

# A Guide to a Adana Bocock Letter

Adana Bocock Letter 1861

1861



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## Scope and Content

This May 11, 1861 letter of Adana Bocock, Fincastle, Virginia, to "My Dear Augusta," describes life at an unidentified female academy. She mentions that she and her classmates made uniforms for the Fincastle Rifles, a Confederate infantry company, and the mustering of a mock company of her classmates as "the Female Dare Devils." Bocock also mentions a Mr. Gould (her teacher) and her studies in "Arithmetic, Philosophy, Grammar, Dictionary, Rhetoric and French." [Board meetings and advertisements for a "Fincastle Female Academy" and a "Fincastle Female Seminary" appear in the September 1, 1848 (page 4, column 3) and October 22, 1858 (page 3, column 4) issues of The Valley Whig, published in Fincastle, Botetourt County.]

The Fincastle Rifles were Company D of the 11th Virginia Infantry Regiment. As the Fincastle Rifles of Botetourt County the unit was founded in December 1859 in response to John Brown's Harpers Ferry raid. The 11th was reorganized at Lynchburg in May 1861 and became a Confederate regiment in July. Its members were from the counties of Botetourt, Campbell, Culpeper, Fauquier, Montgomery, and Rockbridge. The regiment fought in many of the Army of Northern Virginia's major campaigns (First and Second Manassas, Williamsburg, Suffolk, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg) until it surrendered at Saylor's Creek in April 1865.

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