MSS. Collection #16

Civil War Collection, ca. 1837-1914. 3 boxes (145 folders).

NOTE: The numbers cited in parentheses, e.g. 1:5, refer the researcher to the Series#:Folder# in which that name/topic will be found.

INTRODUCTION

This is an artificial collection, composed of various Civil War related accessions which were combined into one grouping during the early 1980s. There is an extensive index at the end of this inventory, which the researcher should consult for access to all the names and subjects mentioned in this collection. The researcher will find all types of material represented in this collection, with some documents/series relating to individual items or events, and other series composed of small manuscript collections in their own right. The holdings are mostly southern, private, war-related papers in the form of service records, correspondence, memoirs, diaries, and personal records relating to individuals both locally known, as well as more renowned (e.g. JEB Stuart 31:1). Included in the group are miscellaneous records primarily relating to the Union and Confederate military. These records, while limited in scope, vary in form, and include regimental records, official correspondence, financial documents, broadsides and other printed matter.

Although almost all the documents relate to events contemporary with the Civil War, some material was written after the fact (there are reminiscences, and printed material, for example). Also, some series contain material in addition to Civil War topics; the material being kept together in the same series because it relates to the individual or family in question (e.g. see Series 10:1-7, Pilson Family Correspondence, 1837-1914).

Note: This collection does not represent all the Civil War materials (printed, manuscript, photographic, etc.) held by the Museum. There are materials in other manuscript collections which have been kept with those collections and not incorporated into this artificial grouping. There are also materials of similar types that were accessioned together -- e.g. photographs, Prints & Drawings, printed items, etc. -- that are filed with like types of material in Archives.

Provenance: For the most part the provenance of this material is unknown, the material having been accumulated since the Museum’s inception, thus the rationale for grouping this into a single collection to facilitate easier access.

Processing: This collection was originally processed by Howard Hendricks in the 1980s. The collection was re-folded in 1995, and this new inventory was finished (along with an index) by J. Stephen Catlett in April 1996.
SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

This collection does include significant groupings of family papers, especially related to the Brown (3), Finley (5), and Pilson (10) families. Combined, these collections follow a family from North Wilkesboro for the period 1838 to 1914. An important part of this is the correspondence of James B. Gordon, who rose from Private to Brigadier General in the service of the Confederacy.

Another collection is that of George W. Lewis (7:1-5) of the 28th Mississippi Cavalry, which includes: correspondence, daybook, military service papers, and postwar material.

There are Confederate financial documents in the collection, containing stock certificates, bonds (one signed by Zebulon Vance and Jonathan Worth, 4:1).

Many items reveal information on military regiments (see Index, under "Civil War--Confederate--Regiments", and "Federal--Regiments"). The papers of Peter C. Humble (6:1-3), contain financial, legal and military service records reflecting his service with the 13th N.C. Infantry.

A large part of this collection consists of small groupings of items, many related to the wartime service or experiences of local persons. There are some items relating to prominent persons, for example: Varina Davis's letter of thanks to Dr. M. L. Woods (16:1); a copy of Joseph Johnson's general orders no. 3, prohibiting fraternization with the enemy (25:1); a facsimile of Robert E. Lee's Farewell Address (28:1); Gen. Gustavus W. Smith's (33:1) 1863 book of letters; and personal correspondence of Gen. J.E.B. Stuart with Gen. James B. Gordon in 1864 (31:1).

Various examples of printed matter are included, such as a pamphlet from the Judge Advocate General's office relating to the Order of the American Knights (34:1); a dispatch from the Southern Express Co. (32:1); and a broadside collection containing examples of various notices of local and national interest (2:1-19).

There are "Miscellaneous" series (8; 9; 62; 63) which include all types of items (correspondence, discharges, paroles, safeguards, exemptions, oaths of allegiance); e.g., one pardon is signed by William H. Seward (8:3).

This collection contains many gaps and weaknesses, with no complete record of the events in question, but it does provide a good cross section of Civil War items and related items.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

1. Albright, Henry C. 4 folders (42 items). 1861-64.

This series is arranged into four folders, containing correspondence, bonds, and a tintype of Albright when Captain of the 26th N.C. Volunteers, Company G (filed with other tintypes: 1971.205.1).

The chronologically arranged correspondence (1:1) of Aug. 12, 1861 - July 25, 1864, is written chiefly by Albright to his brother-in-law, Thomas C. Dixon, and his wife, Sarah. The $500 bond (4%, dated March 16, 1864) is in 1:3.

The first 14 folders are arranged chronologically, and the last five alphabetically. This collection of (of originals and copies) includes advertisements and notices covering the period of the war. Topics are military related, and are of primarily local interest. Both Union and Confederate examples are on file.


This series, comprised solely of correspondence, relates to one branch of the larger family network that includes the Pilson and Finley families (see also Series #5 & #10).

The letters are arranged in subseries, relating to: Sarah Brown (3:1), Hugh Brown (3:2), Mary Cunningham (3:3), Gen. James B. Gordon (3:4), Amelia Halsey (3:5), and D. C. Williams (3:5).

Mary Cunningham (3:3) was engaged to Hugh Thomas Brown, Captain of the Arkansas Frontier Guards unit, and these letters center on the death of Hugh.

Gen. James B. Gordon (3:4) (1847, 1860, July 1861-March 30, 1864) letters are written in pencil, and a majority are in poor condition. There are also letters to Gordon, mostly of a personal nature. Gordon rose from Private to Brigadier General, served with Hampton's Legion, finally commanding the N.C. Cavalry Brigade. He was wounded in action May 12, 1864, and died on May 18 (See: Mark Boatner, Civil War Dictionary).

The Aurelia Halsey (3:5) letters (March 22 - December 31, 1864) give details of her brother Gen. Gordon's death in 1864 and lament his passing.

The D.C. Williams letters (3:6) (January 10, 1861 - May 15, 1863) concern the death of Hugh Brown, and focus on the disposition of his personal effects.


This series is divided into bonds (4:1) and stocks (4:2). The bonds, dated May 1, 1861 to March 19, 1864, include: 5 @ 4% rate, 1 @ 6% rate, 4 @ 7% rate, and 5 @ 8% rate items. Two of the 8% bonds (#1881 & #6-5-?), each with a face value of $1,000, have signatures of Jonathan Worth and Zebulon Vance. There is also a $100 bond, purchased by M. A. White of Salisbury, N.C., in February 1864.

5. Finley Family Letters. 4 folders (12 items). 1853-80s.

This series relates to the Brown and Pilson family correspondence (see also Series #3 & #10). The Martha Finley items (5:1), are letters written to Finley (who was the sister of Sarah Brown), most from the 1880s. There are also letters sent by Martha Finley (5:2) in 1853 and 1854. Octavia Finley (5:4) (possibly the daughter of Martha) includes letters of 1880 and 1889, both sent and received.

6. Peter C. Humble Papers. 3 folders (ca. 45 items). 1860-94.

This is arranged into three folders, consisting of financial, legal, and military papers. The Bills and Receipts (6:1) include 35 items, mainly tax receipts.
There are 4 items in the Legal Papers (6:2), dated from Guilford County, 1865-72. There is a summons; a judgment, from an action between W. M Mebane vs. David Lineberry and Humble; a list of items sold from the estate of Simeon Humble; and a license to distill liquor.

The military War Records (6:3) reflect Humble's service with Co. H. 13 N.C. Infantry. Included are a will, written upon conscription into the service; a discharge; some miscellaneous IOUs from service; and a parole and Oath of Allegiance from N.C.


This material is varied and relates to the experience of Lewis as a cavalryman with the 28th Mississippi Cavalry. There are five subseries, and also a related series (#11, see below) on the 28th Mississippi.

The Daybook (7:1), presents many miscellaneous and barely readable entries. The clearest appears to be a listing of clothing, with costs. The Correspondence (7:2) dates from October 1860 to February 1866, and includes both letters received and sent. One interesting item is a hand made postal cover.

The Military Papers (7:3) include memoranda, furlough requests, clothing lists and passes. These reflect Lewis's service as Quartermaster and Sergeant in the 28th Mississippi during 1864-65.

There is one postwar voter registration form (7:4) from Mississippi and one postwar photograph (7:5; filed with general photo collection) of Lewis, seated, in civilian clothes.


The material in this series represents a variety of types of documents. The folders are arranged alphabetically by type.

EXEMPTIONS (8:1) include a 1862 printed statement, by a Justice of the Peace John McLean, attesting to Lewis Smith's employment in a mechanical trade (at Shaw's Mills, in Guilford Co.), which qualified Lewis for a military exemption. Also, an Anson County exemption for employees (Peter H. Swink & Hiram B. Braswell) of Arnold & Cooley, firearms manufacturers of Anson Co.

OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE (8:2) include one for Marcus W. Boyles (of Lincoln Co., NC), released from Pt. Lookout, MD, June 23, 1865. Also one for A. M. Riggsbee, of Orange Co., NC, for Aug. 23, 1865.

PARDONS (8:3), include those of James R. McLean, and W. W. Perry (of Rockbridge Co., Va.), signed by William H. Seward, with a hand stamp of Andrew Johnson's signature.

PAROLES (8:4), dated 1865, include those of: J. Rhett Mate (Greensboro, May 2); Tobias Peeler (Salisbury, NC, May 29); John Smith & James Jones (H'Quarters, Army Potomac, April); & Cicero R. Barker (April).

SAFEGUARDS (8:5), both written from Greensboro, include a post-war (August, 1865) item concerning D. P. Foust and distilling; and J. M. Cox, of Rockingham Co., relating to a horse.

VOUCHERS (8:6), dated 1862-64, include: 3 railroad (one for Raleigh & Gaston RR); 1 "sub-voucher," for enrolling 44 men into service; Greensborough Patriot voucher; a payment for slave labor (Richard, owned by James M. Booker, of Campbell Co., Va.) to work on
fortifications near Lynchburg, Va.; one copy from a record book listing accounts receivable for the J & F Garrett Co. (maker of Tarpley Carbine) & Raleigh Gas Works. There are also 5 railroad vouchers (in same envelope), four being from Danville to Greensboro.

**ORDNANCE REPORT (8:7)**, includes one oversize item: "A condensed statement of Ordnance and Ordnance stores manufactured, purchased and received ... by Ordnance Dept. at Raleigh, N.C. from 1st Oct. 1862 to 31st March 1864."

**ORDNANCE CORRESPONDENCE (8:8)**, includes one letter of December 1864 from Thomas D. Hogg to Maj. Cooper, concerning arms to be requisitioned from High Point. Included is the requisition, listing arms and tools.


This diverse group of original letters (with one photocopy), varied in content, is arranged chronologically.

(9:1) is a draft of a letter, unsigned, to "Officers and other Members of the St. Paul's Rifle Corps," from St. Paul's Parish. The writer acknowledges, with appreciation, his honorary membership in the rifle corps.

(9:2) is a Feb. 1861 letter from Moses Raymond (Newton, N.C.) to A. B. Carmichael, re. the "political excitement" and its effect on seed and oil prices.

(9:3), includes 5 items from 1862:


-- April 8: Capt. John *Hobbs* to A. D. *Wait*, listing monies consigned to wait from men in Hobb's unit (Federal).

-- April 27: Isaac *Wisenhunt* to Robert *Perkins*, from *Camp Wyatt*, mentioning illness in camp, the blockade runner "*Nashville*" bringing in 18,000 stands of "Enfield" rifles and other news.

-- June 23 "Cousin" to Eliza *Andres* (Bladen Co.), from a camp near Richmond, speaks of picket duty, hardships of field service. Mentions the death of Henry Clay *Gorrell* (includes a cover).

-- Aug. 4: An unsigned letter from *Greensboro*, to an unknown soldier, describing Greensboro in 1862, mentioning the Gorrell family and death of Henry C. *Gorrell*.

(9:4), includes one item, dated Jan. 5, 1863, from J. H. Peterson to his son, John W. Peterson then serving with the 69th Ohio Vol. Inf. Father mentions difficulties with getting a package to his son, also great joy at the news of his son's safety.

(9:5), includes 4 items of 1864:

-- March 4: Clara Ellis to Birch Ellis of the *1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery*, discussing Clara's family routine. Enclosed from "Jennie" is a swatch (enclosed in cover) of material for her new dress.


-- June 20: From James A. *Jones* in *Greensboro* ("*Moratoch M & M Co.*") to Mr. Morris, re. establishing a rolling mill at the Danbury Iron Works.

-- Nov. 11: G. H. *Lindsay* to Mother, from *Ft. Pulaski, Ga.*, during his stay as a prisoner of war. On verso is genealogical info., c.1942.
-- Nov 13: C. R. Mayton to Mr. Meriweather, from "Wagon Train Armstrong's Brigade" re. medicine for Armstrong's Brigade.

(9:6) includes two 1865 letters: Presley Hale (in Greensboro, with 65th Reg. Indiana Vol.) to Miss Clara R. Merrill, thanking her for sending the cakes. Also a letter from Mana D. Foust to "Dear Children" concerning life and hardships in May, 1865, mentioning Randolph Co., and the 170,000 troops who had passed through her property.

(9:7) is an undated letter (Feb. 17) from D. Worth, at Company Shops, to Pvt. S. Benbow concerning sending money.

10. Pilson Family Correspondence. 7 folders (36 items). 1837-1914.

This series relates to the Brown and Finley family letters (See: Series #3 & #5). It is organized into seven sub-series, relative to: Cornelia Christian, Ella Gilley, Carrie Pilson (Mrs. Frank Pilson), Elizabeth Pilson, and Matthew Pilson. Most of the letters are post-war, and relate to family matters.

(10:1) includes five letters (1837, 1848), written to Cornelia Christian in Lenoir, Caldwell Co. Signers include: Samuel Finley, Matthew Pilson, Elizabeth & Lavinia Pilson, Rev. Francis McFarland (from Rosemont, Va.?)

(10:2) includes three letters (1888, 1907) of Ella Gilley concerning family matters.

(10:3) comprises one 1888 letter from Carrie Pilson to her mother, plus one note.

(10:4) holds 11 items (1888-98), written to Carrie by various family members.

(10:5) includes a letter dated May 1859 from Elizabeth Pilson, and her wedding announcement.

(10:6) includes three letters (1859, 1880, 1888) from Matthew Pilson in Virginia (Augusta Co.) to W. W. Lenoir in Lenoir, N.C.

(10:7) is a miscellaneous folder of nine items (1859-1897), from various family (or extended family) members.


This miscellaneous grouping of items, arranged by state, includes a variety of types of documents, from muster rolls to passes and orders.

(11:1) Massachusetts, 23rd Regiment (Infantry). One casualty list, 1862-65, of killed, wounded and missing, giving names, paces and date of casualty.

(11:2) Mississippi, 28th Regiment (Cavalry). Includes five items: lists, vouchers, corresp. reflecting military routine. Important is a letter regarding the cessation of hostilities sent by order of Howell Cobb, April 21, 1865. This relates to the George C. Lewis material in Series #7.

(11:3) South Carolina, 2nd Regiment (Cavalry), is an 1861 list of officers and men of the "Brook's Troop" Regiment.

(11:4) New York, 115th Vols (Tenth Corps, Army of the Ohio), includes 6 1865 items: 2 circulars (muster-out designations, May 30); mustering circular, June 5; and 4 misc. orders, May & June, included one dated from Raleigh, N.C.


(11:8) **Pennsylvania, 15th Regiment** (Cavalry). Includes 1 clothing book, for Companies K, L & M, for 1862-65. (Oversized)


"Diary and Reminiscences of James W. Albright of Greensboro, N.C." is a typescript from the originals, held in the Southern Historical Collection at UNC Chapel Hill.

This contains a record of Albright's military exploits with the **12th Virginia Battalion** of Light Artillery during the period from 1862 to 1865, with details of the **Petersburg Campaign** and **Wilmington, N.C.** The pages are not arranged continuously chronological, as it begins with 1864, and 1862 to 1864 is on pages 126-204. Albright's involvement in April, 1865 in printing Confederate paroles in Greensboro, is found on pp. 299-300. (In this version he cites the order to print 60,000 forms, whereas in his printed Greensboro 1808-1904, p.83, he lists no quantity.)

Included are reminiscences of Greensboro during the 1840s, (pp. 115-125) including the presidential political campaign of 1840; fires in G'boro; **Methodist church** and building history. Many instances mentioned in this work can be found in his published history of Greensboro.


This material consists of wartime reminiscences by Coble of his service in the **21st N.C. Infantry** ("The Dixie Boys"). There are good personal observations of marches, battles, weapons, food and other minutia of army life. [See E. Coble Collection at State Archives: #1637, p.437 in 1981 guide.]

Some of Coble's reminiscences are typescript, and others are written on original writing tablets. They are not written contemporary to the events, however, as the accession information indicates that four of the tablets (13:1-4) were brought to the museum by Andrew Joyner Jr., and that Coble had written them in July 1893. [1925-64 Accession Ledger, pp. 298-299.]

(13:1), July 1861 - June 7, 1862, includes observations of **1st Manassas** and the first part of the Valley Campaign.

(13:2), Aug. 1862 - Dec. 1863, recounts 2nd Manassas, and activities around **Fredericksburg, Va.**

(13:3), Aug. 1862 - 1863, is labeled "Book Second" and contains information found in previous tablets.

(13:4), Dec. 1862 - June 1863, recounts the battle of Salem Church and the march into **Pennsylvania.**

(13:5), n.d., recounts the Valley Campaign.

(13:6), n.d. begins as a letter written to Lindsey **Fields**, in Sept. 1895.

These relate to the Claude H. Denson collection of wartime letters (Series #17). One item is a brief note from Lavinia Cowan to "Mistress" dated February 1865. The other letter of February 1865, is by Cowan while a prisoner of war at Governor's Island to his father. Cowan mentions Gen. Whiting, recently wounded and captured at Fort Fisher.

15. Cox, Milton H. Service Record. 1 folder (7pp.) 1861-65.

Includes copies of Cox's service records, including pay forms, rosters, inspection report lists, muster rolls. They document his service, promotion, wounding, capture and release as a Lieutenant with Co. A, 6th N.C. Troops.


Varina Howell Davis was the second wife of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America. Mrs. Davis writes on Oct. 14, 1890, to Dr. M. L. Wood, thanking him for the certificate of stock from the Davis Land Company. The letter is signed in the distinctive form "V. Jefferson Davis" and is written on stationery bordered in black mourning trim.

17. Denson, Claude B. Correspondence. 1 folder (8 items). 1863-64.

Includes letters both sent and received by Lieut. Denson, covering the period from May 1863 to June 1864. Mostly written to his wife, the letters mention his experiences at Ft. Fisher and Wrightsville, N.C. [There are Cased Photos of Denson: 1981.185.1-4, and one CDV: 1981.185.5.]


Includes an exemption, dated April 11, 1863; an extract of Special Orders #239, of Dec. 10, 1864, sending Dixon from Camp Stokes (Greensboro, N.C.) to Salisbury, N.C., after having been pronounced unfit for field service; a furlough of Dec. 10, 1864, given to him for 15 days leave from the Salisbury Arsenal to Snow Camp; also a letter of March 30, 1864, written by Thomas Ruffin to Hon. McLean requesting an exemption for Dixon because of his employment at the Cain Creek Foundry. It is endorsed and signed by J. R. McLean, Rep. 6th District, N.C.


Includes the tax records of a Guilford County farmer during February 1864 to February 1865. Also included are: a bond; a postal cover addressed to the Hon. W. P. Mangum, with the Confederate Navy Seal embossed on it; and a receipt reflecting a purchase of hay and corn by Anderson’s Brigade.

Howerton served in Lewis's Battery, Wilcox Brigade, Anderson's Division, Army of Northern Virginia. Two of the letters are written to his cousin, B. H. Howerton (Series 20, below).


Dated January 21, 1863, this exemption requests relief from military duty by reason of employment and provision of a substitute. See Series 20, above.


These two small diaries were written by Hutchinson while serving with the 2nd Virginia Regimental Band. The first diary -- June 2, 1863 - June 3, 1863 (with one entry for August 10, 1863), describes daily life and battles, with specific reference to the Shenandoah Valley Campaign. In the back of this are Hutchinson's drawings of James Madison’s obelisk with words reading “Madison Born March 16, 1751, Died June 28, 1836” and “In memory of Dolley Payne, wife of James Madison, born May 20, 1768, died July 8, 1849.” Also included in the back of this diary is a sketch drawing of the estate at Montpelier (house, front).

The second diary covers July 4- November 12, 1864. It describes camp life and references to the 1864 campaign to Richmond. There are also several loose pages, for 1864 period, in protective sleeves.


Hutchinson was a private in Co. I, 26th Virginia, and his diary from December 1864 - April 1865, describes daily routine with specific references to food, desertions and the Appomatox Campaign. Included are copies of his service records, such as muster, prisoner of war and interment records.


Copies of Irvin's records -- muster roll, roll of honor, sick and wounded register -- for service with Co. G, 45th N.C. infantry regiment.


A photocopy of General Field Order No. 3, dated July 11, 1864, which prohibited intercourse with enemy pickets.


King was discharged from the 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, at Lexington, N.C., on July 18, 1865.


A facsimile of Lee's Farewell Address -- General Order No. 9, April 10, 1865, announcing the surrender of Confederate forces.


Copies of his service records, for the 53rd N.C. Infantry regiment. McGehee was captured at Gettysburg and held prisoner until exchanged in March, 1865. Included are muster rolls, lists, rosters and hospital records.

30. Postal Covers. 1 folder (11 items).

These are Confederate covers, three with CSA marks. Those whose addresses appear on the covers are: Mrs. Ursilla Bryan, Miss Lucie Christian, Milton L. _________, Miss Theresa Peterson (2 items), George Ruffin, Capt. William L. Scott, J. Thomas White, and three covers to Peter Coble of Guilford Co. from Pvt. Henry Coble and Pvt. J. A. Coble.


Both letters are dated April 13, 1863, and one is directed to Brigadier Gen. James B. Gordon. The letters are in poor condition, and have been encapsulated.

One letter, written under a heading of Cavalry Corps A.N.V.A. is an order by Stuart directing Gordon on military matters. The second letter, written from Wigwam, is a personal note regarding his promotion to a Lt. Gen. and quells rumors regarding his separation from the cavalry.

32. Southern Express Co. Dispatch. 1 item. 1865.

Dated March 3, 1865, from Greensboro, N.C., the dispatch was sent to Capt. S. S. Kirkland from Samuel R. Chrisman regarding rerouting Hart's Battery.

33. Smith, Gustavus W. Dispatch Book. 1 item (9pp). 1863-64.

This book, which is incomplete, dates December 29, 1863 to January 13, 1864. Most of the letters are short and pertain to simple military administrative matters or orders to subordinates, although important leaders are included. The letters reflect Smith's personal movements and the
impending attack by him on New Bern and Wilmington. Many letters appear to be in the hand of his Adjutant, Sam W. Milton, but endorsed by Smith.


A War Dept. pamphlet, "Order of American Knights," dated Oct. 18, 1864. Written by J. Holt, the article focuses on the dangers of the Order, its extent, organization, principles and purposes.


Washburn was Capt. with the 21st New York Volunteers and was killed in action at Second Manassas, August 30, 1862. These records relate to those of his wife, Marsha. (See Series #36).


Copies of pension records, include application forms, depositions, attorney briefs and notice of pensioner due to death (of Jeremiah Washburn, Co. C, 21st N.Y. Volunteers).

37. Wyrick, William. Pass. 1 folder (1 item). 1863. [Unable to locate. 7/6/95]

Wyrick served with Co. A, 1st N.C. This is a 30-day Hospital furlough, dated November 13, 1864, on an official CSA form. It notes transportation in kind and commutation of rations paid at Lynchburg.

38. Young Ladies Knitting Society. 1 folder (1 item). 1863.

This was a Greensboro, N.C. society. It is a letter, pasted to a scrapbook page, addressed to the above Society, from T. D. Jones, Capt. Co. F, 27th N.C. Troops, in which he thanks them for a shipment of socks.


Two items are: "Governor's Communications," one concerning the sale of arms to Joseph R. Anderson & Co. (1861) and the second a resolution confirming the loyalty of the State of N.C. (1863) [1980.124.3].

Also included are Resolutions by the N. C. General Assembly during 1862-63, declaring final secession from the Union. [L1980.152.1]
41. Speeches & Addresses. 1 folder (3 items). 1861, n.d.

Printed item, "Address to the People of North Carolina" by Calvin H. Wiley, et.al., discouraging the neglect of the N.C. common school system in this "time of peril and trial." (There are two copies of this pamphlet, 15pp.).
Also a printed "Speech of Hon William A. Graham of Orange..." given at the Convention of N.C., Dec. 7, 1863 in re. ordinances concerning Test Oaths and Sedition. (Raleigh: W.W. Holden, Printer, 1863. 31pp.)


All items are from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Richmond.
#1 (Jan. 3, 1865) explains the Conscription Act (ages 18 to 40).
#13 (Jan. 31, 1865) lists CSA arsenals and armories (including Greensboro).
#146 (Nov. 9, 1863) publishes the cost of cloth for the army.
No # (Nov. 16, 1861), State militia general officers and regimental commanders are ordered to respond to regulations for Confederate generals.

43. Jackson, Thomas J. (Stonewall). 1 folder (1 item). 1863.

Copy of a field message, from Jackson to Col. Gaston Lewis, September 28, 1863, informing him that his regiment would be ordered back soon to Jackson's command.

44. Bishop's Home Guards. 1 folder (2 items). 1861.

Two documents relating to the establishment of Home Guards for Capt. M.R. Bishop's District, probably in Guilford Co. One document is Richard Levins' appointment as a "patrol" for the unit (June 4, 1861). The other is an enlistment sheet (May 2, 1861).

45. Davidson Guards. 1 folder (1 item). 1861 (?). [L1981.132.10]

Address by the Ladies of Davidson made during the presentation of a banner to the Guards (later Co. A, 21st Reg.).

46. Civil War Education. 1 folder (2 items).

Includes a notebook from a Mt. Airy School (part of the Harris Collection #66), in which are written the words to some Confederate songs, including the "Bonnie Blue Flag." Also includes a handwritten literary journal -- "The Sun-Beam" -- from Elton, N.Y., which includes poetry and articles extolling the Union, with a Union flag on the back cover, dated January 29, 1863.

47. Albums (non-photographic). 1 folder (1 item).

This album, owned by Mattie Purvis, contains handwritten poetry and messages written by several women and men (including Confederate and Federal soldiers). On one page is part of a Confederate flag cut-out.

Includes a booklet, *The Chess-Players* (Boston: 1837), which was owned by William Smith, a Confederate Congressman, wartime governor of Virginia, and a Major General. Included is an explanatory note, stating that the book was captured as "rebel property from the residence of Ex-Congressman Billy Smith, Fair Fax C.H., Va. April 1st, 1862 and presented to C. A. Walborn ... by Gen. [Lafayette Curry] Baker, Chief of the Secret Service of the United States."

49. Hancock, Winfield Scott. 1 folder (1 item). 1884.

A post-war note (June 16, 1884) sending regrets for not being able to attend a "Celebration Ball by the Young Gentlemen of Greensboro..." Hancock, a Federal General, commanded the II Corps of the Army of the Potomac, and ran unsuccessfully in 1880 as the Democratic Candidate for President against Garfield.

50. No Series #.


*Journal of the State Convention of South Carolina...* (Columbia, 1852). Declares that S.C. has the right and sufficient cause to secede but refrains because of considerations of expediency. This marked the evolution of States Rights opinion from nullification to secession.

52. Newspaper Illustration. 1 folder (2 items). 1865.

Includes one illustration from *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* (May 1865), of negotiations between Generals Sherman and Johnston held on April 18, 1865. Also an illustration from *Harper's Weekly* (June 3, 1865) of the paroling of Confederate prisoners at Greensboro.


The most significant items are two letters, one from Henry Coble to his father, dated January 11, 1863 from a camp near Petersburg, Va. He asks for a "fresh snack" to be sent by way of Rev. T. L. Tray.

The second item is composed of separate letters on front and back, both addressed to Coble's father, one from John Henry and the other from cousin J. M. Hardin (Co. B, 27th N.C. Infantry). They are dated April 27, 1862, from Camp South West, near Kinston. They ask for utensils and also request correspondence.

Also included are two typescripts, one detailing the Guilford Grays experiences of Henry Brown, published in the *Greensboro Daily News*, January 17, 1932. Another is a post-war address on behalf of the Grays to the "Queens" of Edgeworth Seminary, thanking them for a banner presented to the company (apparently commemorating their Civil War Service).
54. Clark, Walter M. 1 folder (1 item). 1861.

A photocopy of a cadet unit muster roll, 1861, written by Walter Clark. Unit name is unknown, although could possibly be a Randolph Co. Co. in which Clark served as a Cadet-officer. See: Address by Walter Clark about Randolph Co. Soldiers... p. 8. Clark later edited North Carolina Regiments, 1861-65 (1901).


Two Pennsylvania poll books from the 1864 election, used by soldiers of Columbia and Berks County, were used at various sites (military camps, hospitals, etc.) to enable Federal soldiers to vote absentee ballot in the presidential contest between Lincoln and McClellan.

56. Ladies Soldiers Aid Society of Greensboro. 1 folder (1 item).

This item is an appeal by the Society for bandages and financial contributions to aid the Confederate hospitals in NC and Virginia. Also announces an upcoming meeting.

57. Map. 1 folder (1 item). ca. 1865.

A map (published by James T Paterson), owned by Capt. Frank B. James, of the 52nd Reg. (Ohio Infantry), which was stationed in N.C. The route of Sherman's march from Savannah to Raleigh is traced in pencil.

58. Poem. 1 folder (2 items).

A portion of the noted poem, "Lines on the Back of a $500 Confederate Note" is included, plus a typewritten sheet giving the history of the poem.

59. Bibliography. 1 folder (1 item).

A dated bibliography of the Battle of Gettysburg.

60. Pamphlet. 1 folder (1 item). 1866.

A Guide to the Fortifications and Battlefields Around Petersburg, printed in 1866 by Jarratt's Hotel, Petersburg, Virginia, as a guide to the Petersburg battlefield. Interesting in that it was prepared so shortly after the war, and that the guide was intended primarily for northern visitors. The information for the book was furnished by a federal engineer, and includes a map.

61. Pamphlet. 1 folder (1 item). 1911.

Address by Walter Clark About Randolph County Soldiers in the Great War 1861-1865, was printed in conjunction with the erection of a Confederate memorial. It details the formation and activity of Randolph Co., N.C. companies during the war. Clark was Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.
62. Miscellaneous Military Records -- Federal.  5 folders (6 items).

Includes a variety of military documents (see also Series 8).

(62:1) Discharges. 2 items. Includes two Union naval discharges, one for Seaman William Lewis from the Ohio (Nov. 23, 1863), and one for James Bright from the Ossipee (June 29, 1865). Bright's discharge was processed by the paymaster on the U.S. Receiving Ship North Carolina.

(62:2) Receipts. 1 item. Receipts for Lt. John Dettimore for molasses, sugar, etc. from July 12, 1864 to March 1, 1865. A 2-cent U.S. Internal Revenue stamp is affixed.

(62:3) Calendar. 1 item. Includes an 1865 calendar card from the Office of the Surgeon General, USA.

(62:4) Pamphlet. 1 item. “Index of Circulars, Adjutant General's Office, 1866.” This index was part of the 85th U.S. Infantry Regimental Library, which occupied Raleigh, N.C. after the war.

(62:5) Correspondence. 1 item. Official correspondence from Commander H. Rolando, Capt. of the U.S. Steamer Seminole, to the commander of the steamer Antona, A. S. B. Zerega, dated January 8, 1864. The letter contains instructions to Zerega on what to do if a ship attempts to run the blockade.

63. Miscellaneous Military Records -- Confederate. 6 folders (9 items).

(63:1) Medical furloughs. 3 items. Includes 3 furloughs for Private William Wynck, 1st N.C. (1863), Corporal J. L. Stroun, Hunton's Brigade (1864), and Private J. S. Segles, 20th S. C. (1865)

(63:2) Railroad Items. 2 items. Includes a waybill for the Piedmont Railroad, for 10 sacks of corn, for Major Chrisman, March 5, 1862. Also a Confederate Railroad Pass, on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, from Weldon to Raleigh, November 25, 1862.

(63:3) Telegrams. 1 item. Includes a telegram (November 3, 1861) from N. C. Lamb of Raleigh, informing General Pillow (at the time, a Confederate brigadier in Tennessee) that Capt. Sawyer's rifles were finished, and that Pillow's order for 10,000 rifles would be ready within a year.

(63:4) Commissary. 1 item. Printed list of circulars issued by the Confederate States Subsistence Dept., from July 8-21, 1864. The circulars deal with the distribution of rations to hospitals. Distributed by Major James Sloan, Chief Commissary, N.C., whose department was based in Greensboro.

(63:5) Receipts. 1 item. Receipt for D. W. Cooper by Pvt. Henry Smith, 2nd Battalion N.C. Infantry. Smith's father sued Cooper for the $1500 owed him as a substitute (in the army) for Cooper. The receipts is for $100 of the balance owed.

(63:6) Passports. 1 item. This passport (September 20, 1864) is for Wilhelm R. Bergholz, a German citizen, allowing him to go through Confederate lines to either the port of Wilmington or Charleston.

64. Receipt. 1 folder (1 item). 1865.

This receipt, witnessed in Greensboro on December 10, 1865, certifies that J. Coltrain and M. Coltrain paid their federal taxes during the period of the "insurrection."
65. Report. 1 folder (1 item).

This eleven page Confederate report on Harper's Ferry is from the Committee on Machinery on the stores, machinery, and property captured there. It was the result of a dispute between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Confederate government over whom had rights to the machinery captured there. The committee asked that Virginia hand over the machinery to the central government but resolved that it be kept in Virginia. Some of the machinery had already been sent to the arsenal in Fayetteville, N.C.

66. Miscellaneous Personal Correspondence. 5 folders (5 items). 1861-65.

Includes various letters by soldiers, both Union and Confederate.

(66:1) 1 item. September 25, 1861. Rev. Robert Hanner Gillespie write to his son, William Henry Harrison Gillespie, instructing him to take precautions in regards to the measles William contracted while at Camp Trenton, Tennessee. Rev. Gillespie was a Guilford Co. native, and former minister of Buffalo Presbyterian Church, who was then residing in Purdy, Tennessee.

(66:2) 1 item. July 1, 1862. This is two letters on one sheet, written from Garysburg, N.C. Both are probably addressed to the same individual, a mutual friend of George W. Shofner, Co. F, 53rd Reg., NC Infantry, and another soldier. Shofner mentions the Federal losses in the site at Richmond (Peninsular Campaign) which he hopes will end the war. Both recount their experiences in camp, on guard duty, and other routines of camp life.

(66:3) 1 item. April 6, 1863. In this letter, Surgeon Samuel Kneeland, of the 45th Massachusetts, expresses his concern about sanitation conditions at the regiment's camp near New Bern, N.C. He instructs Col. C. R. Codman about what measures need to be taken to alleviate the problem.

(66:4) 1 item. September 20, 1864. W. P. M. Kirkman, a Confederate prisoner at Pt. Lookout, Maryland, requests a tin of tobacco from his father.

(66:5) 1 item. April 25, 1865. Written from Raleigh, N.C., from "Edgar" to "Frank," this is from a member of the 154th Ret., N.Y. Volunteers, and mentions Johnston's surrender and the impending end to hostilities. Most of the letter is of a personal nature.
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