Subordinate Components

**Telegram from William N. Radford to Edmund W. Radford**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5528

**Unit Date** 1864 May 16

**Language** English.

**Creator** Radford, William N. (William Norvell), 1846-1872

**Scope and Contents**

Written from Lynchburg, Virginia. Telegram regards surviving the Battle of New Market, Virginia.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

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

New Market Cadets

Telegrams

**Transcription**

The Southern Telegraph Companies.

Lynchburg May 16, 1864. 12 o'clock. By telegraph from New Market to Wm. W. Norvell

I escaped unhurt n the fight yesterday will probably return to Lexington inday or so W N Radford.

**Note from William M. Chalmers to Sarah E. Coleman**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5529

**Unit Date** 1864 May 15

**Language** English.

**Creator** Chalmers, William M. (William Murray), 1845-1895

**Scope and Contents**

Written from New Market, Virginia. Letter regards surviving the Battle of New Market, Virginia.

**Keywords**

Correspondence

New Market Cadets

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

**Transcription**

New Market Shenandoah May 15 Dear [mother] We had a fight this evening I am unhurt a great many of the Corps killed. We will return to Lex now I expect. Yankees retreating. Devotedly Wm.