



Bee-Chisolm family papers, 1852-1964
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Creators: Chisolm, Valeria North (Bee), 1848-1931
Bee, James L., 1843-1864.
Bee, John Stock, 1841-1863.
Bee, William C., 1809-1881.
Moseley, Nathan S.

Description: ca. 0.75 linear ft.

Scope and content: Chiefly correspondence of Valeria North (Bee) Chisolm (1848-1931), of Charleston, S.C., describing her schooling, the blockade running activities of her father, William C. Bee (1809-1881), during the Civil War, and the military service of her brothers, John S. (1841-1863) and James L. (1843-1864) Bee, in South Carolina and elsewhere; together with patent papers (1890) of her husband, Laurens North Chisolm (1848-1905), relating to his invention of a smoke-conducting device for railroad engines; and genealogical and biographical data, estate papers, deeds, and photos concerning Bee, Chiffelle, and Chisolm families. Includes two letters (1864) from Lt. Nathan S. Moseley, a Confederate prisoner of war, who nursed James L. Bee during his final days in a hospital in Washington (D.C.). Moseley's letters are from Fort Delaware (Del.) and Morris Island (S.C.). Moseley was one of the "Immortal 600" and served in the 12th North Carolina Infantry Regiment.

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Detailed collection inventory:

Container listing:

23/302a/1-4 Bee, Valeria North, 1848-1931

Correspondence, 1852-1865. Approx 50 letters.

Daughter of William C. Bee. Mostly letters to Valeria North Bee from her father, from her brothers John S. Bee and James L. Bee, from various cousins, including members of the Chisolm family, as well as letters amongst the various correspondents. Subjects discussed include Valeria North Bee's schooling (1801-1865), with mention of Madam Tognon's school, the necessity of furthering and then discontinuing her studies; with a letter to Laurens North Chisolm from her father regarding school as well. Civil War letters mention iron clads, soldier life and duty (1863) at Morris and Folly Islands, as well as Fort Sumter. With descriptions by Joseph L. Pressly of John S. Bee's death (1863) in a Federal Prison Camp at Hilton Head Island; and a description of Nathan S. Moseley, prisoner of war at Morris Island, of the death (1864) of James L. Bee at Ft. Delaware. With condolence letter (1863) by Christopher Gustavus Memminger, and letter (1865) from William C. Bee regarding his fears of being treated as a criminal for his activity in blockade running.

23/302a/5-9 Chisolm, Valeria North, 1848-1931

Correspondence, 1866-1906. Approx 75 letters.

Daughter of William C. Bee and wife of Kinsman Laurens North Chisolm. Mostly letters to VNC and her family from various Bee & Chisolm family relations; with a description (1866) of Aiken, the death (1871) of Rev. Christopher Gadsden, and health matters, and numerous letters of condolences to VNB on the death of her father (1881), including one from Christopher Gustavus Memminger; and letters regarding the death of her son Willie Bee (Willie) Chisolm in the same year.