



SELECTED CIVIL WAR RESOURCES IN THE PERSONAL PAPERS AND MILITARY RECORDS COLLECTIONS AT THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

Few can escape the perils of the battlefield. He who falls today is only a few hours before him who will fall tomorrow. We have the same troops to fight with day after day and it really is only a matter of chance who falls first. . . . Yet this is a war which requires the sacrifice and while the men are ready to pay it in their blood, the loved ones at home must be the Spartan Matrons to yield them willingly. These young men over whose memory I know the tears of love and sympathy will freely flow have died at the post of honor and will receive as they deserve the praise of the country and I believe in this holy cause, the favor of heaven. . . . If no one was killed of course no battles would be fought and we would tamely submit to rapine, arson and all the horrors which follow the fiery track of war. Use your accustomed fortitude then in submitting with calmness and faith in God to this affliction and to any other which may happen in the future.

—Colonel Thomas S. Garnett to his wife, Emma Garnett,
who lost two brothers at the Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam),
13 October 1862, Garnett Family Letters, Accession 27083

The Personal Papers and Military Records collections at the Library of Virginia offer researchers a glimpse into the lives of Virginians, and those who fought in Virginia, during the Civil War. From letters of several general officers, including unpublished correspondence between Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis, to papers of regimental and company commanders and daily journals of enlisted men, the Library of Virginia's collection provides a richly diverse array of documents about life in the Confederate army and navy during the tumultuous war years. Descriptions of camp life, troop movements, and engagements are frequent topics for these letters, diaries, and reminiscences, with many commentaries on the war itself and the Southern cause. The home front is well represented in the Personal Papers Collection by accounts of life in occupied territory and the daily struggle of families trying to cope with the absence of husbands and fathers.

This is a selective guide to the materials available at the Library of Virginia relating to the Civil War. A more extensive finding aid for the Personal Papers and Military Records is located in the Archives Research Room, identifying nearly all of the Library's Civil War collections, sorted by accession number, principal author or subject, military unit, and home county or city. Related materials at the Library include the microfilmed Compiled Military Service Records (CMSR) of soldiers raised by Virginia and General and Staff officers from Virginia, both series compiled from records at the National Archives. Applications for Virginia Confederate pensions by veterans and widows are also available on microfilm. The papers of the state's Department of Confederate Military Records, which collected and compiled unit rosters and other lists of Virginia soldiers under the direction of Colonel Joseph V. Bidgood, are assembled in the Virginia Department of Military Affairs record group (RG 46).

Published resources of particular value for researchers at the Library of Virginia are *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*; *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion*; Janet B. Hewett, ed., *Supplement to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*; Janet B. Hewett, ed., *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861–1865*, an alphabetical list of every Confederate soldier with a CMSR at the National Archives; Lee A. Wallace, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations, 1861–1865*; and the Virginia Regimental History Series.

LETTERS

ANTHONY FAMILY PAPERS, 1861–1870, ACCESSION 21606

Sixty-nine letters to their family from brothers Charles Lewis Anthony (1837–1922) and Pinckney Anthony (1843–1936), of Bedford County, give detailed accounts of military life while serving in the Richmond defenses in Company B, 10th Battalion Virginia Heavy Artillery. Most of the letters give their views of various engagements fought away from Richmond, but shift to the battles around the capital and Petersburg in the summer of 1864. Also includes several miscellaneous pieces of correspondence from the war years.

BRYANT FAMILY PAPERS, 1800–1883, ACCESSION 24238

These papers are a collection of fifty-seven family letters, principally from Richard Bryant (ca.1834–1862), Company E, 18th Virginia Infantry Regiment, to his wife, Eugenie Bryant, in Cumberland County. Extremely detailed accounts of camp life, the organization of his regiment, troop movements, and military duties in the months leading up to the First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run), as well as its aftermath and his experiences in northern Virginia. Also included is a letter from General P. G. T. Beauregard to Bryant regarding taking his “measure.” This refers to having some boots made for Bryant. He died of disease in June 1862.

FAIRFAX FAMILY PAPERS, 1777–1864, ACCESSION 31308 B–E

Consists of seventy letters to parents and siblings from brothers Randolph Fairfax (1842–1862), who served in Captain Archibald Graham’s Company, Virginia Light Artillery (Rockbridge Artillery), and Ethelbert Fairfax (1845–1907), who served with Company E, 18th Battalion, Virginia Heavy Artillery, and with the Confederate Signal Corps. Topics include a description of the impact of the early days of secession and the Civil War on students at the University of Virginia, discussions of army life, several letters concerning General Thomas J. Jackson’s Valley Campaign, the Seven Days’ battles, Second Manassas, Sharpsburg (Antietam), the Overland Campaign, and the siege of Petersburg, operations of the Signal Corps around Richmond in 1864 and on the North Carolina coast in that same year, and matters relating to the Fairfax family of Alexandria. Of special note is a copy of a letter from General Robert E. Lee to Mary R. Fairfax expressing concern for a promotion for Ethelbert Fairfax in the Signal Corps. Also included is a short journal kept by Ethelbert Fairfax during the Overland Campaign.

GARNETT FAMILY LETTERS, 1847, 1861–1863, ACCESSION 27083

Contains extracts of twenty-four letters from Colonel Thomas S. Garnett (1825–1863), commander of the 48th Virginia Infantry Regiment, to his wife, Emma Garnett, residing in Westmoreland County. They comment on several battles including First Manassas and Sharpsburg. Several discuss General Robert E. Lee’s campaign into western Virginia in 1861 and his views on the locals. Others comment on the necessity of death in furthering the Southern “holy” cause. Garnett was killed at Chancellorsville. Also included are three letters from Emma Garnett’s father-in-law, Henry T. Garnett, and sister-in-law.

LEE, ROBERT E. (1807–1870), CORRESPONDENCE, 1861–1865, ACCESSION 23458

Consists of General Robert E. Lee’s confidential correspondence with Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Many of these 152 letters have been previously published in *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* or in *Lee’s Dispatches: Unpublished Letters of General Robert E. Lee, C. S. A., to Jefferson Davis and the War Department of the Confederate States of America, 1862–65*. Typescripts of twenty-nine letters from this accession, not in any published record, are collected in Accession 25786 (Miscellaneous Reel 403).

MAGRUDER FAMILY LETTERS, 1856–1865, ACCESSION 21150

MAGRUDER FAMILY LETTERS, 1859–1863, ACCESSION 21243

Accession 21150 consists of sixteen letters, some quite lengthy, from the Magruder family of Fluvanna County, particularly from brothers Colonel John Bowie Magruder (1839–1863), commander of the 57th Virginia Infantry Regiment, and Corporal George Shelton Magruder (1842–1864) of Company C, 13th Virginia Infantry Regiment, covering issues relating to the Civil War. Topics include military news, an account of the Second Battle of Manassas, personal opinions relevant to the war, descriptions of camp life, comments on how the war has affected civilians, methods employed by civilians against raiding Union troops in order to protect their property, and a detailed account of Colonel Magruder’s death in the battle at Gettysburg.

Accession 21243 consists of twelve additional letters by Colonel Magruder, the majority from 1861 to 1863. Topics covered include family news, accounts of his regiment's movements, the Battle of Fredericksburg, and camp life. Also included are biographical notes on various members of the Magruder family.

MAKELY FAMILY PAPERS, 1859, 1861–1865, N.D., ACCESSION 27034

Contains nearly 160 letters exchanged between Captain Wesley Makely (b. 1835), commander of Company D, 18th Virginia Cavalry Regiment, and his wife, Kate Makely, residing in Alexandria, while he was held as a prisoner of war at Johnson's Island, Ohio. With their letters limited to a single page by Federal authorities, the Makelys devote much of their correspondence to inquiries about the status of earlier letters and packages, as well as some discussion of his possible exchange. Of greater interest is a lengthy address book of Confederate officers interned at Johnson's Island with a detailed mortuary list.

MURRAY FAMILY PAPERS, 1861–1863, 1866, 1900, N.D., ACCESSION 27084

Forty-nine letters from Lieutenant John F. Murray (ca. 1830–1863) to his wife, Mary Murray, residing in Powhatan County, touch on camp life, cavalry duties, skirmishes with Federal cavalry, and general comments on battles engaged in by Company E, 4th Virginia Cavalry Regiment; his view of the war and the southern cause; and some comments on the situation back in Powhatan County. Of particular interest is his view of Northern sentiment and his exaggerated perception of the North's impending rejection of the war. Also some interesting comments on the cavalry's action on the Peninsula, including General J. E. B. Stuart's famous ride around the Union army, and the cavalry's woes between the Battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. Murray was killed during the Gettysburg campaign.

RIDDICK FAMILY PAPERS, 1806, 1844–1880, MISCELLANEOUS REEL 946, ACCESSION 31819

Consists of approximately 190 letters to and from the Riddick family of Nansemond County relating to progress of the Civil War, especially in the Suffolk area. Topics include the social life of a prominent Tidewater family; the effect of the war on the home front, particularly the effect of Union occupation; and some observations from an acquaintance serving in the Confederate Navy aboard the C. S. S. *Virginia*. Accession 31778 is a manuscript compiled from these letters by Louise W. Ellyson, which includes biographical and historical background material relevant to the Riddick family.

ROACH, HENRY H. (CA.1834–1863), PAPERS, 1859–1864, ACCESSION 26966

Forty-six letters from Captain Henry H. Roach, of Lunenburg County, to his cousin, Almira Sue Browning, often express his love for her and his desire to reunite and continue their courtship. Many contain accounts of the movements of Company K, 21st Virginia Infantry Regiment, and of battles engaged—with Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson in western Virginia and the Valley, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. Roach was killed at Brandy Station, 11 October 1863. Folder 2 contains typescripts of the letters. Also included are a letter to his father relating his death, and two letters to Browning from other soldiers.

ROSS FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE, 1861–1864, ACCESSION 21089

These 107 letters were written primarily by brothers James E. Ross (d. 1863), Nathaniel W. Ross, and William D. Ross (d. 1863), and their cousin, Sergeant Richard P. White, to family members residing at Wilmington, in Fluvanna County. Written from camps and battlefields in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania while serving with Company A, 14th Virginia Infantry Regiment, they focus primarily on camp life and descriptions of troop movements and engagements. The letters are often quite wry in their view of Yankees. Twelve additional letters from various relations also touch on the subject of the war and home.

RUNDLETT, CHARLES L., LETTERS, 1862–1865, ACCESSION 32581

Consists of 133 letters and background information on the service of Charles L. Rundlett, of Raymond, New Hampshire, who served as a musician in the 11th New Hampshire Infantry Regiment band, while in Virginia and the Western Theater. Includes original letters as well as a volume edited by Dale B. Ward, entitled "And the Band Played On: The Civil War Letters of Charles L. Rundlett," which contains a typed transcription of the correspondence along with editorial commentary on the 11th New Hampshire Infantry Regiment and the war in general.

SWEET, ONEY F., LETTERS, 1861–1864, ACCESSION 32585

Consists of twenty-five letters from Oney F. Sweet, of Pennsylvania, who served with Battery F, 1st Pennsylvania Artillery Regiment, from camp in Pennsylvania and in Virginia. Most describe camp life and troop movements. Contains good detail on the battles of Second Manassas and Sharpsburg.

WHITAKER, EDWARD WASHBURN (1841–1922), LETTERS, 1861–1901, ACCESSION 27655

One hundred forty-nine letters and telegrams sent by Captain Edward Washburn Whitaker, of Ashford, Connecticut, commander of Company E, 1st Connecticut Cavalry Regiment, to his sister. The letters reflect his duties and engagements, his assessments of wartime conditions, comments on the mental state of soldiers throughout the war, and affections for his sister and brothers, especially Daniel Whitaker, with whom he served. Included is a chronicle by unit and date of Whitaker's assignments, promotions, and honors. A 1901 letter to General Joshua S. Chamberlain summarizes Whitaker's part in the events of 9 April 1865, when, as chief of staff for General George Custer, he witnessed General James Longstreet relate General Robert E. Lee's desire to surrender the Army of Northern Virginia.

WHITEHORNE FAMILY PAPERS, 1844–1865, ACCESSION 25276

Forty-two letters to family members in Greenville County provide insight into the military life of the Captain James E. Whitehorne (1840–1914), commander of Company F, 12th Virginia Infantry Regiment, and offer a fairly complete history of his company. Letters describe quite thoroughly the action of the *Merrimac* (C. S. S. *Virginia*). The battles of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks), Chancellorsville, the Overland Campaign, and the siege of Petersburg are covered. Other topics include camp life and an account of his time spent in a Lynchburg hospital for rheumatism. Also included is a roster of his company. See Accession 23799 for photostatic copies.

WRIGHT FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE, 1856–1868, ACCESSION 21615E

Consists primarily of thirty-two letters from brothers James Matthew Wright (ca.1825–1890) and Captain Peter Meador Wright (1831–1888) to their family living in Bedford County. Topics include personal matters and camp life at Camp Lee in Staunton, at Camp McCulloch in Highland County, and at Camp Shenandoah in Augusta County, while serving in Company B, 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment. The letters also discuss the battles of Second Manassas, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Spotsylvania Court House, as well as the 1862 Maryland campaign, the 1863 Gettysburg campaign, and the 1864 Valley campaign. Also includes several single pieces of correspondence from other family members in the Confederate Army. See Accession 34480 for typed transcriptions.

DIARIES

BOULWARE, JAMES R., ACCESSION 22042

Diary of Dr. James R. Boulware (b. 1813), from South Carolina, assistant surgeon for the 6th South Carolina Infantry Regiment, concerned primarily with the life of the Confederate soldier. Contains a description of and casualty lists from several battles, including: Seven Pines, the Seven Days', Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, and Fredericksburg. Includes pointed observations about Unionists in Maryland and a thorough description of camp life in winter quarters.

CLARKE, GEORGE P. (B. 1841), DIARY, 20 JUNE 1863–7 APRIL 1865, ACCESSION 34036

Consists of the diary of George Philip Clarke, of Albemarle County, started before Gettysburg where he was wounded, taken prisoner, and sent to David's Island in the harbor of New York City. Lists the members of his regiment held as prisoners of war on David's Island. After a prisoner exchange, Clarke's unit, Company I, 7th Virginia Infantry Regiment, was sent to North Carolina in February 1864 and then to Petersburg in May 1864. The diary details troop movements around Richmond near Cold Harbor, Seven Pines, and Drewry's Bluff in 1864 and 1865. Clarke also mentions a religious revival in camp and desertions. Typescript is from a copy of the original, whose location is currently unknown.

DONAHUE [DONOHOE], JOHN C. (CA.1840–1921), CIVIL WAR DIARY, 1861–1865, MISCELLANEOUS REEL 519, ACCESSION 28589

Consists of the lengthy diary of John Carroll Donohoe, of Loudoun County. Topics covered include camp life, troop movements, and military life in Company K, 6th Virginia Cavalry Regiment. Also included are an account of the Battle of Fredericksburg and the Gettysburg Campaign, as well as numerous cavalry actions while on the Rappahannock frontier.

FORREST, DOUGLAS F. (1837–1902), JOURNAL AND DIARY, 1863–1865, MISCELLANEOUS REEL 885, ACCESSION 24771; MEMORANDUM BOOK, 1863–1865, ACCESSION 31505

Kept by Assistant Paymaster Douglas French Forrest, of Fairfax County, while serving aboard the C. S. S. *Rappahannock*, a Confederate commerce raider detained at Calais, France, for the final two years of the Civil War.

GOODWIN, MARY B. (B. 1844), PAPERS, 1860–1890, ACCESSION 27486

The diary of Mary B. Goodwin, of Wythe County, gives regular entries describing local church activities as well as an optimistic home front perspective on the progress of the Civil War. Also included are several glowing accounts of Confederate victories.

GREER, JUDGE GEORGE HENRY THOMAS (1840–1916), DIARY, 1862–1863, ACCESSION 27677

Diary transcribed from the original by the son of George Henry Thomas Greer. Includes a detailed account of the actions of Company C, 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment, in the final months of 1862, with an extensive description of the Battle of Fredericksburg. Contains some later entries as well. A newspaper clipping describes his actions at the Battle of Gettysburg. A statement from 1900 expresses his views concerning the beginning of the war. Greer resided in Roanoke after the war.

HIRSH, ISAAC, DIARY, 1861–1863, ACCESSION 28104

Diary contains a detailed description of the First Battle of Manassas, a grisly perspective of the aftermath of the Second Battle of Manassas, and a thorough account of the Sharpsburg campaign, including the engagements of his unit and his view of Marylanders. See Accession 27689 for a typescript.

SNIDER, JOSEPH C. (CA.1839–1864), CIVIL WAR JOURNAL, 1861–1864, MISCELLANEOUS REEL 341, ACCESSION 29147

Consists of the Civil War journal of 1st Sergeant Joseph C. Snider, of Harrison County. Each volume skips several months, and some portions are unreadable. Snider's unit, Company C, 31st Virginia Infantry Regiment, was stationed in western Virginia and the Valley until the Gettysburg Campaign. His journal describes camp life, military duties, and some engagements during the early months of the war. Account becomes fairly detailed with the start of the Overland Campaign. He died near Winchester on 19 September 1864.

STRIBLING, MARY CARY AMBLER (1835–1868), DIARY, 1862, ACCESSION 25390

Very detailed, introspective diary kept by Mary Cary Ambler Stribling, of Fauquier County, wife of Colonel Robert M. Stribling, commander of the 38th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery, with entries during McClellan's Peninsula Campaign. Stribling comments extensively on relations with local blacks, slave and free; her impressions of Yankees, particularly those foraging in northern Virginia; her despair at the lack of reliable news from either side; and her confidence in the Confederate armies. See Accession 25390b for a typescript.

TOWLES, JOHN C. (1834–1921), PAPERS, 1857–1868, MISCELLANEOUS REEL 1119, ACCESSION 27815

Lengthy diary of John Chowning Towles, of Lancaster County, covers movements and engagements of his unit, Company D, 9th Virginia Cavalry Regiment, including the Seven Days' Battles and the battles of Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, and Chancellorsville.

WOOD, JAMES WARD (1845–1926), DIARY, 9 JANUARY–31 JULY 1864, ACCESSION 25506

Diary of James Ward Wood, of Hardy County, recounts his life as a soldier in Company F, 7th Virginia Cavalry Regiment, including descriptions of camp, food, supplies, picket duty, and battles, particularly the Overland Campaign. Diary is very thorough for May 1864. Other topics include financial matters, family, weather, and health. Also included is a muster roll of his company, which notes the status of each soldier.

MEMOIRS

BROOKE, ST. GEORGE TUCKER (1844–1914), AUTOBIOGRAPHY, 1907, ACCESSION 25146

Reminiscence of naval (his appointment as midshipman was withdrawn for medical reasons) and army service of St. George Tucker Brooke, of Stafford County, in Company B, 2nd Virginia Cavalry Regiment. About two-thirds of the narrative concerns Brooke's Confederate service. He recounts the battles of Gettysburg and the Overland Campaign. Filled

with numerous personal anecdotes of the action he saw and his experiences in the cavalry. An appendix at the end of the narrative contains transcripts of letters of commendation for military service and a letter from the Haw family who cared for Brooke when he was wounded at Haw's Shop (several miles north of Richmond) on 28 May 1864.

MONCURE, JUDGE EUSTACE C. (1836–1921), ACCESSION 32349

Entertaining reminiscences of the service of Judge Eustace Conway Moncure, of Caroline County, as a scout in Company B, 9th Virginia Cavalry Regiment at the time of the Overland Campaign, including his brief duty as a personal escort to General Robert E. Lee. Also included is a more generalized account of his regiment's activities during the war.

MIXED COLLECTIONS

CARTER FAMILY PAPERS, 1817–1892, ACCESSION 33886

Lieutenant Colonel William Richard Carter (1833–1864), who served with Company E, 3rd Virginia Cavalry Regiment, was the first prisoner taken during the war, captured in April 1861, near Fort Monroe. Consists of sixty-seven wartime letters to his family in Nottoway County concerning troop movements in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia; the Second Battle of Manassas (Bull Run); General J. E. B. Stuart's 1862 raid into Pennsylvania; and the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Cold Harbor; deaths; financial matters at home; conditions while a prisoner of war; and the political climate. Letters from his parents express concern for his health. Papers include a photocopy of his Confederate service record, appointment papers, and general orders. After his death, Carter's father attempted to publish his extensive field diary, which covered the movements of his regiment.

DABNEY-JACKSON COLLECTION, (1716), 1754–1867, ACCESSION 24816

Extensive collection of correspondence and military papers of Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson (1824–1863) as well as several reminiscences of and letters about Jackson written following his death from wounds received at Chancellorsville. Included is a manuscript of letters transcribed by his wife, mostly concerning the war, descriptions of battles—First Manassas, the 1862 Valley Campaign, Second Manassas, and Harpers Ferry—and his actions as brigade, division, and corps commander. Also included is a rough draft of Jackson's official report of the Romney Campaign (1861–1862), a map, field reports of regimental and brigade commanders, a casualty list of the First Battle of Kernstown, 23 March 1862, and charges and specifications against Generals William W. Loring and A. P. Hill.

MAHONE, WILLIAM (1826–1895), PAPERS, 1866–1895, N.D., ACCESSION 22178

Contains correspondence relevant to deployment of units under the command of Major General William Mahone. Correspondence revolves around his heated argument with General Jubal A. Early over his post-war reminiscence and General Cadmus M. Wilcox over his account of the Battle of the Crater, 30 July 1864. Also included are several articles and short reminiscences concerning his service in the Civil War.

MCVICAR, CHARLES WILLIAM (1841–1906), DIARY, ACCOUNTS, AND REMINISCENCES, 1862–1865, [1890], MISCELLANEOUS REEL 606, ACCESSION 29910

Consists of the extensive diary and memoir of the service of Charles William McVicar, of Frederick County, in Captain J. W. Carter's Company, Virginia Horse Artillery (also known as Chew's Battery). Both recount the movements and battles of his unit with General J. E. B. Stuart's cavalry corps. Also included is an account book kept for the same period. Continued in Accession 29971.

OWEN, HENRY T. (1831–1921), PAPERS, 1822–1929, ACCESSION 28154

Captain Henry Threat Owen, of Nottoway County, entered service in the Confederate army in April 1861, commanding Company C, 18th Virginia Infantry Regiment. Many of the seventy-nine letters are concerned with his military duties, descriptions of battles, especially City Point and Gettysburg, his desire for historical accuracy regarding the role of Pickett's Division in the Gettysburg campaign, postwar Virginia politics, and his career in the Second Auditor's Office. Also included are notes from his diary kept in 1863 up to the retreat from Gettysburg and a collection of military papers from his command. Post-war materials include several reminiscences and drafts of articles relating to the war. Collection contains a bound guide.

SALE, JOHN F. (1841–1865), PAPERS, 1861–1865, ACCESSION 21727

Seventy-two letters to family in Norfolk County comment extensively on camp life, movements, and battles, including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Overland Campaign, and the siege of Petersburg while serving as 2nd Lieutenant in Company H, 12th Virginia Infantry Regiment. Many express his views of the Confederate cause and politics in both Virginia and the North. His diary covers the Overland Campaign and the siege of Petersburg in some detail. Also included is a resume of service. Died 12 February 1865 from wounds received at Burgess' Mill. See Accession 29912 for a typed transcript.

WALTER, FRANKLIN G., CIVIL WAR DIARY AND LETTERS, WITH A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE, 1837–1930, COMPILED BY HIS OLDEST SON, 1931, ACCESSION 33961

Typescript of the Civil War diaries of Franklin G. Walter, of Frederick County, who served with Company A, 39th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, contains short entries concerning the Gettysburg campaign, the battle of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, North Anna, and the Crater, and the evacuation of Richmond and the Confederate surrender. His eight lengthy letters to his mother and brother, Dorsey Walter, contain news of his involvement in the war. There is one letter from his brother concerning Federal troop activities in December 1862.

WILLIS, BYRD C. (1847–1911), PAPERS, 1864–1908, ACCESSION 23975

Diary describes the service of Byrd C. Willis, of Essex County, in Company B, 9th Virginia Cavalry Regiment. It covers routine duties until the start of the Overland Campaign at the beginning of May 1864. Accounts of battles in the final year of war are very detailed. His "Recollections on the Civil War," written in 1908, picks up the narrative after the final diary entry in October 1864. The collection also contains documents relating to the end of the war.

GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, AND MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA, QUARTERMASTER DAYBOOK, 1862, MILITARY RECORDS COLLECTION, ACCESSION 34125

Quartermaster daybook kept at Giles Court House for the Department of Southwestern Virginia, constituted on 8 May 1862 and designated as Trans Alleghany or Western Department of Virginia. The territory extended "west to the eastern boundary of Kentucky and as far west of that boundary as circumstances may allow."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA, SPECIAL ORDERS, 1862, MILITARY RECORDS COLLECTION, ACCESSION 20012

Consists of forty-six loose special orders issued by the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office in Richmond, relevant to the command of Major General William Wing Loring, Department of Southwestern Virginia.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY, JAMES RIVER SQUADRON AND STATION, LETTER BOOKS, 1863–1864, MILITARY RECORDS COLLECTION, ACCESSION 24769

Letter books kept by Captain French Forrest (1796–1866), of Fairfax County, while commanding the James River Squadron from 1 December 1863–30 January 1864, 1 February 1864–11 April 1864, and 27 April 1864–6 May 1864. This accession was consulted by the editors of *The Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion*, and materials may be, in part, included in those volumes.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT, CAPTAIN THOMAS BARTON, ACTING COMMISSARY, RECORDS, 1861–1865, MILITARY RECORDS COLLECTION, ACCESSION 31327

Consists of commissary records kept by Captain Thomas Barton of the Confederate Commissary General's Department at Buchanan, Botetourt County.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT, CONSCRIPT JOURNAL, 1862–1863, MILITARY RECORDS COLLECTION, ACCESSION 34000

Consists of a conscript journal maintained by the Confederate War Department. Includes a name index to conscripts and the decisions whether or not to allow an exemption.

LORING, WILLIAM WING (1818–1886), PAPERS, 1862, ACCESSION 13869

Accession consists of a letter book and loose papers concerning orders, deserters, and campaigns while Major General Loring commanded the Department of Southwestern Virginia.

RICHMOND LIGHT INFANTRY BLUES, RECORDS, 1794–1933, MILITARY RECORDS COLLECTION, ACCESSION 29873

Contains records of the famous infantry company, which was one the longest continually active militia units in the United States at the time of its disbanding in the mid-twentieth century. It entered Civil War service as Company A, 46th Virginia Infantry Regiment on 24 April 1861 and served throughout the war until its surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, 9 April 1865. Two of the eleven volumes pertain to the Civil War. Volume One is a record book of the company from 1794–1883, which includes minutes of its meetings, an early history of the unit, muster rolls, and a unit roster. Volume Four is a scrapbook for the years 1859–1866, which includes newspaper accounts, invitations, ribbons, and other memorabilia related to the unit.

TENTH VIRGINIA INFANTRY REGIMENT, RECORDS, 1861–1864, MILITARY RECORDS COLLECTION, ACCESSION 20295, 20296, AND 20297

Consists of three volumes of records pertaining to the 10th Virginia Infantry Regiment. The first is a volume of morning reports that contain the number of men present for or absent from duty, and the location of regiment. Also included is a volume of morning reports captured from the 4th Maine Militia Regiment at the First Battle of Manassas. The second is a volume of quartermaster records kept by Captain A. S. Byrd, Assistant Quartermaster. Included are monthly reports of forage received and issued, monies received and paid, public animals, wagons, and tools in use, non-commissioned officers and privates employed on extra duty, and statements of accounts with the Confederate States of America. The final volume is that of guard reports for the regiment that include names of those on each relief of the guard, their station, the parole and countersign, list of prisoners, and various remarks.

WATKINS, RAYMOND W., COLLECTION, ACCESSION 32385, 35223

Consists of burial locations of Virginia soldiers interred in Virginia and other states. Company and dates of birth and death are often included. Part I collected in Accession 32385. Part II continued in Accession 35223. Both parts organized into two boxes by original accession number. See the personal papers guide and annual reports of accession for specific details on each entry.

Cover image: William Ludwell Sheppard (1833–1912). *Sharp-Shooter*. Pen and ink, ca. 1882. Bound in the special first edition of Carlton McCarthy (1847–1936), *Detailed Minutiae of Soldier Life in the Army of Northern Virginia, 1861–1865*. Richmond: C. McCarthy and Company, 1882.

