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Unit Date

1860-1993

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English

Creator

Gatewood, Andrew C. L. (Andrew Cameron Lewis), 1843-1919

Creator

Dunlap, John M., Jr. (John McKee), 1917-?

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35 items

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Biographical / Historical

Andrew Cameron Lewis Gatewood was born at Mountain Grove, Bath County, Virginia, on June 30, 1843 to Samuel Vance Gatewood (1810-1861) and Eugenia Sophia Massie (1819-1884). He entered the VMI in July 1860, where he served as a cadet until the outbreak of the Civil War in April 1861. On April 16, 1861, he accompanied the Corps of Cadets to Richmond, Virginia where he served as a drillmaster to new Confederate recruits. Gatewood subsequently served in the same capacity under General Robert S. Garnett at Laurel Hill, Barbour County, West Virginia. He joined the 11th Virginia Cavalry Regiment in March 1862 and was elected 2nd Lieutenant, "F" Company (Bath Squadron). He served in this unit until the end of the War.

At the close of the Civil War, Gatewood returned to Bath County. His father had died suddenly in 1861 without leaving a will, and as the oldest son, he took on responsibility for his family's affairs. He married his childhood sweetheart, Mary Skillern Warwick (1845-1922) in 1869 and the couple had seven children: William Beale, Eugene Samuel, Massie Cameron, Andrew Warwick, Mary Preston, Eliza Pleasants, and one child who died in infancy. The couple moved to Big Spring, Pocahontas County, West Virginia in 1877 where Gatewood spent the remainder of his life working as a farmer and stock raiser. He died on July 31, 1919.

Scope and Contents

The bulk of the Andrew C. L. Gatewood papers consist of 28 letters (dated 1860-1864) written by Gatewood to his parents and other family members. Early letters describe life at VMI and in Lexington, Virginia, just prior to and during early months of the Civil War. Subsequent letters date from Gatewood's service with the 11th Virginia Cavalry Regiment, Company F (Bath Squadron), including a letter (dated September 1862) written after the Second Battle of Manassas (2nd Bull Run).

The papers also include a "History of the Bath Squadron," consisting of a manuscript fragment, copies of a series of published newspaper articles concerning the unit, and an edited transcription, publications concerning Confederate veteran reunions, and Gatewood's VMI cadet account book.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th

Bull Run, 2nd Battle of, Va., 1862

Soldiers—Virginia—Correspondence

Lexington (Va.)—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Virginia Military Institute—Civil War, 1861-1865

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

Account Books

Manuscripts

Clippings

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5098

Unit Date 1860-1864

Language English

Extent 5 Folder5 folders by year

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/279

Unit Date 1860

Language English

Extent 6 items

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/285

Unit Date 1860 August 4

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter regards initiation of new cadets, early reference to term "rat" as a name for a new cadet, complaints of homesickness, and comments on living in camp.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Slang

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/286

Unit Date 1860 August 25

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter describes daily routine of cadets, life in camp, and difficulty of studies.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/287

Unit Date 1860 September 1

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter describes dismantling summer camp and moving into barracks.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/288

Unit Date 1860 September 20

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter discusses family matters, including court summons.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/289

Unit Date 1860 December 22

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter discusses examinations, Christmas at VMI, and the secession of South Carolina.

Keywords

Secession

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Virginia Military Institute—Academics—History—19th century

Letter to William B. Gatewood

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/290

Unit Date 1860 December 22

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter mentions examinations and the secession of South Carolina.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Virginia Military Institute—Academics—History—19th century

Correspondence

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Secession

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/280

Unit Date 1861 January-March

Language English

Extent 5 items

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/291

Unit Date 1861 January 9

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter informs his parents that he did well on his examinations and gives his class standing. The letter also mentions the secession of Florida and other states.

Keywords

Secession

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865
Correspondence

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie) and Samuel V. Gatewood

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/292

Unit Date 1861 February 1

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter discusses the family's runaway slave, Jesse, and mentions willingness of cadets to fight to "save Virginia."

Keywords

Slavery

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Correspondence

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie) and Samuel V. Gatewood

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293

Unit Date 1861 February 8

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter discusses general news, including an invitation to a party, his studies, and a request for money.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Correspondence

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie) and Samuel V. Gatewood

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/294

Unit Date 1861 March 10

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter discusses squad drill, general news, and speculates about Virginia secession and the War.

Keywords

Secession

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/295

Unit Date 1861 March 25

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter discusses the need for new summer pants and the high price of cloth.

Keywords

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/281

Unit Date 1861 April-June

Language English

Extent 9 items

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/296

Unit Date 1861 April 2

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter discusses general news, living in barracks, and anxiety about the return to summer camp in July.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Correspondence

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/297

Unit Date 1861 April 15

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter describes the "flag raising incident," a confrontation between Lexington secessionists (including cadets), and pro-Union citizens.

Keywords

Secession

Lexington (Va.)—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/298

Unit Date 1861 April 18

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter describes excitement among VMI cadets as Virginia decides to secede, suspension of academic duty, and cadet preparation for war.

Keywords

Secession

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Civil War, 1861-1865

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/299

Unit Date 1861 April 20

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Letter informs his parents that the Corps of Cadets will be ordered to Richmond, Virginia probably to drill recruits.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Civil War, 1861-1865
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864
Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869
Correspondence

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/300

Unit Date 1861 April 28

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Richmond, Virginia. Letter describes the cadets' journey from Lexington, Virginia to Richmond and more news of drilling new recruits.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864
Correspondence
Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869
Virginia Military Institute—Civil War, 1861-1865

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/301

Unit Date 1861 early May

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Richmond, Virginia. Letter informs his parents that he is drilling a company of new recruits and hopes for a commission.

Keywords

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864
Correspondence

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie) and Samuel V. Gatewood

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/302

Unit Date 1861 May 11

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Ashland, Virginia. Letter discusses a transfer to the Ashland Camp of Instruction to drill army recruits.

Keywords

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/303

Unit Date 1861 May 29

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Andrew C. L. Gatewood has returned to VMI to drill new cadets and University of Virginia students who are at VMI to receive training. Letter includes a complaint that he is not paid for his services and is still expected to pay room and board and the hopes to get a furlough.

Keywords

University of Virginia—Students
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Letter to Samuel V. Gatewood and Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/304

Unit Date 1861 June 7

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Mountain Grove, Virginia. Letter discusses preparations to serve as drillmaster with the 81st regiment.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Virginia—History—Civil War, 1861-1865

Civil War correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/282

Unit Date 1862-1863

Language English

Extent 3 items

Letter to Mary P. Goode (Gatewood)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/305

Unit Date 1862 September 3

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Manassas, Virginia. Letter describes the Second Battle of Manassas.

Keywords

Bull Run, 2nd Battle of, Va., 1862

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th Correspondence

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/306

Unit Date 1863 March 16

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Edinburg, Virginia. Letter discusses potential to be sent to Harrisonburg, Virginia and mentions victory at Vicksburg, Virginia.

Keywords

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

Letter to Mary P. Goode (Gatewood)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/307

Unit Date 1863 March 26

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from the 11th Regiment camp. Letter regards general news.

Keywords

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Civil War correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/283

Unit Date 1864

Language English

Extent 5 items

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/308

Unit Date 1864 April 9

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Falling Springs Church, Rockbridge County, Virginia. Letter regards regiment encampment.

Keywords

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/309

Unit Date 1864 April 16

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letter written from the 11th Regiment camp. Letter regards the regiment's presentation of the VMI Corps of Cadets with a captured flag and a review of troops by General Smith.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1860-1869

Correspondence

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Smith, Francis H. (Francis Henney), 1812-1890

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/310

Unit Date 1864 April 27

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Waynesboro, Virginia. Letter regards camp at Waynesboro and expected orders to march and battle.

Keywords

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/311

Unit Date 1864 April 29

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from Waynesboro, Virginia. Letter regards that the brigade is ordered to eastern Virginia.

Keywords

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Letter to Eugenia S. Gatewood (Massie)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/312

Unit Date 1864 August 9

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written from the 11th Regiment camp. Letter regards general news from camp.

Keywords

Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 11th

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

Correspondence

United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives—Confederate

Cadet account book

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5100

Unit Date 1860-1861

Language English

Extent 1 items

Account book

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/315

Unit Date 1860-1861

Language English

Scope and Contents

Account book contains entries for cadet expenses from July 31, 1860 to May 22, 1861.

"History of the Bath Squadron"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5099

Language English

Extent 2 Folder

Partial manuscript and Bath County Enterprise newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5102

Unit Date 1899

Language English

Partial "History of the Bath Squadron or Recollections of Thirty Years Ago" manuscript

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5103

Language English

Scope and Contents

Partial "History of the Bath Squadron or Recollections of Thirty Years Ago" manuscript in Andrew C. L. Gatewood's hand.

Keywords

Manuscripts

Typescript with annotations

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5105

Unit Date 1993

Language English

Scope and Contents

"History of the Bath Squadron" typescript with annotations by C.L. Gatewood's grandson, John M. Dunlap, Jr. Included is a 5.25 inch floppy disk that contains a digital version of the typescript.

Confederate veterans reunion publications

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5101

Language English

Extent 1 Folder

Confederate veterans reunion publications

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/314

Language English

Extent 5 items

Keywords

United Confederate Veterans

Official Report of the History Committee of the Grand Camp C. V., Department of Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5106

Unit Date 1899 October 12

Language English

Scope and Contents

Written by Dr. Hunter McGuire, Chairman. Report read by the committee chairman in Richmond, Virginia on June 5, 1899.

The Reunion of the West Virginia Division Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans pamphlet

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5107

Unit Date 1911 October 4-5

Language English

Extent 2 items2 copies

Scope and Contents

Written by J. Coleman Alderson. Pamphlet contains "speeches, engravings of the speakers, and General Officers of this Division, with other prominent West Virginia Confederates."

Keywords

Pamphlets

Points of Interest in the National Capital pamphlet

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5108

Unit Date 1917 May 14

Language English

Scope and Contents

Document was printed for the "27th Reunion...United Confederate Veterans 22nd Annual Reunion...Sons of Veterans" held in Washington, D.C. from June 4 to 8, 1917.

Keywords

Pamphlets

Proceedings of the Reunion of United Confederate Veterans

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5109

Unit Date 1917 October 2

Language English

Scope and Contents

Proceedings of the 27th Annual Reunion of the Confederate Veterans, the 18th Annual Convention of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, and the 22nd Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held in Washington D.C. from June 4 to 7, 1917.