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DROUILLARD FAMILY PAPERS
1698-1936

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INTRODUCTION

This collection chiefly consists of genealogical materials on the Drouillard and Van Leer families. Included are papers of Joseph Drouillard, who attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served as a captain in the Federal Army. His papers contain a Cadet Account Book, 1857, and an Officer's Order Book, 1861-1865. Many photographs of the Drouillard family are also in the collection.

The materials in this finding aid measure .75 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Drouillard Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Drouillard Family Papers span the years 1698-1936. The collection consists mainly of genealogical data on the Van Leer and related families. Of particular interest are the materials concerning James Pierre Drouillard and Joseph Drouillard. Both brothers served in the Civil War. Joseph Drouillard attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and went on to become a Captain in the Federal Army during the war. Included in the papers is a Cadet Account Book for the year 1857 and an Officer's Order Book for the years 1861-1865. The small pocket Bible (see folder 1) was given to James by Joseph. The collection also contains 29 photographs (several have copy negatives), mostly of Florence Kirkman Drouillard (Mrs. James Drouillard), James Drouillard, and the Drouillard family.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Bible—Drouillard, James P.
2. Cadet Account Book—Drouillard, Joseph, 1857
3. Clippings—“Maxwell House”; “Old Nashville Inn”; “Winchester, Tennessee County Jail”
4. Officers Order Book—Drouillard, Joseph, 1861-1865
5. Genealogical materials—Drouillard family
6. Genealogical materials—Van Leer family
7. Genealogical materials—Van Leer family, continued
8. Military records—Joseph Drouillard

Box 2

Photographs

1. Drouillard, Florence Kirkman, as a young woman, (cased photograph), n. d.
2. Drouillard, Florence Kirkman, as a young woman, (small portrait photograph), n. d.
3. Drouillard, Florence Kirkman (cabinet card), n. d.
4. Drouillard, Florence Kirkman (7 cartes de visite, two identical; numbered 4a-4f), n. d.
5. Drouillard, Florence Kirkman, as an older woman, (cabinet card), n. d.
6. Drouillard, James P. (in uniform), (small photograph, found in back of Bible), n. d.
7. Drouillard, James Pierre (cartes de visite, portrait in uniform), n. d. (CN#5)
8. Drouillard, James Pierre, U. S. Army (cartes de visite, side view portrait in uniform, 2 copies), ca. 1861-1865 (CN#4)
9. Drouillard, James P. and Florence Kirkman (cartes de visite), n. d. (CN#3)
10. Drouillard, Joseph, aged 98 ½, (cabinet card), n. d. (CN#1)
11. Drouillard parlor, Demonbreunt Vault hall, (mounted photograph), 1894
12. Drouillard parlor, Demonbreunt Vault hall, (mounted photograph), n. d.
13. Drouillard house, Demonbreunt Vault hall, (mounted photograph), n. d.
14. Boy and two girls (cabinet card), n. d.
15. Cleveland, Pres. Grover, (autographed cabinet card), Feb. 12, 1895
16. “Furnace, F. Drouillard,” (cabinet card), n. d.
17. “Mama,” unidentified boy and girl, (cabinet card), n. d.
18. Old woman and child, (double cartes de visite), n.d. (CN#2)
19. Smith, Theodore M., (in uniform) 97th Regt. Pa. Vols. (cartes de visite), ca. 1861-1865
20. Young man (cabinet card), n. d.
21. Young boy, (Daguerreotype), n. d.
22. Young boy, (small Tin Type), n. d.

Copy negatives

Negatives produced from the photographs as follows:

CN#1 – Joseph Drouillard, 98 ½ years old, n.d. (photograph #10)

CN#2 – Old woman and child, n.d. (photograph #18)

CN#3 – James Pierre Drouillard and wife, Florence Kirkman, n.d. (photograph #9)

CN#4 – James Pierre Drouillard, n.d. (photograph #8)

CN#5 – James Pierre Drouillard, n.d. (photograph #7)