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Biographical / Historical

Morton Marye was born Sept 7, 1831 at Brompton in Fredericksburg City, Va. to John Lawrence nad Anna Maria Burton Marye. On May 15, 1860 he married Caroline Homassell Voss in Rappahannock, Va. and they had six children. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private with the 17th Virginai Infantry. He was commissioned as an officer after his involvement in the First Battle of Manassas. He participated also in Blackburn's Ford and Fall's Church Battles. Mayre was captured at the battle of Fraser's farm on may 31, 1862 and imprisoned for a time at Fort Warren in Boston, MA. On August 30, 1862 he was wounded at the 2nd Battle of Manassas and had his leg amputated above the knee. After the Civil War, Marye was elected clerk of the Coproration Court of Alexandria and held that position for fourteen years. He also served on the Board of Visitors for the Soldiers' Home of R.E. Lee Camp No.1. Marye died in Richmond 22 December 1910 and is buried at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Va. Source, find a grave.com.

Scope and Contents

Two page letter to his wife informing her of the voting process within his regiment as he was a commissioner for counting the votes. From his account, Billy Smith beat Bob Scott by 53 votes in his precinct. It is assumed that this vote was for leader of the 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment. He also gives her instructions regarding bolts of fabric sent to her and her mother to be used entirely for fitting the regiment with uniforms. Lastly, he cannot give sound advice in regard to her mother's wishes to sell an enslaved person, Hawthorne, but hopes that as long as fighting with the Union remains quiet, that he will soon have time to be home and help settle these matters.

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