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RUTLEDGE FAMILY LETTERS
1858-1865

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INTRODUCTION

The Rutledge Family Papers (1858-1865) are centered around the Civil War correspondence of Robert A. and Gamble Rutledge. The papers are a gift of Guy Whitehead of Rochester, Minnesota.

The materials in this collection measure .42 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Rutledge Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Rutledge Family Papers, containing approximately 250 items, span the period 1858-1865, and deals almost exclusively with the American Civil War. The collection consists of correspondence, diaries, financial documents, a muster list, and several miscellaneous items.

The mass of the collection is composed of correspondence, with a great emphasis on the war-time letters of Robert A. Rutledge to his wife, Minerva Montgomery Rutledge, and his father, G.R. Rutledge. There are several letters written from his brother, Gamble Rutledge, who was also serving in the war, to his father. These letters provide excellent commentary on the life of the common soldier during the war. A diary was kept by Gamble Rutledge during his confinement at Camp Douglas, Illinois. The financial documents include a bill of sale for a slave and several unused Confederate bonds.

For the Civil War historian, the Rutledge Family Papers provides a rich and mostly untapped resource both in the history of the war in East Tennessee and for the life of the Confederate soldier during the latter years of the Civil War. The family researcher finds a wealth of information relating to the Rutledge family.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Correspondence – Anderson – Rhea
2. Correspondence – Rutledge, G.R.
3. Correspondence – Rutledge, Gamble
4. Correspondence – Rutledge, Gamble
5. Correspondence – Rutledge, Minerva
6. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
7. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
8. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
9. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
10. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
11. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
12. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
13. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
14. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
15. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A.
16. Correspondence – Rutledge, Robert A. – Unknown
17. Diaries, memoirs, etc – Rutledge, Gamble, 1863-64
18. Financial documents – Bill of sale – Montgomery, A.C., 1861
19. Financial documents – Bonds – Confederate states
20. Letter of dismissal – Rutledge, R.A.
21. List – Muster roll – Captain Brown's company
22. Poetry – "Acrostic"

NAME INDEX

This is a name index of the correspondence only in the Rutledge Family Papers Collection, together with the dates of the letters and information regarding their contents. The figures in parentheses denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last numbers refer to the box and folder in which the material is to be found.

- Anderson, Demia to Robert Rutledge, 1858, re: personal and family news; will attend female institute in Decatur; anxiety about not hearing from Robert, 1-1
- Montgomery, A.C. to G.R. Rutledge, 1862, re: discusses the collection of a debt; election in Blount County; poor business prospects; war in Arkansas, 1-1
- Rhea, Robert M. to G.P. Rutledge, 1864, re: discusses death of Robert Rutledge, 1-1
- Rutledge, G.R. to Robert Rutledge, 1863, re: sorry to hear "of your condition"; impossible to leave Atlanta; food supplies and prices; family news, 1-2
- Rutledge, Gamble (12) to G.R. Rutledge, 1862-1865, re: sickness in camp; camp activities; work of the "Tories" in Kentucky; march from Knoxville to Kentucky; food supplies and clothing; martial law in Tennessee; shooting of deserters; skirmish at Big Gap Creek; makes camp at Cumberland Gap; fears for protection of East Tennessee, 1-3; 1-4
- Rutledge, Minerva to sister, 1862, re: arrived safe but tired; visit to Greer Montgomery at the soldiers hospital; hospital conditions, 1-5
- Rutledge, Robert (8) to G.R. Rutledge, 1862-1864, re: had a "military coat" made from a piece of cloth; death of Lt. Col. Steward; camp life; news from Vicksburg; plans for after the war, 1-6; 1-7
- Rutledge, Robert A. (50) to Minerva Rutledge, 1862-1864, re: life in camp; request for medicine; battle campaigns in East Tennessee; guerrilla warfare in East Tennessee, 1-8; 1-9; 1-10; 1-11; 1-12; 1-13; 1-14; 1-15; 1-16