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**Unit ID**

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**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

1894-1915

**Language**

English

**Creator**

Colonna, Benjamin A. (Benjamin Azariah), 1843-1924

**Creator**

Wise, Henry A. (Henry Alexander), 1842-1918

**Creator**

Shipp, Scott, 1839-1917

**Extent**

1.5 cubic feet 3 document boxes and oversized materials

**Physical Location**

Manuscripts stacks and Oversized Case 1

**Repository**

Virginia Military Institute Archives

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## Biographical / Historical

The Civil War Battle of New Market, Virginia took place on May 15, 1864. The Virginia Military Corps of Cadets participated as a unit in this engagement, and ten cadets were killed or died later as a result of their wounds. The battle was fought in response to Union General Franz Sigel's march up the Shenandoah Valley from Winchester towards Staunton, Virginia. The Confederate force then in the Valley, commanded by General John Imboden, was reinforced at Staunton by troops commanded by General John C. Breckinridge, and by the VMI cadets commanded by Major Scott Shipp. The Confederate troops marched north where the battle took place on the afternoon of May 15. At about 4 p.m., Sigel ordered a retreat and fell back to Strasburg, Pennsylvania.

The individuals largely responsible for compiling this collection had strong ties to VMI and to the battle. Henry A. Wise, the son of John Cropper Wise and Anne Finney, was born in Accomac County, Virginia in May 1842. He graduated from VMI in 1862 and served in the Confederate Army until he was captured and paroled, also in 1862. During the period of his parole, he returned to VMI as a faculty member and tactical officer. Wise was in command of Cadet Company A at the Battle of New Market and took command of the Cadet Battalion after Scott Shipp was wounded. After the War, Wise resumed his career as an educator in the Tidewater area (Virginia) and in Baltimore, Maryland. He died in Norfolk, Virginia on July 11, 1918.

Benjamin Azariah Colonna, the son of John Wilkins Colonna and Margaret Jones, was born in Accomac County, Virginia in October 1843. He graduated from VMI in 1864 and, while at VMI, took part in the Battle of New Market as Cadet Captain of Company D. Following the War, Colonna worked as a surveyor and civil engineer. He maintained a lifelong interest in the battle and was responsible for the accurate mapping of the battlefield. He died in 1924 in Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Contents

The New Market collection consists primarily of reminiscences of the Battle of New Market, Virginia (May 15, 1864) written by participants and other witnesses between 1894 and 1915. Written in response to specific inquiries and questionnaires, these memoirs were collected by various groups and individuals, including the VMI Alumni Association, author/historian Edward R. Turner, Henry A. Wise (VMI Class of 1862) and Benjamin A. Colonna (VMI Class of 1864). In addition to VMI cadet participants, information was received from veterans of other Confederate units, from Union soldiers, and from a small number number of eyewitnesses who were citizens of the town of New Market at the time of the battle.

Some of the responses are very detailed, while others contain little information other than the fact of participation. The accounts collected by Colonna reflect his particular interest in troop movements and positions, and in mapping the battlefield.

In addition to the memoirs, the collection also includes: Colonna's map of the battlefield and materials relating to the creation of the map Four documents (1864) related to the 34th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, one of the Union Army units at the battle Printed material

## Separated Materials

Oversized items have been removed and are located in oversized case, manuscripts.

## Keywords

United States. Army—Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, 34th (1862-1865)  
United States. Army—Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 54th (1862-1865)  
United States. Army—Ohio Infantry Regiment, 123rd (1862-1865)  
United States. Army—Connecticut Infantry Regiment, 18th (1862-1865)  
United States. Army—Maryland Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)  
United States. Army—New York Cavalry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)  
United States. Army—New York Cavalry Regiment, 15th (1863-1865)  
United States. Army—New York Cavalry Regiment, 21th (1863-1866)  
United States. Army—West Virginia Infantry Regiment, 12th (1862-1865)  
United States. Army—West Virginia Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1864)  
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry Regiment, 22nd  
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 23rd  
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry Regiment, 26th  
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry Regiment, 62nd  
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Artillery—Chapman's Battery  
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 18th  
New Market, Battle of, New Market, Va., 1864—Personal narratives  
New Market Cadets  
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives  
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864  
Memoirs  
Maps  
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1865  
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866  
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1867  
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Maps  
Military maps  
Correspondence  
Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1869  
Confederate States of America. Army—Virginia Infantry, Regiment, 51st

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Memoirs and questionnaire results**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1857

**Unit Date** 1894-1909

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Language** English

### **Scope and Contents**

These documents were collected primarily by Henry A. Wise and by officials of VMI. They solicited details about the Battle of New Market and include replies from many New Market cadets.

### **Porter Johnson memoir**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/4146

**Unit Date** 1909

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** Johnson (Folder)

**Language** English

**Creator** Johnson, Porter, 1845-1917

#### **Biographical / Historical**

Porter Johnson was born on October 19, 1845 in Pruntytown, Taylor County, West Virginia. He was living in Brownsburg, Rockbridge County, Virginia at beginning of the Civil War. He matriculated at VMI on September 1, 1863 and was a Cadet Private at the Battle of New Market on May 15, 1864. He resigned from Corps of Cadets on March 6, 1865 and joined the 8th Confederate Battalion commanded by Colonel Garnett Andrews. Johnson was captured in Salisbury, North Carolina on April 12, 1865 and imprisoned. He was paroled on June 13, 1865. After the War he returned to Rockbridge County where he was a farmer. He died on June 9, 1917.

#### **Scope and Contents**

An account of the Battle of New Market written in 1909 by Porter Johnson. As a VMI Cadet, Johnson participated in the battle as a Private, Company B, Corps of Cadets.

#### **Keywords**

Memoirs

New Market, Battle of, New Market, Va., 1864—Personal narratives

### **Benjamin A. Colonna documents**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1858

**Unit Date** 1912-1919

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Language** English

#### **Scope and Contents**

These recollections of the Battle of New Market were collected primarily by Benjamin A. Colonna as part of his efforts to create an accurate map of the battlefield.

### **Correspondence with VMI-affiliated battle participants**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1859

**Language** English

#### **Frederick W. Claybrook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1860

**Language** English

**Creator** Claybrook, Frederick W. (Frederick William), 1844-1914

#### **Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

#### **Charles J. Faulkner**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1861

**Language** English

**Creator** Faulkner, Charles J. (Charles James), 1847-?

#### **Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1867

#### **Samuel H. Letcher**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1862

**Language** English

**Creator** Letcher, Samuel H. (Samuel Houston), 1848-1914

#### **Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1869

**Collier H. Minge**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1863

**Language** English

**Creator** Minge, Collier H. (Collier Harrison), 1845-1915

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1864

**Andrew Pizzini**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1864

**Language** English

**Creator** Pizzini, Andrew, Jr., 1846-1913

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1865

**Scott Shipp**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1865

**Language** English

**Creator** Shipp, Scott, 1839-1917

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1859

**Charles B. Tate**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1866

**Language** English

**Creator** Tate, Charles B. (Charles Beverly), 1847-1925

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866

**Henry A. Wise**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1919

**Language** English

**Creator** Wise, Henry A. (Henry Alexander), 1842-1918

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1862

**Henry C. Whitehead**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1867

**Language** English

**Creator** Whitehead, Henry C. (Henry Colgate), 1845-1920

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866

**John S. Wise**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1868

**Language** English

**Creator** Wise, John S. (John Sergeant), 1846-1913

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866

**Jonathan E. Woodbridge**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1870

**Language** English

**Creator** Woodbridge, Jonathan E. (Jonathan Edwards), 1844-1935

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1865

**Louis C. Wise**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1869

**Language** English

**Creator** Wise, Louis C., 1844-1911

**Keywords**

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1866

**Correspondence with battle participants, Confederate Army units**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1871

**Language** English

**D. M. Armstrong, Chapman's Battery**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1872

**Language** English

**Julian G. Pratt, 18th Virginia Cavalry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1873

**Language** English

**Noyes Rand, 22nd Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1874

**Language** English

**J. K. Thompson, 22nd Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1875

**Language** English

**Issac Hupp, 23rd Virginia Cavalry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1876

**Language** English

**George M. Edgar, 26th Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1877

**Language** English

**Family of Peter J. Otey, 30th Virginia Sharpshooters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1878

**Language** English

**G. W. Dunford, 51st Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1880

**Language** English

**Guy S. Bralley, 51st Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1879

**Language** English

**F. M. Lindamood, 51st Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1881

**Language** English

**John A. Porter, 51st Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1882

**Language** English

**D. H. Sayers, 51st Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1883

**Language** English

**Samuel Stone, 51st Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1884

**Language** English

**Robert E. Wolfe, 51st Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1885

**Language** English

**George H. Smith, 62nd Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1886

**Language** English

**Correspondence with battle participants, Union Army units**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1887

**Language** English

**James Haggerty, 18th Connecticut Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1888

**Language** English

**Charles H. Lynch, 18th Connecticut Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1889

**Language** English

**C. H. Richmond, 18th Connecticut Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1890

**Language** English

**John Service, 18th Connecticut Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1891

**Language** English

**Henry A. Dupont, Dupont's Battery**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1892

**Language** English

**James L. Jones, 1st Maryland Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1893

**Language** English

**John W. Adams, 34th Massachusetts Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1894

**Language** English

**Charles H. Berry, 1st New York Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1895

**Language** English

**M. Auer, 15th New York Cavalry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1896

**Language** English

**J. E. Multoon, 21st New York Cavalry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1897

**Language** English

**A. J. Gilbert, 123rd Ohio Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1898

**Language** English

**Abe Park, 123rd Ohio**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1899

**Language** English

**David R. Bryan, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1900

**Language** English

**G. W. Camp, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1901

**Language** English

**G. W. Gageby, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1902

**Language** English

**J. B. Kaufman, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1903

**Language** English

**J. F. Klingaman, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1904

**Language** English

**J. C. Yutzy, 54th Pennsylvania Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1905

**Language** English

**John T. Duff, 1st West Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1906

**Language** English

**C. H. Senseney, 1st West Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1908

**Language** English

**U. K. Sutherland, 1st West Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1909

**Language** English

**J. N. Waddell, 12th West Virginia Infantry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1910

**Language** English

**Correspondence with New Market residents**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1911

**Language** English

**Correspondence, general**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1912

**Language** English

**New Market Battlefield map project materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1913

**Language** English

**Maps**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1914

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

**New Market related items**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1915

**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)

**Language** English

**34th Massachusetts Infantry documents**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1916

**Unit Date** 1864

**Language** English

**Print materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1917

**Language** English

**Play**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/1918

**Unit Date** 1893

**Language** English

**Scope and Contents**

One play by John W. Sherman published as "New Market," or "The Boy Heroes of '64."