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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of personal papers of the Blain family of Albemarle County and Williamsburg, Virginia, including the Civil War period diary (1861-63) of school teacher Mary Randolph Blain. The diary, written near the York River in Gloucester County, Va. provides a picture of civilian life both in that area and in Williamsburg, Va. where her parents lived during the period. Also included are two letters written from Randolph Harrison Blain, brother of the diarist and a member of the Confederate Kanawha Horse Artillery

commanded by Captain Thomas E. Jackson, to their mother Susan H. Blain, describing the military situation in and around Lewisburg, West Virginia in the fall of 1863; a letter written from Mrs. Susan Blain to her daughter dated May 23rd 1864 sharing local news and mentioning the Battle of New Market; an unidentified multipage account of Confederate actions in the Battle of Spotsylvania in 1864 possibly authored by Daniel Blain, brother of Margaret and Randolph and an Ordinance Officer in the 1st Virginia Artillery at the time, written on May 18, 1864 documenting the previous two weeks ; a typescript letter from Charlottesville, Va. lawyer and Civil War veteran Micajah Woods to Randolph H. Blain on their shared war service; a typescript muster record for Thomas E. Jackson's Battery of Horse Artillery compiled at the end of the war, and an unidentified manuscript war period list of captured Confederate prisoners after the "Battle of Williamsburg" (Va.) presumably in 1862. The list includes name, unit information, rank, and whether "exchanged" or "died".

Keywords

Diaries
Virginia -- York River
Virginia -- Williamsburg
Virginia -- Gloucester County
West Virginia -- Lewisburg
Spotsylvania Court House, Battle of (Virginia : 1864)
Williamsburg, Battle of (Virginia : 1862)
Blain, Mary Randolph, 1840-1939
Confederate States of America. Army of Northern Virginia
Blain, Randolph H. (Randolph Harrison), 1842-1929
Woods, Micajah, 1844-1911
Jackson, Thomas E.
Blain, Daniel, 1838-1906
Blain, Susan Harrison, 1806-1891

Existence and Location of Copies

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Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence, Randolph H. Blain to Susan Blain (his mother)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16016

Unit Date 1863

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Letter, Susan Blain to Margaret Blain

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16017

Unit Date 1864 May 23

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Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Letter, Micajah Woods to Randolph H. Blain

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16018

Unit Date 1905 July 15

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Language English

Account of the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/16019

Unit Date 1864

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Diary of Mary Randolph Blain

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Unit Date 1861-1867

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Container 19 (folder)

Language English

Muster Roll - Thomas E. Jackson's Battery of horse artillery and list of prisoners

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