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Collection Name N. Claiborne Wilson and related papers

Abstract: Miscellaneous Civil War papers of Nathaniel C. Wilson, VMI Class of 1861, and other papers related to members of the Wilson and allied families (Claiborne & James).

Dates 1834-1941

Size 1 box of 9 folders; approx. 60 items

Historical/Biographical Note Nathaniel Claiborne Wilson, Class of 1861: Born- September 12, 1839. Matriculated 1857 from Fincastle, Va. At VMI 1 year, 1 month. At UVa 1859-60. Military Record: Entered service at Craig Court House May 15, 1861 for 1 year as Capt, Company B, 28th Virginia Infantry Regiment. On recruiting service February-April, 1862. Elected Maj May 1, 1862 at re-organization. Slightly wounded in action (face) June 1, 1862 at Seven Pines. Wounded in action (thigh) at Gaine's Mill. Went into Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg telling men "Now, boys, put your trust in God and follow me!" Killed in action. Died- July 3, 1863.

Collection Description: The collection consists of miscellaneous Civil War papers of Nathaniel Claiborne Wilson (VMI Class of 1861) and misc. papers of other family members. Of the N. C. Wilson portion of the collection, the most significant item is a diary-account book fragment which includes entries (July 25th-July 3, the day of his death) from Pennsylvania and the battlefield at Gettysburg. Other N. C. Wilson items include two letters written while he was a student at the University of Virginia in 1859-1860, and one letter written during the war from Camp near Greenville, VA (March 14, 1863). The rest of the papers consist of papers of various Wilson and related family members, including correspondence, legal/financial papers, and ephemera.

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Nathaniel C. Wilson Diary-Account Book fragment, including Gettysburg battlefield diary entries	1		1861-1863	Box 1	Folder 1

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Series or Item	Series #	Item #	Dates	Box	Folder
Nathaniel C. Wilson Letters	2		1859-1863	Box 1	Folder 2
NCW Letter to Papa	2	1	1859 October 21, from University of Virginia	Box 1	Folder 2
NCW Letter to Papa	2	2	1860 January 6, from University of Virginia	Box 1	Folder 2
NCW Letter to Papa	2	3	1863 March 14, from Camp near Greenville	Box 1	Folder 2
Series or Item	Series #	Item #	Dates	Box	Folder
Nathaniel C. Wilson Muster Rolls & Receipts	3		1861-1863, 7 items	Box 1	Folder 3
Series or Item	Series #	Item #	Dates	Box	Folder
Family Correspondence	4		1834-1922, 11 items	Box 1	Folder 4
Series or Item	Series #	Item #	Dates	Box	Folder
Legal and Business Papers	5		1800 (copy)-1938, 17 items	Box 1	Folder 5
Series or Item	Series #	Item #	Dates	Box	Folder
Genealogy - notes- Wilson, Claiborne, James Families	6			Box 1	Folder 6
Series or Item	Series #	Item #	Dates	Box	Folder
C. T. James Subject File - book publication	7		1899-1919	Box 1	Folder 7
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Miscellaneous items & letter fragments	8		1873-1941 & undated	Box 1	Folder 8-9