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INTRODUCTION

The Tennessee Historical Society Civil War Collection (1860-1982) is centered largely around the Confederate States of America and various Confederate military units which participated in the American Civil War, 1861-1865. This collection occupies 1.26 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 400 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Tennessee Historical Society Civil War Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Tennessee Historical Society Civil War Collection, containing approximately 400 items, spans the period 1860-1982, although it is concentrated between the years 1861-1865. The collection is composed of an account book, Confederate bonds and currency, certificates, Civil War documents, clippings, correspondence, printed materials, programs, biographical sketches, writings and several miscellaneous items.

The collection is largely centered around the Confederate States of America and various Confederate military units which participated in the American Civil War, 1861-1865 (see end of Register for an Index of military units and their container locations]. The Civil War documents include an officer's account book, accounts, claims, discharge certificates, passes, and registers and lists.

Over half of the collection is comprised of correspondence, the bulk of which was written during the Civil War. Of particular interest are the letters of Confederate and Federal soldiers. Jacob Burnett of Ohio describes his soldiering experiences in Virginia in 1861-1862. Later in the war he is hospitalized in Washington, D. C. and eventually transferred to an army hospital in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His letters to his wife state the need for news from home; the scarcity of writing paper and tobacco; and the soldiers' affection for General George McClellan (1826-1885).

Thomas M. Durham, a Confederate soldier from Tennessee, describes his experiences as a prisoner-of-war while at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana and, later, at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Illinois. His letters also repeat the requests for news from his wife as well as the need for tobacco.

Twenty two letters in the collection are from John W. Wade to his wife Kutha Jane Wade, while the former is serving with the Army of Northern Virginia under General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (1824-1863). His letters touch on such subjects as the inflated prices that speculators are charging soldiers for such scarce items as tobacco, coffee, writing paper, and dried fruit; the need to depend upon God; managing the family farm; hiring a substitute to take his place in the Confederate army; his health; sending money home; and the longing to return to his family.

Among the more prominent correspondents are Governor Isham Harris (1818-1897) of Tennessee, General Joseph Eggleston Johnston (1809-1891) and Confederate Secretary of War LeRoy Pope Walker (1817-1884).

See the Tennessee State Library and Archives holdings for other Civil War collections.

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17. Clippings--"South's Museum Adds to Relics", April 17, 1927
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11. Memorabilia--Badges, picture postcards, etc.
12. Printed materials--Census of Confederate Veterans and Widows..., 1937.
13. Printed materials--The Confederate Memorial Half-Dollar
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