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Descriptive Summary

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MSS 16415

Unit ID

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1829-1922

Mixed Materials

1 (box)

Language

Materials are in English.

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 document box

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

Provenance

Accession 2019-0060 Purchased 2 April 2018, Elizabeth Cocke Coles Fund, 2017/2018; 2019-0061 Purchased 2 April 2018, Elizabeth Cocke Coles Fund, 2017/2018.

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Biographical Note

Charles S. Gay (1802-1872) married Margaret Lewis Erskine (1817-1899) and lived in Staunton, Virginia. The couple had at least seven children, including Charles Wyndham Gay (1841-1862), who served as an artilleryman in the Confederacy's Army of the Shenandoah. Charles W. Gay was killed by a shell fragment at Malvern Hill on 1 July 1862.

Source: Materials within collection.

Scope and Contents Note

The Gay family papers (1829-1922; 0.5 cubic feet) document the lives of members of the Gay family of Staunton, Virginia. The collection contains approximately 200 letters written by and to family members, with about one-third of the letters written by Private Charles Wyndham Gay (1841-1862) of the Confederate Army to his parents. Other letters include those from Alexandre Etienne de Clouet, a Louisiana Deputy to the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States.

Keywords

letters (correspondence)

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Correspondence

Arrangement

Materials have been placed in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

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Correspondence

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Miscellaneous Documents

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