



C.L. Burckmyer correspondence, 1863-1865
SCHS Call # 1163.00
Container 11/617

Creator: Burckmyer, C. L. (Cornelius L.), 1822-1877.

Description: 0.25 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston, S.C. resident. In 1863 he and his wife Charlotte Rebecca (Boyce) Burckmyer were living in France when he decided to return to America to support the Confederate cause. His wife and daughter Mamie remained in France. Cornelius L. Burckmyer owned stock in blockade runners. After the war the Burckmyers returned to live in Charleston.

Scope and content: Correspondence consists of typewritten transcriptions of wartime letters exchanged between Cornelius L. Burckmyer and his wife Charlotte Rebecca. Charlotte Rebecca Burckmyer writes from Tours, Paris, and elsewhere in France concerning French sympathies for the Southern cause; financial matters; her health and daily life; their daughter Mamie ("Cooty"); war news from home; animosity toward the Yankees; family and social affairs; and other matters. Cornelius L. Burckmyer's letters (March 1863-June 1865), many in a "form of journalistic letterwriting," from Southhampton (England), Havana (Cuba), Augusta (Ga.), Charleston (S.C.), Summerville (S.C.), Columbia (S.C.) and elsewhere concern his travels; an attack on Fort Sumter by the ironclads (April 1863); defenses of Charleston; conditions at Charleston and Summerville; family and friends; news of battles; blockade running; business matters; postage stamps collected by his child; religious matters; a commission (April 1864) as quartermaster to the Lucas Battalion of Artillery; visits to Richmond (Va.); his service at Fort Sumter, Fort Pemberton [S.C.], and elsewhere (1864-1865); ill health; and his plans to sail for Europe to rejoin his family (June 1865).

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Note: Available on microfilm.

Note: Letters published in: Holmes, Charlotte R., ed. *The Burckmyer Letters* (Columbia, S.C.: The State Co., 1926).

Inventory:

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Correspondence, 1863-1865. ¼ ft.

Charleston family. Typescript of correspondence (1863-1865) between C.L. Burckmyer in Charleston, Augusta, and Summerville and his wife, C.R. Burckmyer in Paris and Tours, France. Letters regarding Civil War, blockade running, family matters, and other concerns. The library has the published version, The Burckmyer Letters. Also available on microfiche.